



Dunwoody Data

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

2006-2007

April

SUD Notes

Dear Leaders,

April 22 is Leader Appreciation Day, and your SUD's want to be the first to say it: WE APPRECIATE YOU! Thank you for all your support this year both personally and to the service unit. Thank you from all the girls and parents who will forget to tell you this month how much they appreciate you and what a difference you are making in their lives--by building girls of courage, confidence and character, but also by just having fun. And a thank you to your families, who share you with your troop (but in return, get to see a wonderful role model in action!)

April is a good time to be thinking ahead to your troops end of the year meeting and Court of Awards. What a great time to show your appreciation by recognizing the moms in your troop who have made a difference—whether or not it's been by taking on cookies, or by always being willing to be a volunteer driver or by coming up with a craft the girls love. What a good way to get

Calendar

April

22 Leader Appreciation Day

May

6 SU Bridging Ceremony

14 DEADLINE for Spring Reg.

21 Service Unit Meeting, Awards & Ice Cream Social

August

20 Service Unit meeting

24 High Harbor-First Weekend

them thinking about how they can help again next year.

Never done a court of Awards before? Lots of people can help. This is a great time to contact your TLC or one of the SUD's, or just a leader you know who's been around for awhile. The book "Ceremonies in Girl Scouting" has some ideas, too. Borrow it from Lynn, and sign up for one of the ceremonial logs in her garage if you want to do a candle-lighting ceremony. Lots of possibilities for your girls to make this ceremony their own, and for you to show them just how much you appreciate how far they've come this year.

Hope to see you next month, on May 21, for our own end of the year celebration!

Your SUD's: Alisa, Gin and Lynn

Come One, Come All to the May Leader Dessert Meeting!

You are all cordially invited to join us for dessert during our May meeting. Troop 25403 will be serving up a lovely Ice Cream Social. We will have a brief regular meeting, lots of recognitions for this year's volunteers, and this sweet treat, too! Feel free to invite your troop's key volunteers!

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In your troop file:

April 2007 Connections
Troop Finance Report

Stay until the end of tonight's meeting to receive a gift from the Service Unit—just our way of saying,

"Thank you for all you do!"



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www.dunwoodygirlscouts.com

Send announcements or submissions for the Dunwoody Data and the our website to lynn@dunwoodygirlscouts.com.



Bridging Update!

A few reminders about the upcoming Service Unit Bridging Ceremony.

Don't forget the ceremony is:

Sunday, May 6th

2-4pm

St. Luke's Presbyterian Church

- *White Gloves* - The girls that will be flag bearers and color guards in the ceremony need to wear white gloves that day. Each troop or family is responsible for providing their own gloves.
- *Troop Flags* - If you do not have a troop flag, please make arrangements to borrow one from another troop (Be sure to ask before you take one from the Scout Lodge.) You can purchase a pole and/or stand from the SU for \$10 each (contact Gin Shaw). Flags can be purchased from Badge & Sash.
- *Early Arrival* - Those girls that will be flag bearers, color guards and readers/candle lighters, need to arrive by 1:30 the day of the bridging ceremony so they have a chance to walk through their role. Everyone else needs to be there by 1:45 so they can be seated and we can start on time at 2pm.
- *Clean Up* - Clean up after the bridging ceremony is part of every troop's responsibility. Please plan to stay a few minutes so the sanctuary can be put back in order as it was when we arrived.

Questions? Contact Beth Keith or Suzanne Huff

Cookies!

Recognitions are coming! The recognitions for the girls should arrive sometime after April 23rd. Judy will let the cookie managers know when they are sorted and ready for pickup.

Just a reminder—the last day for booth sales is April 30. Get the last of your cookies out now. After the initial rush, you may find plenty of customers coming back for their second round of purchases!

Thanks to all of you for the cookie donations. The "Our Troops Support Our Troops" was very successful with about 2,000 boxes of cookies donated for the military! They will all have a taste of home thanks to your efforts.

Still singing After All these years! This summer GSUSA is celebrating 95 years of Girl Scouting with a Sing-Along on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

For more information and troop trip planning visit the web at :

<http://www.gscnc.org/singalong/main.htm>

Troop Finance Reports

Troop Finance Reports and a copy of your latest troop bank statement are due no later than the May meeting. You will find a copy in your folders, but an excel spreadsheet which contains the same data is also acceptable (just give us two copies). In nonprofit groups, these kinds of reports are important to do, so please turn yours in on time and get a prize at the May SU meeting! You can also turn them in with your registration.

