



# Dunwoody Data

The Monthly Newsletter for Girl Scout Leaders of the Dunwoody Service Unit

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## Calendar

### January

- 16 Service Unit Meeting
- 20 Cookie Sales begin
- 23 Bridging Meeting
- 30 Recognitions  
Committee Meeting

### February

- 20 Cookie Sales conclude
- 21 Service Unit Meeting

### March

- 4 Thinking Day Activities
- 20 Service Unit Meeting
- 25 Sock Hop

### April

- 17 Service Unit Meeting
- 22 Jump into Juniors—  
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### May

- 7 Bridging
- 15 Service Unit Meeting

## SUD Notes

There's something about January first that makes us think about making things different (and of course, better!) in the New Year. This year I was trying to think about what resolutions I would like to make for Girl Scouts this year. Here were my top 10, in no particular order:

1. I resolve to do less this year (like I should every year!) Part of the girl-adult partnership is that as the girls get older, I should be leading less and supporting more.
2. I resolve to talk to the girls about planning a service project while there are still a lot of opportunities. What a great way to start the year out-- in service.
3. I resolve not to let interest patches (Try-its, Badges) be an end all and be all. There's a lot more to Scouting than something for your vest.
4. I resolve not to care when my scouts won't wear vests!
5. I resolve to have fun with the girls. Keeps us all in scouting longer.
6. I resolve to be courageous and strong and helping them find a 100 ways to solve every problem.
7. I resolve to involve my parents more, so they stay active and I don't burn out.
8. I resolve to see something wonderful in every girl, even the ones who can't stay on task and love to take others with them.
9. I resolve to take one new training class a year.
10. I resolve to learn something from the girls at every meeting.

What are your resolutions for the new year? How about resolving to take a leadership role in the service unit? Making sure you fully fund Family/Community Partnership? Have your troop represented at every service unit meeting? (Did I say "your resolutions" or our wish list?) Whatever you decide to do this year, we hope you are off to a wonderful start to a banner year.

Happy New Year!

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**The Resource Zone** which used to be included in the *Connections* newsletter, is now an online publication dedicated to supplying troop leaders with resources to plan activities for their girls. The January 2006 issue includes articles about World Thinking Day, Girl Scouts Book Club and spring events and volunteer work days at Georgia state parks. Check it out at the Council website.

### **Decatur City Dance Performances**

February 2006 performances by Decatur City Dance are in their 53<sup>rd</sup> season and have invited us to attend. The performances are directed by Kathleen Banks Everett and feature classical and contemporary ballet, jazz and modern dance, performed by a talented group of 36 dancers, from age 13 to adult professionals. The Saturday morning and afternoon performances are particularly delightful for younger girls. *A Day with Mother Goose* stars well-known Atlanta actor Chris Kayer as Mother Goose and is a "danciful" interpretation of classic Mother Goose stories known to us all. Where: Uhry Theatre at Druid Hills High School, 1798 Haygood Drive, Atlanta, 30307. When: 7:30 p.m. Friday, February 10 and Saturday, February 11, 2006. *A Day with Mother Goose* will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 11, 2006. Price: Reduced price advance group tickets are available for all performances for groups of 10 or more. Group rate tickets are \$2/ticket off the regular ticket price. To order tickets or for questions please Contact Jennifer D. Page at 404-378-3388. Tickets can be mailed or held at will call.

**The 2006 Summer Resident Camp** brochure is on available on-line. This publication is not mailed out to everyone so if you have parents who are interested in summer camp, please refer them to our website. Remember, girls can earn camperships when they sell Girl Scout cookies!!

**A mini-training on Money Management and Trip and Travel** will be held at the VSC on

Tuesday, January 31 from 6:30 to 7:30pm and 7:30 to 8:30pm respectively. Please register through Learning Opportunities at [www.girlscoutsnwga.org](http://www.girlscoutsnwga.org)

**Council Correction: The resident camper registration** date published in *Connections* is incorrect. January 21 is the registration date. There is not an earlier date for returning campers. There is on-line registration this year. Returning campers will not be penalized if their application was mailed early but will be held until January 21. Mary Ellen will make every attempt to contact the affected campers.

**Carlos Museum Patch Project :** Terry Otto is still desperate for girls to work on the Carlos Museum Patch Project and earn Leadership hours by working with the museum staff to develop a patch module. There is an information meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm at the VSC but notify Terry before hand with the girls' contact information.

**SAIL into Teen Program** is an event for all adults that work with girls 11-17 on January 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 until 5:00pm. New information will include the new training class, "Girl World". Please register as soon as possible or call Gloria Todd at 770-947-9073 for more information.

