



COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2010

FALL PRODUCT SALE 2010

Are you interested in earning fast start up funds for your troop while teaching your girls valuable life skills? Then you're in the right place. The Fall Product Sale program is a "friends and family" sale that will take place between September and November. The Fall Product Sale has two components: the nut and candy sale and the magazine sale.

Through participation in this program, Girl Scouts will learn leadership skills including financial literacy, goal-setting and team work. This program is one of the easiest ways to earn start up funds for the beginning of your Girl Scout year.

The 2010 theme is *Make it Count. Make it Matter. Make it Work.* and the mascot is the snow leopard.



Important Sale Dates

September 17 - Order taking begins

October 3 - Order taking ends

October 25 - November 14 - Girls and parents deliver orders

Troop Fall Product Coordinator Face-to-Face Training

August 30 - Ruidoso, NM (Gateway Church of Christ)
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

August 31 - Artesia, NM (Faith Baptist Church)
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

September 1 - Carlsbad, NM (Girl Scout Program Center) 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

September 2 - Deming, NM (Girl Scout Program Center) 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

September 7 - El Paso, TX (Girl Scout Program Center) 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (welcome to bring lunch)

September 7 - Las Cruces, NM (Girl Scout Program Center) 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

September 8 - Midland, TX (Girl Scout Program Center) 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (welcome to bring lunch)

September 8 - Odessa, TX (Girl Scout Program Center) 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

September 9 - Camp Mitre Peak 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

September 10 - Pecos, TX (First United Methodist Church) 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

September 11 - El Paso, TX (Girl Scout Program Center) 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (welcome to bring lunch)



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Circus Fit
Sept. 1 - Oct. 6
Wednesdays during lunch/recess
(Metti Jordan Elementary School)
Eunice, NM

Robotic Expressions
Sept. 2 - Oct. 7
Thursdays during lunch
(Caton Middle School)
Eunice, NM

Mountains to Caverns
Sept. 3 - Sept. 6
Carlsbad, NM

Fall Festival & Flag Retirement
Sept. 9
Midland, TX

Gymnastics Lock-In
Sept. 10 - Sept. 11
Alamogordo, NM

Girls Get Jumping
Sept. 11
Roswell, NM

Desert & Dunes

September 11 - El Paso, TX (Girl Scout Program Center) 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Troop Fall Product Coordinator Webinar

September 11 - 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

September 14 - 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

September 15 - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Service Unit Fall Product Manager Face-to-Face Training

August 28 - Volunteer Conference (Camp Mitre Peak)

Service Unit Fall Product Manager Webinar

September 13 - 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Specific log in information for Webinars will be posted on the website as the training date approaches.

All troops must bring a VOIDED check to training.

Questions? Call Renee Prince at 1-800-895-7390 ext. 218 or email her at rprince@gsdsw.org.

VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED AT AWARD CEREMONIES

Whether it's leading a Girl Scout troop, training fellow volunteers, or serving on the Board of Directors or a council committee, Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest depends on its dedicated adult volunteers to help fulfill the Girl Scout mission of building girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

To celebrate our volunteers, GSDSW held three Volunteer Recognition Events: on April 24, 2010 in Midland, TX, May 15, 2010 in Artesia, NM, and May 22, 2010 in El Paso, TX.

Outstanding Volunteer

Judy Abner

Brandi Cospers

James Hall

Sarah Heartsong

Belinda Chavez

Bonnie Gipson

Danielle Perry

Sharon Prophet

Janett Quick

Outstanding Leader

Fariba Ansari

Brianna Bitner

Rosa Colon

Elizabeth Grace Mahle

Norma Marnach

Cindy Montoya

Rebecca Richins

Linda Thomas

Beth Varghese

Community Partner Award

Jack Rabbit Flats Fire Department

Community Participation "Thank You"

Party Masters

Years of Service Pins

15 Year Pin

Jeannine Brasel

Kathleen Neal

Loretta Ochoa

20 Year Pin

Maria Ehlers

Misty Sadberry

Annette Toney

30 Year Pin

Grace Rocha

Joe Rocha

45 Year Pin

Mary Beringer

Sept. 11
Monahans, TX

Adopt-a-River Kick-Off Party

Sept. 11
El Paso, TX

Camp Like a Girl

Sept. 11 - Sept. 12
Carlsbad, NM

BFF Blast

Sept. 13
Roswell, NM

International Observe the Moon Night

Sept. 18
El Paso, TX

Mother/Daughter Tea Time Ceramic Class

Sept. 18 & Sept. 25
Roswell, NM

Go Green Mini Camp

Oct. 2
El Paso, TX

Father/Daughter Boot Camp

Oct. 22 - Oct. 24
Bonita Park, NM

[Click here for a complete list of Upcoming Programs](#)

You are receiving this newsletter because you registered through our website www.gsdsw.org. Please forward it to parents and volunteers who have not signed up yet.

50 Year Pin

Kathy Hassell

Schatzie Tighe

70 Year Pin

Jo Tice Bloom

The following volunteers were recognized and nominated for their dedication to and enthusiasm for helping girls grow strong through Girl Scouts at the GSDSW Annual Meeting on May 1, 2010 in Ruidoso, NM.

