

# Consistent Agenda Items

## Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Inc.

### November 2008

#### A. Adult Awards & Recognitions:

**New Opportunities for Volunteers to be recognized:** The new addition of Area 5 to form the Girl Scout Council of Greater Atlanta, Inc. has opened up new ways to recognize our hard working volunteers. Be sure to check out the Adult Recognition section of our website for more information.

**You still have time:** There is a new deadline for high honor award nominations. Nominations will be accepted until **January 9, 2009**. Those nominees approved for these awards will be presented their pins during the annual recognition ceremony to be held April 26, 2009.

- **Helen Foster Award of Excellence** - Provided service to two or more service units in multiple volunteer positions.
- **Honor Pin** - Provided service to two or more counties in one position.
- **Thanks Badge** – Provided service to benefit the total council or entire Girl Scout movement in one or more volunteer positions.
- **Thanks Badge II** - Provided continued service after receiving the Thanks Badge that benefit the council or entire Girl Scout Movement.
- **Trefoil Award** - Provided service as an organization or business in support of the entire council .

In addition, the **Appreciation Pin** will now only be presented once a year as well. The nomination deadline is also **January 9, 2009**. It will also be awarded during the Annual Recognitions' ceremony. If you would like to nominate someone for one of these awards and don't know how, contact Cinnamon Draper at 678-686-7557 or [cdraper@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org](mailto:cdraper@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org) .

#### **Outstanding Leader and Outstanding Volunteer form update**

The forms for Outstanding Leader and Outstanding Volunteer have been revised. To recognize someone for one of these awards, all you need to do is fill out the new nomination form and get three people from your service unit to sign it, as well as your membership specialist. The new forms will soon be found listed on the adult recognition page of the council's website under.

For more details about volunteer recognitions, contact **Cinnamon Draper** at 678-686-7557 or [draper@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org](mailto:draper@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org)

**B. Adult Education and Training:** The Adult Education Team is pleased to announce the creation of **Guiding the Journey** in a Facilitated Home Study workbook format. Registration for Guiding the Journey FHS is available online through Learning Opportunities on the Web. The workbook will take approximately two hours to complete, as it involves essay answers throughout. Ownership of the girl and adult journey book for your program level is necessary to complete the class. Guiding the Journey will not be developed into an online class. Only classroom and FHS options are available.

**New Leader Training Online** has been updated to better reflect the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, activities and processes, pathways, and new resources. Also updated is the council name and the Girl Scout Service Center locations and available services. This class closely parallels New Leader Training in the classroom.

**New Leader Training Facilitated Home Study** is the last basic leadership class being updated, and revisions should be complete by Friday, October 24.

The next two **Safe Sitter Babysitting Training** classes, for girls 11-13 only, are scheduled for Sunday, November 30, and Saturday, March 7. At this time, there are still a few openings in each class, which runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration for any of the classes mentioned is available through **Learning Opportunities on the Web**. Contact Tenequa Wildy at [twildy@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org](mailto:twildy@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org) or 404-527-7523 if you need assistance with registration.

**E. Annual Fund:** Attached is a letter for your use to parents who have not yet contributed to Annual Fund.

**Badge and Sash:**

**1. Greater Atlanta ID strips** are here!

Currently we are asking everyone to continue to purchase and use the Northwest GA ID set for \$1.50. Put Girl Scouts of USA on top and put

**Greater Atlanta ID (\$ .50) on the bottom, keep NWGA as a souvenir.** Total cost of \$2.00 which is half of the usual \$4.00 for ID sets.

We are suggesting the above for new troops or bridging troops. Girls with their ID sets already on their uniform can choose to leave the Northwest GA ID on or they can remove it and replace it with the new Greater Atlanta ID strip.

The full Greater Atlanta ID sets will probably be available around the first of 2009 and will cost the usual ID set cost of \$4.00.

**2. Girl Scout Night with the Gwinnett Gladiators**, Saturday November 22 at 7:05, in the Gwinnett Arena. Tickets are on sale in the Badge & Sash, Atlanta store @ \$15.00. Each troop that purchases 20 or more tickets can enter to win an opportunity to have a cookie booth at the March 7<sup>th</sup> Gladiators game.