**"Girl Scouts Love to Dance"** - presented by the Brookwood Dance Department, Brookwood High School:

January 28<sup>th</sup> for Brownies February 4<sup>th</sup> for Juniors and Cadettes Place = Brookwood High School Theater

Dates = Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> for Brownies, Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> for Juniors & Cadettes  
Times = 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Cost = \$12.00  
(This includes a snack and the dance badge)  
Call 770-985-0653 for more details.

The Atlanta Opera presents:

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD By Seymour Barab

Come learn about music and experience a real children's opera! Sung in English, there will be

an hour long performance on Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Interested in earning a badge or try it? That's right! There will be activity sessions too! To Register simply submit your Event Registration form located on the website at [www.girlscoutsnwga.org](http://www.girlscoutsnwga.org) or in the Program Events Catalog and payment postmarked by February 18, 2006 mail to : 1577 Northeast Expressway Atlanta, GA 30329  
reference acct. code 617.

### **Cookie Rally—It's Cookie Time!**

Friday, January 20 marks the first day of cookie sales! We hope your troops are well on their way to getting trained, setting goals, getting excited and ready to "Be Brilliant". We have a new cookie this year (Café Cookies, replacing the less than overwhelming Double Dutch), a longer selling period (until Feb 5), and some great recognitions. We also hope we get close to 100% participation on our virtual cookie rally. Our goal is 80% participate in the Cookie Rally our Service Unit will earn .10¢ per case. This will be used to fund our Service Unit Special Assistance Fund and while it won't impact a specific troop it may impact an individual in your troop!  
Participation can be used as Community Service!

Be sure to let us know how your troop participates in the virtual cookie rally. Visit our website or email details to [alisa@dunwoodygirlscouts.com](mailto:alisa@dunwoodygirlscouts.com).

### **Badge and Try-it nights**

Januarys Badge and Try-it Night is full, but there are still openings for the rest of the year. Registration encouraged. Please join us! Contact Diane Black with registrations and questions, 770-399-6731 or [beyond-words@mindspring.com](mailto:beyond-words@mindspring.com).

### **High Harbor**

Save the date: We have reserved the weekends of Aug 18 and the 26th for High Harbor next fall. Now is the time to get your name on the list.

### **Tips from the Trenches: Taxes**

We ran across some interesting reading about how to handle taxes and your expenses as a Girl Scout volunteer, but it was way too long to print. We put a link to it on the website. Of course it isn't official advice, just some ideas to consider. We aren't tax advisors or attorneys so please check with someone who is before using the information. ☺

### **Tips from the Trenches: High Harbor.**

When should I sign up?

Now. If your troop is currently first grade or higher, sign up for it now or you may not get in.

When should you go for the first time?

You will probably get as many answers to this question as the people you ask. If you are a Daisy leader this year, I can say with 99% certainty that your girls won't be ready. Before any troop goes on a weekend away, they need to have progressed to the point where it will be a successful experience for them. This generally means starting with short outings, then ½ days, then whole days, then an overnight in very familiar surroundings, etc. etc.

Why can't we bring more parents with us?

The short answer is that in order to maximize the number of girls participating, we need to keep the number of adults to the girl scout specified ratios. For me, this question is answered above—progression. Get the girls ready before you come. Also, you will be amazed at how the dynamics in the troop change based on the number of moms who come. Girls who have always been able to brush their own hair, tie their own shoes and roll their own sleeping bags can forget these skills quickly when their mom comes along!

Will this prepare my girls for troop camping?

Answer one: Not really, but it is still a whole lot of fun, and pretty easy for the leaders, too!

Answer two: Yes, because any weekend trip away where you function as a team helps prepare you for camping on your own. This shouldn't be your only preparation, but for some troops, this is about as wild as they want to get.

We're on the Web!  
[www.dunwoodygirlscouts.com](http://www.dunwoodygirlscouts.com)

Discipline yourself daily by having a plan...not just vague, wishful thinking. Commit yourself daily to do something however small, for somebody else, for by making other people happy you will find true happiness yourself.

--- Lady Olave Baden-Powell

## Circles of Love

(sing several times)

Tune: Old Gray Mare (sing several times)

The circles of Love are here for every  
Girl to see,  
Raining down from every tree,  
Filling us with energy.  
We hold hands to form  
a world of Harmony,  
Singing the circles of Love.



Sites to remember::

[www.dunwoodygirlscouts.com](http://www.dunwoodygirlscouts.com)

[www.girlscoutsnwga.org](http://www.girlscoutsnwga.org)

[www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org)

[www.studio2b.org](http://www.studio2b.org)