



# CONNECTIONS

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## Save these key dates

- December
- 1 Registration begins for spring/summer troop camping (March-August)
- 2008
- January
- 18-Feb. 3 Girls take orders for Girl Scout Cookie Program
  - 22 Summer resident camp registration begins
- February
- 22 World Thinking Day

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# IT'S COOKIE SHOW TIME!



## Don't miss the HIT cookie program

This year's Girl Scout Cookie Program theme, MAKE IT A HIT!, uses theater arts to put girls as leaders in the spotlight. Girls will discover that it takes all kinds of talents to make their cookie production a spectacular success. While practicing and performing, girls develop self-confidence, use their imaginations and build self-esteem. More importantly, girls will learn that hits don't just happen – they are made through imagination, rehearsal, commitment, teamwork and the sharing of each person's unique talents.

Visit the council's Web site at [www.girlscoutsnwga.org](http://www.girlscoutsnwga.org) often for new and updated Girl Scout Cookie Program information, including sales tips, information for parents and new volunteers, cookie program dates and fun activities for girls.

## 2008 cookie program dates

- Dec. 14 Deadline for troops to register in order to sell cookies
- Jan. 5 Training for service unit cookie managers
- Jan. 6-12 Training for troop cookie managers
- Jan. 13-18 Troop cookie managers train girls
- Jan. 18-Feb. 3 Girls take orders
- Feb. 6 Girls' initial orders due to troop cookie manager
- March 5 Cookie booth sales begin
- March 18 Girls' money due to troop cookie manager

## How to make a HIT!

Get trained – All troop cookie managers must be trained and will receive valuable information and resources to help with planning, goal setting, sales techniques and fun activities. Troop cookie managers and leaders can visit the cookie program pages on the Web site at [www.girlscoutsnwga.org](http://www.girlscoutsnwga.org) for helpful information on the cookie program prior to training with the service unit cookie manager.

Inform parents – Direct parents to the cookie program pages on the Web site. There is a guide for parents that gives information on how to help their daughter and the troop.

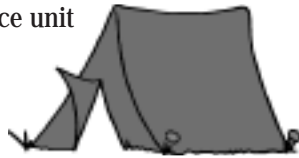
Participate – All girls (except Daisy Girl Scouts) are expected to sell cookies and participate in the cookie program. Each girl MUST have a signed parent permission form.

Earn more – In addition to the troop profit each troop earns, troop can also qualify for an additional troop bonus of \$175 if the troop averages 175 boxes per girl.

Stay informed – Know your service unit cookie manager and visit the Web site at [www.girlscoutsnwga.org](http://www.girlscoutsnwga.org), click on Cookie Program.

## New camp brochure coming

Watch for a new camp publication coming out after Thanksgiving. It will include Summer Resident Camp, Day Camp at Timber Ridge and service unit sponsored day camps all in one brochure. It will be mailed to all girls who are registered Girl Scouts for the 2007-08 year. It



will not be mailed to service unit directors. The brochure

will be available on the Web site at [www.girlscoutsnwga.org](http://www.girlscoutsnwga.org). Registration for Summer Resident Camp and Timber Ridge Day Camp, Sunday, June 1-Friday, July 25, begins Tuesday, Jan. 22. Virtual tours of all resident camps are also available on the Web site at [www.girlscoutsnwga.org](http://www.girlscoutsnwga.org). A \$50 registration fee is required with all applications. Take advantage of our online registration; see more details about it in the camp brochure. Camp Timber Ridge offers seven weeks of Day Camp.

Registration for most Service Unit Day Camps will begin Saturday, March 1. Check out a wide variety of options for day and twilight camps.

## Annual Meeting set for May 2008

The council's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, May 18, 2-4 p.m., at the Atlanta History Center.

## Earn Annual Fund troop awards

Remember, Jan. 18, 2008 is the deadline for troop awards in the Annual Fund campaign! In order for a troop to earn the award, 100 percent of the troop must participate in the campaign. The awards are as follows:

Average gift size	Award
100 percent participation	
\$40	\$25 Badge & Sash gift certificate
\$50	\$40 Badge & Sash gift certificate
\$75	\$50 Badge & Sash gift certificate
\$100	\$75 Badge & Sash gift certificate

You are vital to ensuring the success of the Annual Fund campaign. Your support of the troops during the campaign makes certain the council can provide outstanding Girl Scout programming for our girls, now and in the future.

## New resources for troops

Three new or revised modules – the Patrol, Town Meeting and Executive Board notebooks– are now available for your troop or group to use as the girls learn to manage their troop and its activities.

Download copies of the notebooks from the council Web site at [www.girlscoutsnwga.org](http://www.girlscoutsnwga.org) in the Volunteer Zone or request a copy from the nearest volunteer service center.

## Plan for National Youth Service Day

Girls Care is the theme for the Girl Scout Council of Northwest Georgia's initiative for National Youth Service Day, April 25-27, 2008.

Through this leadership opportunity girls will discover their personal best and prepare for a positive future, connect with others in an increasingly diverse world and take action to solve problems and improve their communities.

For detailed information, pick up a Girls Care Handbook at a volunteer service center. The handbook is also available online at [www.girlscoutsnwga.org](http://www.girlscoutsnwga.org) on the Contributing to Society page under Events and Things to Do.

