



COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

LATEST NEWS

**How Can We Help Japan?**

The tragedy in Japan after the earthquake and tsunami on March 11th along with their escalating nuclear crisis has affected everyone worldwide. Learn how the Girl Scouts are helping out and what you can do to help [here](#).

**Gift of Caring Program**

Cookie season might be over, but it is not too late to bring a ray of sunshine to our deployed soldiers through the Gift of Caring Service Project. You purchase the cookies and we'll deliver them to our men and women of the armed forces!

[Click here](#) for more information

**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, for which the camp



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is named.

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

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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](#).

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### **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 college scholarships!

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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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### **Community Meetings**

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

- [Tell Us Your Story](#)

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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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## Girl Scouts Alumnae Celebration

El Paso Girl Scouts Alumnae Celebration  
April 21, 2011  
Camp Pioneer  
Girl Scout Lane  
El Paso's Upper Valley

Stay tuned to our web site for more information!

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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



Midland Girl Scouts at the West Texas Drillers Game on March 12, 2011



Girl Scouts at the Pow-Wow Day Camp in Big Springs, TX on March 15, 2011



Girl Scouts celebrating National Thinking Day and the Girl Scouts birthday with a great program and an even more amazing cake!

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