The Appreciation Pin

Mary Helen Biel

Heidi O'Connell

Nevolin Godlewski

Ana Player

Kumie Wise

Debbie Jackson

Jewli Smith Boatman

The Honor Pin

Kathy Hernandez

Sylvia (Ruthie) Alexander

The Thanks Badge

Shirley Hall

Suzanne Maddox

Angel Morales



Diane Flanagan (GSDSW Chief Executive Officer), Shirley Hall (Leader and Council Trainer - Troop 237 - Las Cruces, NM) and Cathy McKelvain (GSDSW Board Chair.)



Diane Flanagan (GSDSW Chief Executive Officer), Jewli Smith Boatman (Leader and Council Trainer - Troop 018 - Odessa, TX) and Cathy McKelvain (GSDSW Board Chair.)



Diane Flanagan (GSDSW Chief Executive Officer), Heidi O'Connell (GSDSW Staff Accountant and Volunteer) and Cathy McKelvain (GSDSW Board Chair.)

NEW GSUSA SAFETY ACTIVITY CHECKPOINTS

Keeping girls safe is a priority in Girl Scouting. In the past, we have done so by consulting *Safety-Wise* when planning outings and activities. *Safety-Wise* has been retired, but we are pleased to introduce the new "Safety Activity Checkpoints." These 45 checkpoints replace the ones that have existed in *Safety-Wise* for the last several decades. You will no longer have to read introductory material, Universal Checkpoints, checkpoints for the category of the activity (land sports, water sports, and so on), and activity-specific checkpoints - eight or nine pages of material spread out over several sections. Instead, you can read, search, and print completely self-contained checkpoints, each four pages or less.

Just click on the name of the activity you want information on, and off you go! [You can download the New Safety Activity Checkpoints by clicking here.](#)

UPDATE TO GUIDELINES TO GIRL SCOUTS' HIGHEST AWARDS

Before September 30, 2011:

Girls may choose to work on awards using the old (pre-summer 2009) guidelines OR the current (post-summer 2009) guidelines. It's their choice, but they MUST begin prior to September 30. Materials needed to meet the pre-summer 2009 guidelines will only be available while supplies last (i.e. "Go For It Gold" insert, Studio 2B Focus Books, earned awards, etc.)

After September 30, 2011:

Girls MUST begin working on the current (post-summer 2009) guidelines, which use the Journey Series as prerequisites for all awards. [Click here to view the current guidelines.](#)

What is happening with the prerequisites under the current guidelines (i.e. the signs, interest projects, career and leadership awards)?

These awards are no longer prerequisites under the current guidelines. However, girls can continue to earn these awards as long as the awards are available.

No doubt you'll have questions! Please direct Gold, Silver and Bronze Award questions to Janet' Sloan at jsloan@gsdsw.org. To get the latest information, forms, tips and your questions answered, register for a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award Workshop.

FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

Family Partnership is an opportunity for families to help make Girl Scouting possible for your daughter and all girls through a voluntary charitable contribution.

As parents, you want to do all you can to help your daughter to grow up to be a healthy woman who is honest and fair, pursues her dreams, and contributes to the community. With the Girl Scout Promise and Law as a foundation, Girl Scouting helps girls build their skills, interests, and talents so that they can work with others to make the world a better place.

Did you know the \$12 membership you pay goes entirely to GSUSA to provide all councils with research and program support?

How can you make a gift to Girl Scouting in your community through the Family Partnership?

When you or your daughters register for Girl Scouts, complete the contribution section on the bottom of the Registration Form.

Your Family Partnership contribution supports local:

- Activities such as day camp, resident camp, and workshops;
- Program development;
- Support and training for leaders and other volunteers; and
- Financial assistance to girls

No gift is too small or too large. Every gift makes a difference in the lives of girls.

HONORARIUMS, TRIBUTES AND MEMORIALS

Honor a great volunteer, a special troop leader or a Girl Scout Gold Award recipient. Celebrate a graduation or award or donate in remembrance of a loved one. Making a gift in someone's name is a great way to show that you share her or his love for Girl Scouting. Your gift will help thousands of girls benefit from the Girl Scout program. An acknowledgement will be sent to the donor and the individual being honored or the family of the individual being remembered.

If you would like to make a donation in someone's name, contact us by phone at 1-800-594-5677 ext. 313 or email her at dmiracle@gdsdw.org.

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On March 12, 2010, Girl Scouting will celebrate its 100th Anniversary. The advent of this milestone provides a unique opportunity to reflect on the amazing contributions the organization has made over the past 100 years and to rally support for the next century of Girl Scouts.

Plans on how to celebrate this momentous occasion are already underway and volunteers are needed to serve on the 100th Anniversary committee. The celebration will consist of a year-long theme which will run from January to December 2012. Contact Christi Patton at 575-622-7801 or email her at cpatton@gdsdw.org for more information.



Our goals are to:

- *Advance the organization's iconic brand in communities across the nation.* Girl Scout 100th Anniversary merchandise consisting of t-shirts, messenger bags and a collector's series of patches and pins will be introduced in the Fall of 2011.
 - *Increase funding support.* Girl Scouts across the nation will coordinate a funding campaign in recognition of the 100th Anniversary.
 - *Reconnect alumnae.* In its 100 year history, more than 50 million women have been Girl Scouts. The 100th Anniversary will engage alumnae and connect them to today's movement.
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SAVE THE DATE FOR THE GRAND REOPENING OF CAMP PIONEER

October 28, 2010

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

For more information contact Marsha Baray at 1-800-895-7390 ext. 220 or email her at mbaray@gdsdw.org.

COUNCIL WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

All Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest Council offices will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2010. Our offices will re-open on Tuesday, September 7, 2010.

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