

Consistent Agenda Items

Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Inc.

March 2009

A. Adult Awards & Recognitions:

We're looking for Numeral Guard recipients: As we update our membership database, we ask that if you have been a member of Girl Scouts (girl plus adult years) for 20+ years, in five-years increments please email Cinnamon Draper at cdraper@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org. In your email include your full name, mailing address, email address, daytime phone number and the number of years you've been a member.

B. Adult Education and Training: It is time for Outdoor Potpourri! Camp Meriwether will be the setting for fun and more fun while learning how to engage your girls in fun activities that are outdoor-oriented. A flyer about this fun activity and how to register is attached.

C. Annual Fund: Service Unit chair has report.

D. Badge and Sash: Our New Cumming Store in Forsyth County is now open!

Grand Opening will be March 17, 19 and 21st. Prizes for all shoppers. Grand prize to be given away Saturday March 21st at 12 noon! The store is located at 133 Samaritan Drive. Suite 204. Cumming. Phone 770-205-0412. **Store hours** are Tues. and Thurs. 10-5, closed for lunch 2:30-3:30 so you can shop during your lunch hours. It will be open the 3rd Sat. of March-May.

- **Cookie Sale Treats/Gifts** - Visit each of our stores for special Cookie Sale tools and gifts. Cookie T-shirts and sweatshirts are marked down. The Green Cookie Jar Reg. \$36.00 now \$24.99. Green Cookie Plates reg. \$20.00 now \$13.99-Great Cookie Mom/Dad gifts or treat yourself!
- **Limited quantities of Cookie Jars & Plates in stock. GIRL SCOUT BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!!** - Each store will have a special Birthday Celebration for their shoppers on **March 12th**. Shop for your chance to win \$5 or \$10 or \$20 off your purchase for the day.
- **Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards Ceremonies** -Great new gifts for your Awardees in each store.
- **Leader Appreciation Day, April 22** - Great gifts in all stores.
- **Earth Day-Stay Green-Think Green - April 22** - New Keeping Green Merchandise in all stores including t-shirts, water bottles, stuffed animals, patches and shopping bags.
- **Camp Care Bags** for summer resident campers in our Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta Camps. All bags are \$36.99. Order thru the Atlanta store. Orders forms are on line at: www.girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org or call 404-527-7669 to place your order. Store Numbers: Atlanta-404-527-7669, Dalton-706-226-1435, Griffin-770- 227-2524 x 201

E. Community Service Opportunities: Girls Care Design-a-patch contest. The council's Girls Care initiative is an effort to encourage girls to step into leadership roles while serving their communities. This leadership opportunity will allow girls to **Discover** the world around them, **Connect** with others, and **Take Action** to solve problems and improve their communities. That's why this year we're looking for the best girl-designed logo to represent our council-wide initiative. The winning design will be the 2010 Girls Care council participation patch. This contest is open to all grade levels. **To enter the Girls Care design-a-patch contest:**

1. Create your design within the attached template.
2. Using clip art, free hand drawings, shapes, or photos, design your patch to illustrate a logo that would represent Girls Care projects council-wide. (Your logo should not represent your individual service unit project.)

3. E-mail your work to cdraper@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org, or mail to Cinnamon Draper, 1577 Northeast Expressway, Atlanta, GA 30329. Visit www.girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org the week of April 1 for the announcement of the winner. ****Contest entries accepted through March 21****

Volunteer Opportunities for troops - Please be sure to visit the Featured Opportunities section of our website. If you have any questions, please contact Cinnamon Draper at 678-686-7557 or cdraper@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org for service opportunities.

F. Cookie Program: Girl Scout Cookie Booth Sale Reminder! It's not too late to take orders - Girl Scout Cookies are still in demand! **Cookies will be available at the warehouse until Saturday, March 21, so every girl should be encouraged to continue taking orders. Cookie warehouse locations are conveniently located throughout the council's jurisdiction with easy access and pick up. Girls should contact their troop cookie manager or service unit cookie manager for more information on how to obtain more cookies and/or how to get their Goal Getter order card for this extended order taking period.**

Know of a Girl Scout Cookie Booth Sale? We want to know about it! The Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta Cookie Locator is available. The locator can be used to easily find specific Girl Scout Cookie Booth sales within our jurisdiction. Customers will be able to search by either county or city. Be sure to encourage all troops to submit their booth sale locations to their service unit cookie manager - there is still time to have them included on our Web site. **Need another booth sale location?**

If your troop is looking to earn some extra cash, then here's your opportunity to host an additional booth sale at one of the following locations:

[Girl Scout Service Center, Atlanta](#)

[Girl Scout Service Center, Dalton](#)

[Girl Scout Service Center, Griffin](#)

[Art Institute of Atlanta](#)

[Floor & Decor](#)

Sign up today at www.girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org If your troop is selected for its requested time slot, you will be contacted by a member of the cookie program team. **Additional locations will be added weekly.**

G. From our Finance Department: *We need your help to save on Non Sufficient Fund (NSF) charge!*

Registrations and Annual Fund donations pass through many hands before the check actually arrives at the Atlanta Service Center to be processed. ***Currently, it takes an average of 10 weeks for a registration or Annual Fund donation to be processed!*** Each registration/donation must pass from the parent, to the troop leader, to the Service Unit registrar and finally the Area Registrar. Each stop along the way increases the possibility that the check will be returned or that a credit card will have expired. You can help us by turning in your paperwork to your designated Service Unit volunteer as quickly as possible. If you are waiting on outstanding registration or donations, please turn in what you have already collected and turn in the other paperwork as it is received. This simple step will save us. . .

