



COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

June 2011

LATEST NEWS

Girl Scout Leadership Institute

We are pleased to announce the following Girl Scouts have received scholarships* to the 2011 National Girl Scout Leadership Institute:

- Jacquelyn Estrada - El Paso, TX
- Serina Lee Pack - Silver City, NM
- Katherine Smith - Midland, TX
- Callie Tompkins - Deming, NM

*The scholarships will cover transportation, hotel, registration, and meals.

More than 1,200 girls from across the nation will gather in Houston, Texas for the 2011 National Girl Scout Leadership Institute (GSLI): Leadership and Innovation...the Next 100 Years. GSLI will be an integrated track within the 52nd GSUSA National Council Meeting. Participants will be included in the National Convention Opening Ceremony on Thursday evening as well as other scheduled events.



IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for volunteers who like to teach! Help us make our troop leaders the best they can be and ensure a quality Girl Scout Leadership Experience for all girls in our council. We need trainers in every region of the council. Trainers will train local volunteers, there is no need to travel. We will give you all the tools you need to be successful starting with a "Train the Trainer" course. Pick a date and location listed below. Sign up today to become a trainer... or if you are not sure, come to the training and find out if it is right for you!

July 9- Carlsbad Girl Scout Office, 9:00-1:00pm

July 16- Odessa Girl Scout Office, 9:00-1:00pm

July 23- El Paso Girl Scout Office, 9:00-1:00pm

Sign up by emailing Kerry Rice at krice@gstdsw.org or call her at 575-437-2921 for more information. You may also contact your local Membership Manager to reserve your spot or talk about the opportunity. Volunteers need to complete the [Volunteer Council Facilitator](#) application. Application can be submitted prior to or the day of training.

Journey Training

Here's your opportunity to learn how to use Journeys with your troop. In the month of July we will be offering Journey training in all three regions of the council. The Journey books are great resources and are central to the Girl Scout Leadership Program. Let's move forward, start your troop off right and lead your girls on a Journey that will help them build courage, confidence, and character.

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Earlybird Fun at Western Playland

Please join us for our Earlybird event at Western Playland! We are offering discounted tickets of \$15.00. You must be registered as a Girl Scout for 2012 to attend. Register today! [Click here](#) for more information on the event.

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.

- 2011 GSLI Winners
- Volunteer Opportunity
- Journey Training
- Earlybird Fun at Western Playland
- Help Wanted!
- Volunteer Conference
- Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting
- Tell Us Your Story!
- GSDSW Birthday Club
- Photos Around Council

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!

Save the Date: Third Annual GSDSW Volunteer Conference

This year's Volunteer Conference will take place August 26th through the 28th at Camp Mitre Peak. Stay tuned to our web site for more information.

Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting

Have you heard about the Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting premiering in October? The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting is the newest resource from GSUSA and you are going to love it! It is a badge and handbook in one great book for girls. [Click here](#) to check out an amazing video from GSUSA on the GGGS.

For a limited time, you may get a head start on the new year and preorder your Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting for 25% off the retail price!

[Click here](#) for more information.

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 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



Troop 96 donated coloring books, crayons and markers to the pediatric unit at Las Palmas Medical Center in El Paso, TX!



Troop 31 of Roswell prepares for geological journey into Carlsbad Caverns!



Troop 14 visited their local police department and learned all about the men and women who protect us everyday!

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