

DUNWOODY DATA

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

Calendar

August

- 17-19 High Harbor
- 20 Service Unit Meeting
SULT meeting
Calendar packets available
- 21 Troop Organizing Meeting -
Kingsley
- 27 Troop Organizing Meeting -
Vanderlyn
- 28 Troop Organizing Meeting -
Austin
- 29 Troop Organizing Meeting -
Chesnut

September

- 14-16 High Harbor
- 17 Service Unit Meeting
Calendar order turn-in
- 23 New Leader Orientation

October

- 15 Service Unit Meeting
Calendar order turn-in

November

- 12 Service Unit Meeting
Calendar delivery at SU Meeting

December

- 3 Service Unit Meeting
- 15 Last day to register a troop
and still be allowed to sell
cookies

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SUD Notes

Welcome back and welcome to all of our new leaders and new Service Unit volunteers! I'm sure you'll agree the summer flew by and hopefully you're gearing up for another great year of Girl Scouts! We are really excited about working with you this year and hearing your success stories as you build girls of courage, confidence and character!

Do you have a new leader working with you this year? If so, make sure to let Renee Wolven, our database coordinator, know who she is so she can be included in our Service Unit Directory. We want to make all new leaders feel welcome and valued as Dunwoody Service Unit volunteers!

Many thanks to Barb Halaburt for getting High Harbor organized and to Renee Wolven and Margaret Binkley for coordinating the first weekend at HH this past weekend. Also, thanks to Margaret Binkley who was that weekend's Level 2 First Aider. We would also like to say thanks to Kathy Furbish for getting us the great patches for High Harbor. The second HH weekend is a month away and we know it will be as special as the first!

And while you're out there *making the world a better place* with your girls, consider how many girls you might be able to add to your troop this year. We will be holding our Troop Organizing meetings at each of the elementary schools and will end up with girls who need to be placed in existing troops. Please email your school's Troop Organizer or Gin Shaw to let her know how many girls you can take. The Council is trying to raise membership this year by 6,000 girls and we can do our part if we add only 2 new girls per troop! Can you take on 2 new girls? What better way to show our girls how to "make new friends!"

We have all gotten off to a great start. Before we know it, this year will have flown by and we hope it will be your best year yet! Let us know how we can assist you.

Your Service Unit Directors:

Alisa Coffey, Lynn Goldblatt and Gin Shaw

In Your Troop File

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New Leader Welcome Meeting

Sunday, Sept 23 at All Saints

If you are a new leader, please plan on joining us on Sunday, Sept 23 from 2:30 – 4:30 at the All Saints Scout Lodge (behind the church). If you are a current leader and have brought on a new co-leader, please pass this message on to them as well. We will share practical, specific information related to our service unit and hope to get all our new leaders started off on the right foot.

The More the Merrier!

Each Dunwoody elementary school will hold a Troop Organizing meeting in the next two weeks. Please let your school's Troop Organizer know how many new girls you'll be willing to take this year, in the event we have girls we need to place in troops.

Dunwoody Troop Organizers:

Austin Elem. - Beth Keith

Chesnut Charter - Sarah Borcharding

Kingsley Charter - Blair Bick

Vanderlyn Elem. - Katrien Hemelsoet and Melanie Rohrbach

For general Troop Organizing questions, please contact Gin Shaw, Service Unit Director of Membership at gShaw1234@aol.com

Troops that have open arms are troops that sustain!

Calendar Sales!

The calendar order packets will be available at the August service unit meeting, and you can turn in completed orders at the September and October service unit meetings. Calendar pickup will be at the November meeting. Questions? Contact Betsy Luerhring at bluehring@yahoo.com.

DUMC Scout Lodge

Please contact Mary Ann Gardner (gardhome@bellsouth.net or 770-451-2184) if you plan on using the DUMC Girl Scout Room of the Scout Lodge. If you have used the lodge last year, please let me know if you plan to continue this year.

Troop Treasurer

Does your troop have a parent as troop treasurer? Not only will having a volunteer serve in this capacity relieve you of one of the many duties a leader tends to pick up, it is good financial practice. Your treasurer will need to have an approved volunteer application on file and be able to write checks and keep your account in good order.