Spring Registration

Have you turned in your Spring Registration yet? If not, please make your appointment now and take this task off your fall "to do" list. When you turn in your registration materials, you will get a cute incentive bag (one per troop, with additional bags for co-leaders for only \$6). Girls will get a patch for signing up as well. Not all your girls have done their paperwork yet? Not to worry. Sign up as many as you can, and ease that start-up burden. You only need 5 girls to sign up a troop (for CASE, only 3!) Need more forms or more info? Contact Diane Black at beyondwords@mindspring.com. Make your appointments now with your appropriate age level contact:

Brownies: Lunie Osias (404) 543-0731; losias12@hotmail.com or Michelle Vail (770-395-6495; michellev@bellsouth.net)

Junior: Lyndelle Isaacs-Heyliger (678-547-0532; lyndelleheylinger@yahoo.com)

11-17: Karen Brannan (770-512-8851; brannank@comcast.net)

Reminders from Council:

Please discontinue use of "By Girls, For Girls" as a tagline or logo. In place of the phrase "By Girls, For Girls," we are using the term Girl-driven (it is one of the processes of the Girl Scout Leadership Development Model). It is important that we continue to stress the philosophy behind the Girl Scout leadership experience as one that is developed by girls to focus on their needs. The girl involvement in the Girl Scout experience has not changed, only the terms that we use to describe it.

Please destroy (or recycle in your blue DeKalb box!) all of your old Mutual of Omaha insurance claims forms. From now on, if you or another volunteer has an incident to report, please complete an Incident/Accident Report form and send to Gae DeAngelo at the Council office. Once she receives the report, she will mail out the appropriate information/forms to the right person.

Also for the recycle pile...all your adult and girl registration forms from prior years. Only the new forms you've just received are still good.

Marketing needs your pictures - especially of special needs girls participating in Girl Scout activities. Please send them to Kamelya Hinson at khinson@girlscoutsnwga.org

Ballin' 07

Girls ages 11-17---Want to improve your skills on and off the basketball court? Come BALL with the Girl Scouts and WNBA professionals, Rushina Brown and Tracy Henderson-Edwards. There are several dates and locations to choose from - McEachern High School in Powder Springs on April 28, Dunwoody Baptist Church in Dunwoody on May 12 and Jim Huie Recreation Center in Jonesboro on May 19th. Financial assistance is available if needed. Registration forms are on the council website.

Internet Safety

Girls ages 11 to 17--Find out about wonders of the Internet and why safety is important at this event for Girl Scouts and their parents sponsored by one of our Girl Committees. Learn about predators, Spam and all kinds of stuff. See how web-sites can be helpful, harmful and learn to find the ones that are safe. May 6 from 2pm until 5pm at the Atlanta VSC. For more information contact Lisa Wust at PSS2B@girlscoutsnwga.org or 678-420-6870.



Earth Day Kids Fest

Girls (and boys) of all ages---Earth Day Kids Fest sponsored by the Chattahoochee Nature Center and Captain Planet Foundation - April 21 from 10am until 3pm. Come and enjoy a full day of exciting activities designed for kids. Visit www.captainplanetfdn.org or www.chattnaturecenter.org for more details.

Like to Dance and strut your stuff?

Girls 7 to 17--"The Girl Scouts Think They Can Dance" Workshop with the professional hip-hop dance team, Culture Shock Atlanta. April 28 from 12noon until 3pm at Camp Meriwether. Download a registration form from the Program events page on the council's web site, www.girlscoutsnwga.org. Contact Terry at JulietePS@girlscoutsnwga.org or 404-527-7448 for more information. The deadline to register is April 20.

Looking for a great summer day or overnight camp?

Starlight Twi-light Camp (June 25-29 at Hicks Lake in Covington) needs campers!! Please spread the word through out your service units. To register, please visit www.girlscoutsnwga.org - day camps.

Movie Under the Stars **New Event!**

Spend a night with coed friends and fellow Girl Scouts under the stars! Enjoy a movie, popcorn and roasting marshmallows under the Georgia Moon.

Accounting code: 617/individual

Program level/age: Girl Scouts ages 11-17 and friends

Date: May 27, 2007 **Time:** 7:30-11:30 p.m.

Location: Camp Timber Ridge, Mableton

Fee: \$10 per person; send payment with registration

Registration: Begins April 16, 2007, Ends May 11, 2007

Participants: Min. 75/max. 150

Adult training required:

Contact: Tiffany Tolbert at

PSMetro1@girlscoutsnwga.org or (678) 420-2696

Hometown History

Hometown History is an exciting program from the History Channel and the Rome Area History Museum that links Girl Scouts with their past. Good history is like an exciting detective story. You have to investigate pieces of information and report on your discoveries. Hometown History is designed for you to become a history detective, learning about your past and having fun at the same time while earning your History Channel Hometown History Patch. **Accounting code:** 609/individual or troop
Program level/age: Daisy, Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts **Date:** May 12, 2007 **Time:** 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Location: The Rome History Center, Rome
Fee: \$13 per girl, adults free; send payment with registration **Registration:** Begins March 26, ends April 20
Participants: Min. 5/max. 30
Adult training required: First aid/CPR
Contact: Debbie Pompie at PSNorth@girlscoutsnwga.org or (678) 420-6870

