

Avenues To Program

Family Science Festival

is still looking for great troops to host activity booths! Spread the word about science and technology to more than 1,400 Girl Scouts and their families. By hosting a booth your troop will receive free entry!

For more information go to:

www.girlscoutsla.org/pages/events/fsf.html

Don't miss out!

Family Science Festival!

.....*Imagination Meets Innovation*

Sunday, October 3, 2010

12:00 - 4:00 pm

California Institute of Technology in Pasadena

Conduct exciting experiments! * Meet real scientists! * Mad Scientist Haunted House!

Win prizes in the scavenger hunt and Bubble Mania challenge!

For the latest info and to register, visit www.girlscoutsLA.org

Girl Scouts' New Look!

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NEW



with the iconic organization and communicate the power girls have to change the world through Girl Scouting."

"In July, after extensive research and development, Girl Scouts debuted a new brand that is designed to reacquaint the country

Research revealed that many girls and parents had a very limited view of us. While we are proud of our \$700 million cookie business run by girls, we offer so much more. This new work is designed to let people know about all the new and exciting things girls do every day as Girl Scouts.

The branding has a new **visual identity**, which includes a distinctive trefoil mark, revised color palette, and refreshed logo that was originally created in the 1970s. **Make sure you check out the new t-shirts and other merchandise with the new logo at your council shop!!**

GSUSA>News>Girl Scout Blog, July

Save-The-Dates

Feed Your Neighbor

December 4, 2010

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Cookie Kickoff

January 15, 2010

Leader Conference

February 12, 2011

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Check out the exciting program opportunities across GSGLA!

Don't miss what's happening in other areas.

Click on the following links to download regional calendars for September - November

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High Adventure

High Ropes Course at CSUN!

By Isabel Martos-Repath,

Cadette Troop 7161

"I AM GOING TO FALL." These words ran through my head as I began climbing the first pole up the ropes course at California State University Northridge on May 16. This is a 30 ft high, challenge adventure ropes course that involves crossing obstacles made of rope, wire,

and wood. Eighteen older Girl Scouts from GSGLA climbed their way through the course, watched by their part-



ners and the trainers. As I climbed I became more confident, and I had my partner on the

ground watching each move as I secured my safety ropes. I began to think, "Hey this is kind of fun!" I hope that an advanced ropes course will be scheduled soon. My adventure ended with a ride across the zip line – as I zoomed down, I decided I would definitely come back for the next high ropes day!

Feed Your Neighbor

December 4, 2010

Girl Scouts have the unique opportunity to Discover, Connect and Take Action regarding hunger in our own community through:

⇒ Participating in a newly redesigned **Hunger 101 workshop for Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors** through your local service centers. (Earn a rocker bar patch to go with the event patch) Workshops will take place the weekends of November 6 and 13. Check the website for specific dates and locations.

- ⇒ Volunteering to work in a food donation booth at local markets on December 4th
- ⇒ and/or working at a local food bank between November 20-December 4. (Earn a patch)
- ⇒ and/or sponsoring a food drive.

*Note: This year Daisies and Brownies will be able to work a food booth as well as participate in their own food drive.

Details regarding the program will be available on the website soon. www.girlscoutsla.org

Service

On Sunday, August 15, Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts volunteered at the *Taking Strides Against Breast Cancer* walk in the San Fernando Valley. They set up and worked

food tables, cheered at both the start and finish lines, gave out medals at the ceremony, popped balloons afterwards and cleaned up at the end of the event.



Program Aides

Check out the GSGLA website to find out when Program Aide trainings will be held. Contact your local PA advisor for further details.

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**Multiple trainings are scheduled during the year throughout the council. Girls in the sixth grade will be able to attend trainings beginning May 2011.*

Program Aides do more than just assist with delivering quality programs to younger Girl Scouts. They are the leaders of tomorrow and the role models that younger girls aspire to be. It's an important job that requires a great deal of determination and confidence.



GSGLA is looking for older girls who can meet the challenge and earn the title of PA. Beginning this October, GSGLA will roll out a new and improved Program Aide training program. Girls who have ***completed the sixth grade** are eligible to participate. The training gives girls the core material that will prepare them for working with younger girls. This year we are also offering specialty trainings that go into greater detail on certain subjects such as games, songs, outdoor skills, etc. The specialties are also open to previously trained PAs who want to learn more or brush up on the skills they have acquired over the years. Space is limited this year for specialty training so if you wish to sign up please do so as soon as possible. For new PA's we ask that you wait until you finish



your core training before you take a specialty training. Check out the GSGLA website to find out when Program Aide trainings will be held. Contact your local PA advisor for further details.



Gold Award Girl Scouts' Rose Parade Opportunity

GSGLA's Tournament Troop is made up of Senior and Ambassador Gold Award Girl Scouts assembled to march in the Rose Parade, along with area Eagle Scouts, to welcome the world to Pasadena on New Year's Day.

To be eligible, 10th - 12th grade girls must have earned the Gold Award or 11th - 12th grade Girl Scouts in the process of completing their Gold Award (proposal must have already been submit-

ted) can also apply. Gold Award recipients who are recent high school graduates/current college freshman are also eligible to apply.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2011 Tournament of Roses Parade.