## Girls Care T-shirt design contest

Now that you have chosen your cause, design your shirt! Contest entries will be accepted Jan. 1-March 21. Look for contest details on the Web at [www.girlscoutsnwga.org](http://www.girlscoutsnwga.org) and click on the Contributing to Society page and go to Events and Things To Do.

## News from the Badge & Sash

Shop at the Badge & Sash Girl Scout stores at the Atlanta and Dalton volunteer service centers for all of your Girl Scout needs for girls and adults. Our stores are brimming with lots of exciting Girl Scout merchandise. We stock the majority of the items shown in the current Girl Scout catalog, plus many council-specific items.

### 2008 Girl Scout calendars

Calendars are available only in the Badge & Sash stores. Calendar packets with troop and girl order forms have been distributed to all service units. If you need additional calendar order packets please contact the Badge & Sash stores, Atlanta at (404) 527-7669 or Dalton at (706) 226-1435, and they will be sent to you or you may pick them up from the stores.



### Third Annual Cookie Cafe

Saturday, Dec. 1, Volunteer Service Center, Atlanta,  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 8, Volunteer Service Center, Dalton,  
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Come sample the new Lemon Chalet Cremes and Sugar-Free Chocolate Chip cookies in the lobby in front of the Badge & Sash stores. Cookies and hot chocolate/coffee will be available for everyone shopping at the Badge & Sash Girl Scout stores. Register for a chance to win door prizes including a Troop Groovy Girl Scout doll with each purchase in the Atlanta Badge & Sash store all day on Dec. 1. Winners will be chosen at the end of the day and notified by Monday, Dec. 3 in the evening. The Dalton Badge & Sash will also have drawings for door prizes

### Win a Gund stuffed animal

Girls may register to win with each girl in-store purchase from Nov. 1-Dec. 20. One entry per girl per day. Girls must be present to enter. Drawing will be Friday, Dec. 21.

### Girl Scout night and slumber party with the Atlanta Hawks/Philips Arena

Saturday, Dec. 15

Join other Girl Scouts for a fun night at the Atlanta Hawks, then top off the evening with a slumber party in Philips Arena. Tickets are \$26 just for the game and \$49 for the game and slumber party. All ticket prices include a Chick Fil-A combo meal coupon and a patch.

Tickets are on sale in the Badge & Sash Girl Scout store. Call (404) 527-7669 for additional information.



### Me and my guy Girl Scout night with the Atlanta Thrashers

Saturday, Feb. 9

Tickets are on sale in the Badge & Sash Girl Scout store. Ticket prices include a hot dog, soft drink, and a patch. Tickets are \$24 (300 level) and \$69 (100/200 level). Please contact the Badge & Sash at (404) 527-7669 with questions.



### New at the Badge & Sash Atlanta store – personal shopper option

Contact the Badge & Sash by phone or e-mail to place your order two business days prior to pick up. A service fee of \$2.75 per order will be charged regardless of order size. Call (404) 527-7669 or e-mail badge&sash@girlscout-snwga.org

### Shop online

Tired of driving to the store, or want to shop late at night? Check out the council's e-store at [www.girlscoutsnwga.org](http://www.girlscoutsnwga.org)

### Atlanta Badge & Sash hours are:

Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

### Dalton Badge & Sash hours are:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Closed for lunch 1-2 p.m. Open the second Saturday of each month

Both stores are closed all major holidays and holiday weekends.

Both Badge & Sash locations will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 12 for the council's staff holiday gathering.

Winter holiday hours for the Atlanta Badge & Sash are:

Closed Saturday, Dec. 22-Tuesday, Dec. 25

Closed Saturday, Dec. 29-Wednesday, Jan. 2

Winter holiday hours for the Dalton Badge & Sash are:

Closed Friday, Dec. 21-Tuesday, Jan. 1

# COUNCIL CALENDAR

## DECEMBER

- 1 Registration begins for spring/summer troop camping
- 12 All volunteer service centers and Badge & Sash Girl Scout stores closed for staff holiday celebration
- 17-Jan. 1 Girl Scout Resource Center, Atlanta closed for winter holiday
- 24, 25 All volunteer service centers and Badge & Sash Girl Scout stores closed for winter holiday
- 31-Jan. 2 Badge & Sash Girl Scout stores closed for New Year s
- 31 All volunteer service centers closed for Staff Appreciation Day

## JANUARY 2008

- 1 All volunteer service centers closed
- 3 Badge & Sash stores resume normal business hours
- 5 Training for service unit cookie program managers
- 6-12 Training for troop cookie program managers
- 13-18 Cookie program training for girls
- 18-Feb. 3 Girls begin taking orders for Girl Scout Cookie Program
- 19-21 Atlanta/Dalton Badge & Sash stores closed for MLK Jr. holiday
- 21 All volunteer service centers closed for MLK Jr. holiday
- 22 Summer resident camp registration begins
- 25-27 Mountain Magic Leader Weekend

## FEBRUARY

- 1-3 Trainer Winter Weekend
- 22 World Thinking Day
- 25-March 1 Cookies delivered to service unit locations

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