



## COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

### LATEST NEWS

#### 2011 Summer Camp

Our 2011 Summer Camp will take place at Camp Mitre Peak. Camp Mitre Peak is located between Fort Davis and Alpine, Texas in the rugged mountains of West Texas. We are located at the foot of Mitre Peak, a 6,000 ft. peak, which we are named for.

We offer horseback riding, hiking, crafts, canoeing, rappelling, star gazing, archery, swimming lessons, backpacking, trips out of camp, outdoor cooking, and much more!

[Click here](#) for more information

#### 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.

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

For those not interested or unable to attend the GSLI, we are also offering three scholarships totaling \$2,500 to three exceptional girls!

[Click here](#) for more information on Girl Scout scholarships!

#### Community Meetings

The CEO, Diane Flanagan, Board members and staff will be



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present to provide updates on council and what you can expect in upcoming months. Most of all we want to hear from you! What are your thoughts and ideas about Girl Scouting in your community, how effectively are we meeting the needs of girls, what are we doing right, where do we need to improve? Your opinions are valuable to us and we are listening!

[Click here](#) for more information

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### **Women of Distinction**

The 20th Annual Women of Distinction Luncheon will be held Thursday, March 31, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Green Tree Country Club in Midland, TX. The following nine outstanding women from the Permian Basin will be honored for having distinguished themselves as role models for girls today: Feliz Abalos, Jacqui Gore, D'Ann Green, and Laurie Johnson, all of Odessa; Maridell Fryar, Rosalind Redfern Grover, Gene Keyser Jones, and Sandra Staley, all of Midland; and Marj Carpenter, Big Spring.

Proceeds from the event support the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest Scholarship Fund that provides college scholarships for high school seniors and, this year, scholarships for four girls to attend the Leadership Institute at the National Council Meeting in Houston in November. Sponsorships are available beginning at \$500. Tables for eight reserved seating are \$350 each. Open seating is \$40 per ticket.

Please contact Marnell Fox for more information on tickets or sponsorship. She may be reached at (432)-550-2688 ext. 305.

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### **Save The Date: Girl Scouts Alumni Reception**

El Paso Girl Scouts Alumni Reception  
April 21, 2011  
Camp Pioneer

Stay tuned to our web site for more information!

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### **Save The Date: GSDSW Annual Meeting**

Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest Annual Meeting  
April 30, 2011  
New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum - Las Cruces, NM

Stay tuned to our web site for more information!

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### **Gift of Caring Program**

The end of cookie season is less than three weeks away. As you stock up on your favorite Girl Scout Cookies, don't forget to purchase boxes for our deployed soldiers through the Gift of Caring Service Project. You purchase the cookies and we'll deliver them to our deployed soldiers!

[Click here](#) for more information

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### **Deadline for Girl Awards Final Reports**

All Final Reports for Girl Award recipients MUST be submitted by

Story!

- Birthday Club

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**Are you looking for something fun to do with your troop or family? [Click here](#) for a complete list of upcoming Girl Programs!**

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

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this deadline in order to be included in May 22's Girl Award Ceremony.

For questions or further information, please contact Valerie Venecia at [vvenecia@gsdsw.org](mailto:vvenecia@gsdsw.org).

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### Program Transition Notice

In September 2011, Girl Scouts will welcome a new resource publication, The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting. Each age level of Girl Scouts will have their own guide containing updates of beloved traditions to include handbooks, badge awards and cookie program information. Used in conjunction with the Journey books, the complete program will explore leadership and skill building.

With new program and resources coming available, some current programming is being retired. Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest's Retail Staff are working toward making this transition as smooth as possible for our Volunteers and Girls. Our goal is to meet customer demand, but deplete current stock of retiring items.

For more information on this transition [click here](#).

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### 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@gsdsw.org](mailto:mbaray@gsdsw.org) or [click here](#) to share your own!

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### Photos From Around the Council



Troop #388 on KVIA with some of our great GSDSW staff!



Troop #96 Mt. Poppy at their first meeting of the new year!



Girl Scouts in Capitan, NM selling cookie through the snow!

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