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Do You Have a New Co-Leader?

Please send the name and contact information (address, email address, phone numbers) for any new leader to our database coordinator, Renee Wolven at

wolvenjoy@comcast.net, ASAP so she can be included in the Service Unit Directory.

Service Unit Email

All leaders should be receiving email reminders from the SUDs prior to each SU meeting as well as some occasional mailings mid-month with time-sensitive information. If you are NOT receiving these e-mails, please let Gin Shaw know right away so we can include you! gShaw1234@aol.com

Tell Your Parents

Please let your parents know that the resident camp and day camp brochures will be combined into one publication and will be mailed to all registered Girl Scouts. The combined brochure will be mailed around the first of next year.

Girl Scout Religious Awards

Did you know that there are Girl Scout religious awards the girls can earn? These awards are created by various religious groups to encourage girls to grow stronger in their faith. You can find out the specific requirements through the Badge and Sash or through the religious organization. For more information on these awards check out www.praypub.org

Trip to Costa Rica?

Girl Scout leader Andy Eilers and his daughter, Emily, took a trip to Costa Rica this summer and discovered the University of Georgia's ecological research station. They toured the facility and were impressed. Girl Scout troops have taken trips there in the past. If you are interested in this as a possible adventure for your troop, please email Andy at a.eilers@earthlink.net and be sure to check out Safety Wise and the Council Guide for International Travel guidelines.

THINGS TO DO

Leader Weekend

Cobb Leader Weekend is now taking reservations for the Big Chicken Fantasy, November 2nd-4th, 2007. Go to www.angelfire.com/ga/CobbLeaderWeekend/ to obtain registration forms and class information.

Junior Girl Scout My Heritage Program

On October 6, the Gwinnett History Museum has scheduled a Junior Girl Scout My Heritage program. The idea is that Junior Girl Scouts can work on the My Heritage badge, either in their troops or at home, and prepare some type of display which reflects their own family's heritage. The display may be a scrapbook, poster, diorama, video, etc. Items to be displayed should be no larger than 3 feet in any direction. Videos should be under 5 minutes in length. Displays can be delivered to the museum on Friday, October 5. On Saturday, October 6, we will open the doors from noon to 5pm for an exhibit of all displays with prizes and refreshments. There will be no cost to participants for this event. Displays will be available for pickup/return after the event.

New Program Events

Check out the new Program Events Catalog! Some of the offerings are

- EPA Environmental Badge Day on Saturday, October 27
- Brownies: What's in a Doctor's Bag at Emory University with Dr. Neil Shulman
- Serendipity Weekend – Mom and Daughter Camping – several weekends during October
- Troop Swimming at Camp Timber Ridge – through September and October, as weather permits
- Snow Mountain at Stone Mountain Park – December 1st
- Mom and Daughter road trip to Savannah!
- Daisy Petal Days – Children's Museum of Atlanta, Camp Pine Acres and the VSC
- Sign Language for Brownies
- Junior Adventure Weekend at Camp Timber Ridge
- First Aid Badge Workshop for Juniors at Mercer University
- Baby Sitter Training for girls 11 to 13
- Hit the Slopes Ski Trip for girls 11 to 17
- U.S. Space and Rocket Center New Horizons Program for girls in grade 6 though 8

On Sale at the Badge & Sash

- Stone Mountain passes - \$16.00 (regularly \$25.70) – available through the month of August.
- Six Flags tickets - \$33.00 (regularly \$50.00)
- Girl Scout Day at the Braves – Sunday, September 9th - \$6 general admission; \$12 reserved seats
- Girl Scout nights for Disney High School Musical Ice Tour – Thursday, Oct. 25 and Friday, Oct. 26. Level 100-200 seats - \$25 on Thursday and \$30 on Friday. Level 300 seats - \$15 on Thursday and \$20 on Friday