**3. The Badge & Sash Stores** will be closed November 20-22 for Thanksgiving holiday.

**F. Community Service Opportunities:**

- **Girls Care**

Registration for Girls Care Youth Project Coordinator training will begin November 24. Junior, Senior, Cadette, and Ambassador age girls who plan on leading their service unit's Global Youth Service Day community service project during the weekend of April 24-26, 2009 should sign up for one of these workshops.

December:	Saturday	December 13, 2008	10 -11:30 a.m.
	Sunday	December 14, 2008	2 - 3:30 p.m.
January:	Saturday	January 24, 2009	2 – 3:30 p.m.
	Sunday	January 25, 2009	2 – 3:30 p.m.
February:	Saturday	February 7, 2009	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
	Tuesday	February 17, 2009	6 – 7:30 p.m.
	Saturday	February 28, 2009	3 – 4:30 p.m.

To register, contact Cinnamon Draper at [cdraper@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org](mailto:cdraper@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org) or 678-686-7557 with the preferred workshop date, troop number, leaders name, phone number, email address, and number of girls and adults attending.

**G. Cookie Program:**

- All service unit cookie managers should be distributing age level Cookie Program Activity Books to leaders. Troops may begin to use the activity books as soon as they have them in hand. Have fun!
- All service unit cookie managers should be planning to attend training on November 8<sup>th</sup>. If you need your training location date and time, please contact your area cookie coordinator.
- Training for troop cookie managers and leaders will begin November 9; look forward to new and exciting information to share with girls and parents regarding the 2009 Cookie Program.
- The cookie team will host a Cookie Café at the GS Service Center, Atlanta on November 22 and December 6 from 10 -1 pm. A Cookie Café will also be held in the GS Service Centers in Dalton and Griffin on December 13 from 10 – 1 pm. The 2009 girl recognitions will be on display and samples the NEW Dulce de Leche cookie will be available. Troop cookie managers will have an opportunity to view eBUdde, the council's online cookie managing tool.

**H. Girl Program Department:** Check out your regional newsletter from your Program Specialist.

**I. Girl Scout Resource Center:** Check the website after November 17<sup>th</sup> for any updates.

**J. Outdoor Program:** Have you ever wanted to attend summer resident camp with your troop? Camp Pine Acres and Camp Pine Valley will offer 3-day troop resident camping in summer 2009. Camp provides the activities, meals and activity staff while you provide the transportation and supervision. You and your girls will enjoy living in platform tents, swimming, boating, arts and crafts and campfires as you are a part of the resident camp program. Watch for details on the web and in your upcoming service unit meetings and newsletters. For more information contact Erin [esteill@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org](mailto:esteill@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org) at Pine Acres or Jennifer [jbuckelew@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org](mailto:jbuckelew@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org) at Pine Valley.

**K. Membership Department:**

**J. Marketing and Media:**

**New Volunteer conference calls:** You don't have to face Atlanta traffic for this learning opportunity... you can do it in your pajamas and slippers! Hear from the experts about what works, share your ideas and get your questions answered! There will be **two sessions, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., every fourth Thursday** (except Dec.) available for new volunteers. If you have been a volunteer for a year or less, just call-in on a toll-free number and join the conference call. **Here's your chance to learn about:**

**Nov. 23** – Taking your troop on the road – field trips and more

**Jan. 22** – Let's get global – World Thinking Day and other traditions

**Feb. 26** – Wrapping up the year with service and spring registration

**March 26** – Celebrating your success – end-of-year celebrations

**April 23** – Summer fun to keep your troop strong – thinking ahead to next year

Spots are limited! Go to the website:

[http://www.girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org/new\\_volunteers](http://www.girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org/new_volunteers)

Once you are registered, you will receive the details about how to join the conference call.

**K. Risk Management / Safety-Wise:** This month is a review of how non-member insurance is ordered for events. This process has changed from the past. Please do not automatically send \$5.00 per event – sometimes it costs more and sometimes much less.

Non-member insurance is automatically ordered for all approved events.

- For most recruitment events held in August and September the council pays the premium. All the service unit has to do is notify the council of the dates of the recruitment events and it will be taken care of.
- For all other recruitment events, service unit events, and troop sponsored large events, non-member insurance will automatically be ordered once the approval cycle for the Beyond the Troop Event application has been completed. At that time an email will be sent to the event director listed on the application alerting them that the insurance has been ordered, how much the premium is and how to remit it to the council.