



COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2010

Hello [NAME],

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**OUR 2010-2011 PROGRAM GUIDE, ADULT TRAINING CALENDAR AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES GUIDE ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE!**

[Program Guide](#) - Plan your journey month-by-month with this valuable tool! Browse the many programs we are offering for girls (and some for the whole family), mark your calendars and have some fun! Remember to visit our website regularly for the most up-to-date program information.

[Adult Training Calendar](#) - GSDSW provides training to currently registered adult members as part of its commitment to adult volunteers. This publication offers a complete listing of course offerings and schedules.

[Community Resources Guide](#) - Are you looking for something for your troop or group to do outside of your regular meetings? Do you want to explore the council with your family? We have compiled a list of businesses that support Girl Scouts within our council. Please contact them directly for more information or to set up an event.

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**CALL FOR PROPOSALS TO HOST THE 2011 ANNUAL MEETING: SHOW US WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT YOUR AREA AND WHAT MAKES IT SHINE!**



April 30, 2011 is just around the corner and our next Annual Meeting needs a home! Here's an opportunity for your Service Unit to shine by hosting this great event!

As a host your responsibilities will be to:

- Arrange a venue (with a capacity of 150 to 200)
- Choose a theme and decorate for the meeting
- Plan the luncheon menu
- Provide a flag ceremony and/or girl entertainment

Council staff will provide all the support you need to make this the greatest Annual Meeting ever!

If your Service Unit is interested, the first step is to form a committee and put together a proposal. The council board will make a final selection and announce the winner in December.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download and complete a proposal form.

Proposals must be received no later than 5 p.m. on November 18, 2010.



Destinations offer Girl Scouts - ages 11 to 17 - a means to travel to exciting places, make lifelong friends and explore their interests. It can be a chance of a lifetime.

The deadline to submit your application is November 1st. You may email, fax or mail your application to:

Valerie Venecia

Program Manager

9700 Girl Scout Way

El Paso, TX 79924

email: [vvenecia@gdsw.org](mailto:vvenecia@gdsw.org)

Fax: (915) 565-1500

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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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**Resources:**

Download the [Application and Instructions](#)

Download [More Information and Tips About Trips](#)

**Where can I travel to?**

Click here to [View a complete list of Destinations Opportunities](#)

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**SIGN UP FOR GIRL AWARD TRAINING TODAY!**

**Gold Award Training** - [Download registration form!](#)

Date: December 4, 2010

Level: Open to girls in grades 9-12

Cost: FREE

Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Place: Camp Pioneer; 3400 Girl Scout Rd.; Sunland Park, NM 88063

Capacity: min. 10, max. 50

Registration Deadline: December 2, 2010

**Bronze & Silver Award Training** - [Download registration form!](#)

Date: November 6, 2010

Level: Open to girls in grades 4-8

Cost: FREE

Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Place: Girl Scout Program Center; 9700 Girl Scout Way; El Paso, TX 79924

Capacity: min. 10, max. 50

Registration Deadline: November 4, 2010

For more information, please contact Valerie Venecia at (915) 566-9433 ext. 213 or via email at [vvenecia@gsw.org](mailto:vvenecia@gsw.org).

Visit our [website](#) to download Girl Award forms and requirements.

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## CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY WITH THE GSDSW BIRTHDAY CLUB!

Give the gift of Girl Scouting on your birthday. Make your birthday special by helping to build tomorrow's leaders - today! 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](#) to download the Birthday Club Membership Form

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## 2010 FALL PRODUCT SALE UPDATE

- November 16-17: Troop Final Paperwork is due to SU Fall Product Manager
- November 18-19: Final Paperwork is due to Council from SU Fall Product Manager

Discrepancy Reports are due to [productsales@gsdsw.org](mailto:productsales@gsdsw.org) by November 17, 2010.

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## 2011 COOKIE TRAINING DATES ARE HERE!

- November 29: Roswell, NM 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- November 30: Artesia, NM 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- December 1: Carlsbad, NM 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- December 2: Deming, NM 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- December 3: El Paso, TX 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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- December 4: El Paso, TX 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- December 6: Odessa, TX 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- December 6: Midland, TX 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- December 7: Pecos, TX Time TBA
- December 8: Camp Mitre Peak Time TBA

### Webinars

- Live Webinars begin December 16
- Self-Paced Webinars (available 24/7) will begin December 22

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### ANNOUNCING THE 2011 COOKIE COLLEGE!