H. Girl Program Department: We are looking for troops that can pick up recycled materials at the VSC and take to local recycling facilities (Community Service Hours). If interested please email Tenequa Wildy at: twildy@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org or call 404-527-7523 for more information.

I. Girl Scout Resource Center: "I have something for the girls of Savannah, and America and all the world..." And with that famous telephone call, Juliette Gordon Low brought Girl Guides (soon to be Girl Scouts) to America! The first troop meeting was on March 12, 1912, now celebrated as the Girl Scout Birthday. This year, March 8-14 will be celebrated as Girl Scout Week – a great time for the girls in your troop to learn more about our Girl Scout family history, give a birthday gift of service to the community, or have a Girl

Scout birthday party. Interested girls might make a Girl Scout display for their school or public library, city hall, or place of worship. Some religious leaders will incorporate the Girl Scout Promise and Law into their Girl Scout week services, or involve Girl Scouts in a special worship service, if troops meet at or are sponsored by their synagogue, temple, church, meeting house, etc.

Some great program links for Girl Scout Week are the Welcome to the Daisy Flower Garden Journey; the Brownie Girl Scouts Through the Years and the History Try-Its; the Girl Scouting in the USA badge; the Women Through Time Interest Project; and the Discovering Our History council enrichment patch. Resources available for checkout from the Resource Centers include books about Juliette Low and the Girl Scouts, and the Discovering Our History and Daisy's Days Treasure Boxes.

J. Outdoor Program: SEND A HORSE TO CAMP - Camp Meriwether, Camp Misty Mountain and Camp Pine Acres are seeking good horses to delight and meet the needs of summer camp horse lovers. The camps are looking for horses on short-term lease, to purchase, or for tax exempt donation. Camp horses need to be well trained, kid friendly, healthy and sound enough to work up to 4 hours per day, 5 days a week, with a preferred age of 6 – 18 years. Horses do not need to be in peak condition or currently schooled. Camp staff will ride and condition the horses when they have been placed at camp. Horses accepted for short term lease will need to be available May 1 – August 1, 2009. If you or someone you know has a horse that may be appropriate to work in the summer equestrian program please contact Gloria Driggers cmmhorses@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org 706-629- 1030 or Mary Tebo Grimes cmwhorses@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org 770-927-1020. Gloria or Mary will schedule a visit to evaluate the horse. If a horse is determined to be suitable for the camp equestrian program, terms of use and transport arrangements will be made with the owner at the time of the visit.

Don't miss out on Family Camp at Camp Pine Valley this Memorial Day weekend. Spend a fun-filled weekend on the camp beach and in the shady woods. Contact Jennifer for more details: jbuckelew@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org.

Did you know 3 of our resident camps are offering day camp all summer long? Check out all the details on the website for day camps at Camp Timber Ridge, Camp Pine Acres and Camp Meriwether. Spend one week or seven weeks in the summer sun at day camp.

Meriwether – Kathy Elliott, kelliott@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org; Pine Acres – Erin Steill, esteill@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org; Timber Ridge – Kristi Fulford, kfulford@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org.

K. Membership Department: Spring registration is a great time for Service Unit Team members and troop leaders to evaluate the Girl Scout year using the Troop Leader Position Description as a guide. A Troop Leader Review survey is being provided for all leaders in the troop's registration packet. Leaders should complete the survey and return it to their service unit directors as soon as possible. A Checklist for Leaders Not Continuing with the Troop is also provided in the packet.

If you know you are not continuing with your troop as a leader please call a meeting of your troop parents as soon as possible so new leadership can be recruited. Background checks and training can be completed during the summer so the troop can continue on in the fall. If troop leadership will change at the end of the year please follow the guidelines on page 51 of the Council Guide for Volunteers on "Changes in Troop Leadership". Reminder: Troop leaders are role models for our girls – both in attitude and action. Every troop must have a leader and one or more assistant leaders. If a male is in a leadership position there must always be an unrelated female as part of the leadership team. Also, "if two members of the leadership team are related or live in the same household, there must be a third responsible adult that is not related and does not live in the same household as the other leaders present at all troop meetings and activities"

(Council Guide for Volunteers, page 13). If you have any questions or concerns about spring registration, using the leader surveys, finding new troop leadership or anything else please contact your Membership Specialist. **Spring registration** begins March 16th through May 22nd. Please see attached flyer for details

L. Marketing and Media: New Volunteer conference calls: Hear from the experts about what works, share your ideas and get your questions answered!

M. Risk Management / Safety-Wise: No report this month.

The agenda is posted to the website on the third Monday of each month. Please check the website after March 16th for updates and/or additions to these reports.