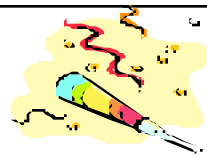
Upcoming Learning Opportunities

- Cabin Camping is the first step for troops planning camping experiences. Class #12687 – Tuesday, August 28th from 6:30-9:30pm (Council) Registration deadline is August 18 (call to see if you can sign up late)
- First/Aid CPR – each troop must have a registered adult trained in First Aid/CPR
Class #12766 – Saturday, October 20 from 9-5pm (Clayton County) Registration Deadline is August 29
Class #12677 – Saturday, September 8 from 9-5pm (Council). Registration Deadline is August 29

S.A.I.L. leadership seminar

Girls ages 11-17 (registered Cadette & Senior Girl Scouts) are invited to attend this unique seminar that will prepare you for leadership positions. Take part in a Planning Events workshop specifically designed for girls and receive the four hours of training required to log your service hours towards earning the Girl Scout Community Service Bar. Adults attend workshops specially designed to give them tools for working with girls. Saturday, Nov. 17, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Timber Ridge Conference Center, Mableton, Ga. Cost: \$30/person (Event fee includes lunch and training materials.). Registration: Sept. 10-Nov. 1 To register, complete a registration form. Questions? Contact Terry (404) 527-7448.

Congratulations



to the following leaders, who received these awards at our May Awards Ceremony....

Blue Ribbon Troops

- 25419 Nancy Kabat, Beth Eisenmesser
 22424 Alisa Coffey, Jennifer Porocho, Pam Hardister
 1304 Diane Black, Carolyn Lowry
 26419 Christie McGraw, RaeAnn, Heenan-Brothers
 25403 Bobbe Gillis, Lisa Herzler
 25417 Patti Kish, Lauren Patton
 26425 Blair Bick, Lesley Watkins
 23426 Karen Mujica, Laura Sales, Nancy Meredith, Susan Mendzef
 23404 Laura Sales, Charlotte Cox, Susan Mendzef
 24414 Renee Wolven, Tara Fattal, Rhonda Lock
 22442 Renee Wolven, Vaughn Dunnigan, Lisa Abdulla
 24418 Beth Keith, Robyn Bishko
 27402 Susie Winnett, Evelyn Thon, Dana Spivey
 25401 Suzanne Huff, Stacy Parrish
 21433 Suzanne Huff, Lisa Foust
 24412 Margaret Binkley, Lori Middleton
 23401 Nancy Ike, Luara Van Gundy, Cece Farrell, Denise Spiegel
 23437 Melanie Rohrbach, Jennifer Francois
 25410 Elizabeth Taptich, Karen Bass, Greer
 25408 Sarah Borcharding, Donna Daly
 24434 Gin Shaw, Judy Weathers
 1519 Lynn Goldblatt, Stephanie Heller

Super Troopers

- 23426 Karen Mujica, Laura Sales,
 Nancy Meredith, Susan Mendzef
 24434 Gin Shaw, Judy Weathers

Daisy Award

- Dunwoody United Methodist Church
 All Saints Catholic Church
 Deborah Barker with Coca-Cola
 Melonie Thomas with the Centers for Disease Control
 Lynn Goldblatt with Ciba Vision

Outstanding Leader

Bobbe Gillis

Rookie of the Year

Karen Mujica

Outstanding Volunteer

- Judy Weathers..... For her work as Cookie Chair this year
 Laura Sales..... For her work on the SU Directory and as our Annual Delegate
 Barb Halaburt For her work as the High Harbor Chair this year and last
 Betsy Luehring..... For her work as Calendar Chair the past two years
 Gin Shaw..... For her work as a new SUD

Lighthouse Award

Renee Wolven

Open Arms Award

Tanis Singleton
 Blair Bick

Shining Star Award

Alisa Coffey
 Nancy Ike

Appreciation Pin

Lynn Goldblatt

Also, thank you to Lisa Herzler and Bobbe Gillis's troop #25403, who provided delicious desserts for this meeting and whose girls performed the opening and closing flag ceremony with finesse.

Pat yourself on the back!