Girl Scout Adventures at Stone Mountain Park

All-activity passes are available to Girl Scouts, their family and friends for the discount price of \$16 each (\$6 below the regular adult price). When worn around the park, these passes allow unlimited admittance to most of Stone Mountain's attractions (Big Barn, Sky Lift, Train rides and 4-D Theater). Then after enjoying the park all day, Girl Scouts can come together on the lawn to exchange swaps, play get acquainted games and to watch the 2007 laser show together. **Accounting code:** 611/Individual or troop. **Program level/age:** All ages. **Date:** June 3, 2007
Time: 10 a.m. - close of park. **Location:** St. Mountain Park, Stone Mountain. **Fee:** \$16 per person, send full payment with application; passes will be mailed to you
Registration: begins March 5, 2007; ends May 11, 2007
Participants: Min. 100/max. unlimited. **Adult training required:** First aid/CPR. **Contact:** Jeane Anders at PSMetro3@girlscoutsnwga.org or (404) 527-7449

Our Troops....



Congratulations to our 2007 Gold Award Recipients!!!

The Dunwoody Service Unit did itself proud with three Gold Award Recipients being recognized by council recently. Hats off to:

Laura Gamble - Troop 654

Julia Simcoe - Troop 1334

Sarah Hendrickson - Troop 5065

Way to go girls—and their leaders, too!

☺ Troop 1519 thanks all the troops who came to the service unit wide baby shower on March 17. Thanks to you, we have over 20 baby blankets to donate to the homeless shelter, plus loads of diapers, formulas and other baby needs. From the "dirty diaper" hot potato game to the fast moving relay race, to the yummy cake and party favors, we hope you had a lot of fun while doing a good deed!

☺ A Million Thanks to all the troops who donated cookies for the "Troops Support the Troops" collection. Special thanks to Judy Weathers and Deborah Barker, who collected 2,000+ boxes of cookies that have been shipped by Coca-Cola to six different locations overseas including Iraq, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia and even a Naval Aircraft Carrier serving near Afghanistan and to Deborah for arranging this with Coke!

☺ A Million Thanks to Joan Holladay's Troop # 276 who donated flagpoles and stands to raise funds for the Service Unit!

☺ Many thanks to Troop 5065 for another great Sock Hop. This Dunwoody tradition is always a terrific event, and this year was no exception. What a great opportunity for Dads to experience a golden Girl Scout moment, with memories to last for years to come. Hats off for the time and effort they put in to organize this. It really paid off with a great time for all who came. If your daughter didn't make it this year, plan ahead for 2008 on this "don't miss" event.

We want you to join the Team!



Whether you have only a few hours late at night, would like to work on a committee or just love meeting people and would enjoy spending an afternoon greeting potential new leaders and girl scouts at a registration event, we have got a spot for you. The sign up sheet is going around again tonight and we would love to see your name on it! Not sure where you can help best? E-mail Lynn at lynng39819@aol.com, Gin at GShaw1234@aol.com or Alisa at Alisa@belrouge.com and tell us what you like to do.

Here are some ideas to get you thinking....

If you have a passion for Girl Scouting and like to help others learn: Consider being a **Troop Organizer**

If you can recruit, organize and are a good communicator: Consider being the **Recruitment Chair**

If you are creative, like to recognize and motivate others: Consider joining the **Recognitions Committee**

If you have computer skills: Consider being our **Dunwoody Data Newsletter Editor**

If you like to copy, collate and file: Consider being the **Dunwoody Data Assistant Editor**

If you're a good listener and coach: Consider being a **Troop Mentor**

If you're a "giver" and have good organization and communication skills: Consider being the **Contributing to Society Coordinator**

If you're artistic: Consider being the **Service Unit Scrapbook Coordinator**

If you like knowing what the latest in Girl Scouting is, consider being our **Annual Meeting Delegate**

Court of Awards

If you've never done a Court of Awards, here is a basic outline you can adapt to fit your troop. Court of Awards are often held at the end of a year, but can be done anytime, and anywhere the girls have earned a recognition (Petal, Try-It, Badge, etc.). In younger troops, parents are often invited to be a part of the celebration. Involve the girls in the planning (at the earliest stages, this can just mean that they can pick their refreshments). If you would like an actual script from a court of awards that Troop 1519 has held, e-mail lynng39819@aol.com. But you really can't go wrong!

