



Council News

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

LATEST NEWS

Camp Mitre Peak Wildfires

As of Sunday, April 10th, Fort Davis, Mitre Peak, Alpine and other communities in West Texas have been experiencing extreme wildfires. Firefighters have battled night and day to ensure that the wildfires do not reach Camp Mitre Peak. Fires immediately around the camp have been extinguished. The camp remains safe and free of any immediate danger. A big thank you to all the brave men and women who are keeping our beautiful camp in one piece!

More updates to come as necessary.

Cookie Raffle Winner

A big congratulations goes out to **Mark Clevenger** of Midland, Texas. Mark is the winner of our 2011 raffle to win a YEAR'S SUPPLY OF GIRL SCOUT COOKIES. Participants were eligible to enter this raffle if they purchased six (6) or more boxes of Girl Scout cookies at one time. The response was massive! We had a total of 3,244 tickets for the drawing. An extra special congratulations also goes out to **Hailey Lowrance** of **Girl Scout Troop #27049**, who sold the winning ticket. For her sales, Hailey will receive her very own, limited edition, Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest Hoodie!

Thank you to everyone who participated!



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GSDSW Annual Meeting

Our Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest Annual Meeting will take place on April 30, 2011 at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum in Las Cruces, NM. For more information, [click here](#).

Earlybird Registration

Save time and energy later by taking part in earlybird registration today! Register before May 31 and girls will get their FREE Earlybird patch! [Click here](#) for more information.

Help Wanted!

We need your help to make our Girl Scout program the best it can be for girls in our communities.

Share your expertise and knowledge of Girl Scouting. We need leadership volunteers in the following areas:

Volunteer Council Facilitators- We will provide training so you will be able to train leaders in your community. This is your opportunity to help ensure that the girls in your community have a quality Girl Scout experience by building strong leaders.

Troop Consultants- We are establishing a group of experienced troop leaders who are willing to support new leaders by providing phone consultations. New leaders need someone who can answer basic questions about running a Girl Scout troop. They may need help coming up with program ideas or service projects. Share what you know, become a consultant.

Service Unit Team Members- Many of our service units are looking for team members to support troop leaders in their areas. Training is always provided. This is your opportunity to share your experience and knowledge, and to utilize your leadership skills. Help us build stronger service units.

Event Organizers (especially for our 100th Anniversary celebrations)- These are short term projects with a big impact on the girls. You have so much to offer and we need your help.

Property Committee Volunteers- Be one of the volunteers who oversees, evaluates, and sets priorities for improvements to council properties to ensure that girls have safe places to participate in Girl Scout program.

Contact your [local council](#) and find out how you can help today!

Be a Volunteer Council Facilitator

Would you like to share your enthusiasm for Girl Scouting with others? Would you be willing to conduct leadership courses, outdoor education courses, or enrichment courses? If so, visit our website for an application to be considered for a council facilitator position.

To become a council facilitator you will participate in an eight-hour Facilitating Adult Learning class. Council facilitators teach at least 4 courses each year, maintain skills through practice and trainer enrichment activities, and represents GSDSW in facilitating courses throughout your area.

All council facilitators need to complete the *Volunteer Council Facilitator* application to Volunteer Services no later than June 6, 2011. Facilitating Adult Learning will be conducted on the following dates: Central Region: July 9th Carlsbad Office, East Region: July 16th – Odessa Office, West Region: July 23rd – El Paso Office.

- Photos

Looking for something fun to do with your troop or family?

[Click here](#) for a complete list of upcoming Girl Programs!

Girl Scout Leadership Institute and Scholarships

Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest is pleased to announce we will be offering four (4) all expense paid scholarships to attend the Girl Scout Leadership Institute (GSLI) on November 10 – 13th, 2011 in Houston, Texas. Girls must be 13 and older, and currently registered Girl Scouts in our council. The scholarships will cover transportation, hotel, registration, and meals. Deadline to apply is May 1, 2011.

[Click here](#) for more information on the GSLI!

2011 Summer Camp at Camp Mitre Peak

We offer horseback riding, hiking, crafts, canoeing, rappelling, star gazing, archery, swimming lessons, backpacking, trips out of camp, outdoor cooking, and much more! Camp Mitre Peak is licensed by the Texas Department of State Health Services and is accredited by the American Camping Association.

For more information, [click here](#).

Tell Us Your Story!

We'd love to hear from you.

Although we come from all over the nation, as alumnae we have the Girl Scout Leadership experience in common. We share great stories, lively songs, life-long friendships and a very special sense of community. We welcome you to share your stories about your Girl Scout experience for all to enjoy.

See below for Girl Scout Alumnae memories! Email mbaray@gdsw.org or [click here](#) to share your own!

GSDSW Birthday Club

A girl's life can be forever changed through your commitment to invest in girls each and every year on your birthday. Donate a dollar for each year you are celebrating. It's that simple! Become a Birthday Club member... everyone can join... young or old! Members will receive a special Birthday Club patch.

[Click here](#) for more information!

Photos From Around the Council



Women of Distinction Event - March 2011



Renee Prince, Product Sales Director and Diane Flanagan, Chief Executive Officer, hold up the winning ticket as our El Paso council staff shows their support.



March was Girl Scout Month in Silver City! Mayor Charles Kelley decreed the month in a public proclamation.



Troop 36 at Doggy Day event on March 26th

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