As a member of the Dunwoody Service Unit, give yourself a pat on the back!! Through our efforts to provide a great Girl Scout program in Dunwoody, our Service Unit earned the President's Award for the 2006-2007 year. This award is determined by the Council Board of Directors and recognizes us for achieving our membership and fund raising goals and for meeting all council deadlines. Special thanks go to Diane Black, Registrar; Renee Wolven, Annual Fund Chair; Katrien Hemelsoet, Sarah Borcharding, Blair Bick, and Beth Keith, our Troop Organizers; Judy Weathers, Treasurer and Cookie Chair; Debra Barker, Asst. Cookie Chair and our Service Unit Directors Alisa Coffey, Lynn Goldblatt and Gin Shaw for working so hard last year! Congratulations on a job well done!



Sue Cunnold receives Thanks Badge!

The Thanks Badge is the highest honor given to Girl Scout volunteers. It recognizes those individuals who have provided consistent long term service to the council as a whole and/or the entire Girl Scout movement. The service provided is often serving through many volunteer positions over time, but may be for one very significant long term volunteer position. This year, one of our very own past service unit directors received this award. Sue Cunnold was a beloved service unit director for many years. As a volunteer outside our service unit, *Sue's most notable work has been in an informal capacity as an international spokesperson for Girl Scouting. As a master trainer, she developed the curriculum for the International Adventures in Scouting course. She is the co-chair of Our Chalet (USA Committee), co-chair of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts development committee and the Olave Baden-Powell Society. She has also served the council as chair of the annual fundraising campaign. What an inspiration to all of us! Way to go, Sue!*



Website of the Month

<http://www.clubspaces.com>

Are you ready for a troop website? There are plenty of places online where you can start one. Here is a free one that has an online calendar and lets every girl have their own profile. It also has a short step by step tutorial for how to build a site with them.

A few points:

- Be sure to have your girls and their parents complete and sign the Internet Safety Pledge before getting started. This can be found at our council website.
- Consider working on the age level computer patches like the *Computer Smarts* Try-it, or the *Cybergirl* Scout Badge.
- Make sure the site you choose is best for your troop. Some sites allow you to keep all of your business private unless you are a member, that is a nice feature.
- Discuss what is and isn't appropriate for posting, so all the girls know. Use common sense and don't place important information like girls contact information or the time and location of their campout on the internet.

When you have it set up we would love to link your troop to the Dunwoody Service Unit Site

www.dunwoodygirlscouts.com. Email Alisa for more info on this, and check out our website for the latest dates and info.

Registrations

Please make sure to register ALL new additions to your troop as soon as possible. A new rule this year: If a girl is NOT registered by the December service unit meeting, she will NOT be allowed to sell Girl Scout cookies in January! So, let's not forget those registration forms sitting crumpled in the bottom of our Girl Scout box, okay? As a reminder, any additions to a troop must be accompanied by:

1. Membership Dues Summary
2. The registration and, hopefully, Annual Fund contribution (with check made out to GSCNWGA, a credit card payment or cash),
3. \$3 per girl for service unit dues, and
4. A Troop Roster form. The troop roster does not have to have ALL of the girls -- just the ones you are adding.

And if you are a troop that didn't participate in Spring Registration -- sorry, but your vacation is over! If you didn't bring them to the August meeting, then please email Diane Black at beyondwords@mindspring.com to make an appointment to submit them. Remember, memberships expire September 30 -- which is only six weeks away!

Notes



Dunwoody Service Unit Meeting Agenda

- Welcome back!
- In Your Folder...
- Fall Registration
- Annual Fund
- Calendar Sales
- High Harbor
- Brownie Blast, troop #1304
- Service Unit Events
- Service unit Leadership Team
Openings
- Recognitions
- President's Award presentation
- Guest Speaker, Sue Cunnold
- Closing


"Where's the Badge & Dash bus?"


The Badge & Dash bus was discontinued in May 2007, due to rising gas prices and the age and repairs needed to maintain the bus. The Council encourages leaders and parents to use the Badge & Dash store at the VSC for purchases, as well as the online store found at the Council website: www.girlscoutsnwga.org Don't forget to use your gift card that was awarded at the May awards ceremony for Annual Fund contributions!"

Check us out on the web at www.dunwoodygirlscouts.com



Do Not Forget!

 If a girl is NOT registered by December service unit meeting, she will NOT be allowed to sell Girl Scout cookies in January!

 New Leader Training – must be completed before an adult meets with girls
Note – New Leader Training is held on a very regular basis at the Council office