Pre-awards:

- Set date
- Order badges/awards
- Work out program, refreshments, decorations, invitation list with girls.
- Invite the guests

Sample outline:

- Opening Flag ceremony, including pledge of allegiance
(alternate: Brownie Smile Song; a poem; reciting the pledge and law)
- Lighting of ceremonial candle log
- Presentation of Awards
(you can have each girl say one sentence about what she did to earn the award)
- Closing ceremony (any of the following)
 - Retire the flag
 - Sing Taps in a Friendship Circle/do the squeeze
 - A special song or poem
- Refreshments!!



Miscellaneous Events.....

Camp Pine Acres Summer Trip and Travel Program

There are still openings for some exciting camps for girls up to age 15. To register simply go online to www.girlscoutsnwga.org and follow the links to summer camp registration. You will find more detailed information on costs and participant requirements. Don't delay, register today, spaces are limited! Questions about the trip and travel program? Please contact Laurel Martin 770-975-9330 or Lmartin@girlscoutsnwga.org.

North Georgia Day Trip Adventure ages 9-11, Grades 3-5, July 22-27

Activities Planned include: Georgia Aquarium, Lake Lanier Beach and Water Park, Wild Cave Tour, Visit Rock City and Ruby Falls, Rafting on the Nantahala River, Tubing on Deep Creek, Overnight in North Carolina and Train ride on the Great Smoky Mountain Railway. Campers will spend 4 nights at camp and one night on the road. FEE: \$400 TENTS ONLY.

Teen Travel Program for ages 12-15, grades 6-9

Whitewater Experience, June 21-29—Planned Activities Include: Flat water kayaking on Lake Fontana, Tubing Deep Creek, 2 days of awesome Whitewater Kayak instruction with the Nantahala Outdoor Center, visiting Cherokee, NC, train ride on the Great Smoky Mountain Railway, paddling inflatable kayaks down the Nantahala, hiking part of the famous Appalachian Trail, rafting the Ocoee River. Campers will camp for six nights at the Deep Creek campground in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Extreme Adventures for ages 10-12, Grades 4-6

June 3-8—Activities planned include: Tubing on Deep Creek, Mountain Biking, Rafting the Nantahala, Overnight Wild Cave Tour at Raccoon Mountain, Visiting Ruby Falls, Rock City and the Incline Railway. Campers will spend 2 nights camping in North Carolina and one night in TN.

July 8-13—Activities planned include: Tubing on Deep Creek, Flat water Kayaking, Rafting the Nantahala, 6 hour Wild Cave Tour at Raccoon Mountain, Visiting Ruby Falls, Rock City and the Incline Railway. Campers will spend 2 nights camping in North Carolina and one night in TN.

July 15-20—Activities planned include: Tubing on Deep Creek, Mountain Biking, Rafting the Nantahala, Overnight Wild Cave Tour at Raccoon Mountain, Visiting Ruby Falls, Rock City and the Incline Railway. Campers will spend 2 nights camping in North Carolina and one night in TN.

Florida Beach Adventure, June 10-18

Planned Activities Include: Discover SCUBA course, snorkeling for shells, surfing instruction, Dolphin Tour, Big Kahuna's water park, cosmic bowling, shopping and hanging out on the beach. Campers will spend 6 nights camping at Henderson Beach State Park. NOTE: SCUBA diving can be a significant risk to individuals with asthma and diabetes. Applicants with these conditions should consult their doctors and review the guidelines set forth by the Diver's Alert Network before applying.

SU Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 16, 2007

Leader Appreciation Day

Cookies

Team-Building Survey

Volunteer Sign-ups and Job Descriptions

Bridging

Flag Poles

Sock Hop

Registration

Annual Fund (formerly FCP)

Birthdays

Leader Dessert/End of the Year Meeting

Troop Finance Reports

Disbanding Troops

Blue Ribbon Troops (+WFF) and Training Leaves

High Harbor

Advertising

Recognitions

Other

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Sites to remember::

www.dunwoodygirlscouts.com

www.girlscoutsnwga.org

www.girlscouts.org

www.studio2b.org

We're on the Web!
www.dunwoodygirlscouts.com

Advertise here next month! For just \$10 you will get a business card size ad for 2 month's placement in the Dunwoody Data—plus, as an added bonus, a listing on our Dunwoody Girl Scout web-Site! For an even better deal, get a whole year's listing for just \$25! Send scanned artwork to Lynn Goldblatt at lynng39819@aol.com and mail a check made out to "Dunwoody Service Unit".



Heading to High Harbour?

Leader Information packets will be distributed tonight, at the April SU meeting for all troops registered for High Harbour. Final payments, as noted in your email confirmation, are due now. Please make checks payable to "Dunwoody Service Unit" For questions, please contact Barb Halaburt (barbmom2@aol.com or (404)252-2735)

High Harbour 2008 patches will be available for sale at the April and May service unit meetings.

Please stop by the High Harbour table - with the red balloons - TONIGHT to finalize your plans.