****Deadline is September 7th.**

For information, contact Deanne Moore at:

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New Award Guidelines

The 2009-2010 membership year was a transition period between the old and the new methods for the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. The new journey guidelines are now mandatory for those bridging to a new level in the membership year 2010-2011. Girls beginning a new level must begin their path to these awards with the new journey guidelines. As of September 2010, girls who began the process prior to Sept. 2010 with the outgoing method may continue to earn the award under those guidelines or may choose to begin the new journey guidelines. Go to: www.girlscoutsla.org for more information.

Career Conversations

Attention Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts!

Are you ready to get ahead in life? Do you want to know how? Hear from women who have been there – and are still going strong! Join our **Career Conversations** series, where YOU get the chance to speak with women in exciting career fields; hear about their interests, education, experiences, mistakes and more! Exciting speakers include Lisa Napoli – author, journalist, and broadcast maven and

Dawn Soler, Vice President of Music for ABC networks!

This is NOT a lecture. We know you're so done with hearing people talk AT you. This is an opportunity to learn from the experiences of dynamic women in a space that allows you to be heard. Ask honest questions, get honest answers.

Seating is limited, so if you even *think* you're interested; send an email to LeVanna Atkinson-Williams at

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with "Career Conversations" in the subject line. Girls may attend as a troop or as individuals. Locations will be at service centers throughout GSGLA and dates and more speakers will be announced soon!

**Invited guests subject to change.*

Leader Conference

Saturday, February 12, 2011 will be the **first GSGLA Leader Conference!** The location is the beautiful Pacific Palms Conference Center in the City of Industry. There will be motivational speakers, workshops and activities throughout the day. There will be time for you to share your love of Girl Scouting with the other leaders across the GSGLA Council. Learn about new programs and opportunities and share traditions and songs. More information to come!

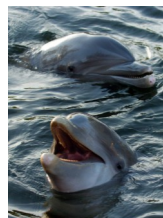
Interested in Marine Animals?

Marine Animal Badge- Our Own Troop Badge

Through this badge, you will learn about, experience, enjoy and help support the health, welfare and habitat of marine animals of Southern California.

Marine Animal Brownie Try-It

This Try-It program introduces Girl Scouts to the health, welfare and habitat of marine animals of Southern California.



For more information go to:

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ACTIVITY ZONE!

For younger girls...and for older girls helping with younger girl program.

This Is Me Game

Activity idea for:

It's Your World-Change It!

Daisy Flower Garden Journey, p. 9

Equipment: pencil and paper for each girl.

Each girl writes a list of things on her paper that are special about her. (Example: red hair, curly hair, brown eyes, likes to read, have a baby sister, etc....) Leader collects all papers, mixes them and returns each to a girl who did not write it. Girls read the paper they are given and the troop tries to guess who wrote each.

Activity idea for:

It's Your Planet-Love It!

Daisy Between Earth and Sky Journey

(From www.kaboose.com)

Create the flower friends from this Journey!

Supplies:

- ⇒ Craft foam sheets or shapes
- ⇒ White craft glue
- ⇒ Scissors
- ⇒ Wiggle eyes
- ⇒ Pom-poms
- ⇒ Pencils

1. Start with two identical sized shapes, such as a circle or heart. Put glue around the border of one of the shapes, leaving about $\frac{3}{4}$ " where you will insert the pencil.
2. Press the second shape onto the first, sandwiching them together. The glue will need to dry for several hours, preferably overnight, but you can decorate the outside now.
3. Decorate the outside of the craft foam shape using pom-



Foam Pencil Topper Craft

poms, wiggle eyes, other foam shapes, glitter glue, sequins, whatever you like.



Once the toppers have dried completely, insert the eraser end of a pencil carefully into the opening.

Tips:

1. Drying time is important for this project. If you try to insert the pencil too soon, the glue may still be tacky and could pull away from the foam causing your topper to split open.
2. You can use white craft glue or special glue made just for craft foam.

Craft foam comes in convenient value packs in various shapes, sizes, and colors.

M & M Game: an icebreaker for all levels to get reacquainted or acquainted for the first time at your first troop meeting of the year www.group-games.com

This icebreaker is a simple way to help people introduce facts about themselves. It's very flexible and adaptable; also known as the Skittles Game, the Candy Game, the Color Game, among other names.

Setup

Pour M&Ms or any other multicolor candy into a bowl. Have everyone in the group grab as much or as little as they like from the bowl. Make sure that no one eats their candy right away.

How to Play

For each piece of M&M candy they took, they will have to answer a question, depending on its color. For example, you can designate:

- Red candy: favorite hobbies
- Green candy: favorite foods
- Yellow candy: favorite movies
- Orange candy: favorite places to travel
- Brown candy: memorable or embarrassing moments
- Blue candy: wild cards (they can share anyone they choose)

- ⇒ You can be creative and choose any questions you think would be fitting for your group.
- ⇒ The facilitator will then call out the color topic and everyone will go around the room sharing one answer per M&M. As an example: if you chose two red pieces of candy, you will have to name two of your favorite hobbies.
- ⇒ After they share that color with the group, they can eat the candy. Continue to go around the room until each color topic has been shared.