Date: January 8, 2011

Level: Open to all girls grades K-12 and their families

Cost: \$10 per person

Time: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Place: El Paso Convention Center; 1 Civic Center Plaza; El Paso, TX

Registration Deadline: December 15, 2010

Patch/Badge: Every Girl Scout will receive a Cookie College Patch

Transportation is available on a limited basis from Midland/Odessa, TX and Artesia/Carlsbad, NM. It will be based on receipt of registration, so register early.

### About the Cookie College:

Count Me In! The Future is My Business!

- Girls, Troops and their families will enjoy booths with hands-on activities for girls
- Girls will be able to attend break out sessions on Financial Literacy, Marketing and Safety
- Come and see the recognitions and learn about the cookies for 2011
- Girl Scouts can receive an Associates, Bachelors and Masters Degree in Cookienomics based on completion of course curriculum

### Forms:

- [Cookie College Flyer](#)
- [Registration Form](#)

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**INTRODUCING THE ALL NEW ALUMNAE ONLINE COMMUNITY. REGISTER TODAY!**



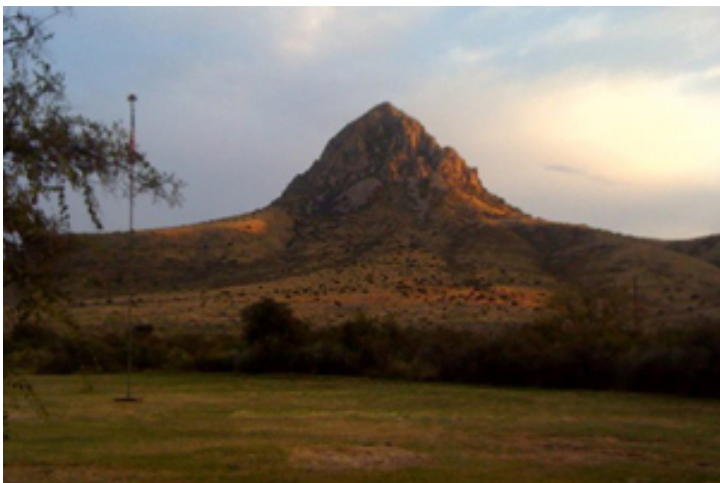
Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest now has its very own online alumnae community where you will find the most up-to-date information about connecting and reconnecting with us and other alumnae. Use of this space is a great way to find former leaders, get reconnected to Girl Scouting and to connect with other alumnae from Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest. Plus, this is a great way to find out how you can make a difference in the lives of current Girl Scouts through various events and volunteer opportunities! You can blog, post comments on each other's walls, share photographs and read about Girl Scout events for alumnae, girls and volunteers!

What's the next step? Visit <http://alumnae.girlscouts.org>, set up your profile and then spread the word to as many alumnae as you can! Click on the Refer a Friend option under My Profile to invite fellow Girl Scouts. We welcome your feedback on what photos, features and information to include and any improvements to the site you would like to see.

We are very excited about all the photos, the memories and the stories that you will post about your own Girl Scout experiences. **ONCE A GIRL SCOUT, ALWAYS A GIRL SCOUT!**

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#### NEWS FROM AROUND THE COUNCIL



*Girl Scout alumnae lent a helping hand during the Camp Mitre Peak Work Weekend organized by Troop Mitre members October 14-17, 2010. The weekend was a success! There are plans to return the weekend of November 12-14, 2010 to finish painting as well as to enjoy the beautiful and unique Camp Mitre Peak! Photo provided by Sherry*

*Bell: Sunset on Mitre Peak.*



*Girl Scouts young and old gathered in Andrews, TX for a Celebration of Dephane "Daffey" Tabor's Birthday on October 17, 2010.*



Once a Girl Scout, Always a Girl Scout. Troop 20, which has been meeting for 60 years, hosted a very special reunion in Artesia, NM on September 18, 2010. More information: [Click here](#) to view an article in the Artesia Daily Press.



Girl Scout Troop 153 (Indian Summer SU) at Girl Scout Night at Peter Piper Pizza in El Paso, TX on October 6, 2010.



*Sister Troops! Girl Scouts from GSDSW in El Paso, TX and Girl Scouts from Ciudad Juarez, Mexico recently met at Maldonado Maze for a great time.*



*Sand and fun at the Desert & Dunes event in Monahans, TX.*



*Girls making the world a better place at the Adopt-A-River Kick-Off Party in El Paso, TX.*



*Girls learning all about camping at the Camp Like a Girl event in Carlsbad, NM.*

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