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It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

The 2011 Cookie Program is fully underway! On January 7, tens of thousands of Northeast Texas Girl Scouts hit the streets, order cards in hand, and began taking orders for our famous Girl Scout Cookies. The Cookie Program is the nation's largest economic literacy program.

The GSNETX Cookie Program provides our council and our Girl Scouts funding for the resources that allow us to continue our mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Starting Today, Girl Scouts combine the power of their imaginations with the power of the Girl Scout Cookie Program to make their communities, and our world, a better place! Project Troop to Troop offers GSNETX troops a chance to send the gift of Girl Scout Cookies by ordering through the council and allowing our bakery to ship directly to military personnel at home and abroad. Last year, this project generated over 140,000 packages of cookies for military service men and women!

Don't forget to ask customers about donating packages to Project Troop to Troop. We've made it even easier this year with the addition of a safe PayPal transaction where customers can use their credit or debit cards! Customers even have the opportunity to include your Girl Scout troop number so that your troop is credited for the purchase!

Help Support Camp Whispering Oaks!

We need your help! Oncor Power Company currently has a proposal to build high transmission power lines through our beloved camp, Camp Whispering Oaks in Aubrey, Texas.

Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas has filed testimony with the Commissioners at the Public Utility Commission and attended the final hearing in Austin on December 13, 2010. Please help us by writing a letter to the Texas Public Utility Commission let them know of our concern for the safety and health of our girls.

For more information and where to send the letters please click **here.**

Real Girls Real Women – East Texas

On March 30, 2011 the Real Girls Real Women – East Texas Awards Luncheon will honor Real Woman honoree Lynda York, Outstanding Girl Scout Leader honoree Leah Cooper, and our Distinguished Alumna and Real Girl honorees to be announced soon.

To register online today, please click **here**. Tickets are $35 each and proceeds provide support for nearly 3,000 Girl Scouts in East Texas – including 800 girls in Girl Scouting in the School Day.

For more information on event sponsorships, ticket and table sales please contact Lindsay Thompson at lthompson@gsnetx.org or 903.526.2007.

GSNETX Gold Award Roundtables

Don't forget to put the GS Gold Award Roundtables on your calendar. These are informal come and go Q&A sessions for girls and adults to ask regarding the GS Gold Award process. For more information, click **here**.

Upcoming dates/locations:

February 12 - Southern Sector Service Center - 2:00-5:00 pm

March 12 - JoAnn Fogg Service Center- 2:00-5:00 pm

GSNETX 100th Anniversary Trips

Spaces are still available for the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas trips to Washington, D.C or Savannah!

All trips are either for Girl Scout Troops or "She and Me" (Girl Scout and Mother/Grandmother/Aunt/Adult Sister). Girls need to have completed at least one year of GS Juniors, or completed 4th grade, by 2012. See **www.gsnetx.org/travel** for more information.

To learn how to enroll in the trips or for any questions please contact Emilie Anderson at 940.243.1314 or eanderson@gsnetx.org.

It's Your Story— Tell It! - It's Here!!

From animals to travel to dreams... from doodles to dance to digital art. What do stories say to you? What do stories say about you? Take this journey and find out! Learn more by clicking **here**.

Looking for Great Take Action Projects?

Do you have any great Take Action projects that your Girl Scouts have done? We are especially interested in Daisy or Brownie projects, but would like to hear about other great examples as well?

Visit **www.gsnetx.org/takeaction** for more information. To submit projects, e-mail Gerri Gordon at ggordon@gsnetx.org

NFCC 2011 National Poster Contest - Deadline Feb. 11, 2011

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Greater Dallas is currently accepting entries for the 2011 Be Money Wi$e National Poster Contest, sponsored by the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC). This year's contest theme is: "Be A $uperhero! $ave Money!" The national winner will receive an all expense paid trip to Washington D.C.! For additional information, visit **www.moneywisepostercontest.org**

Training on the Road in February - Garland & Mt. Pleasant

Girl Scout classes are coming to a location near you! You've said that you want classes closer to where you live. Here you go! Troop Leadership Basics will guide you through the process of getting ready to meet with your GS troop for the first time – learning about resources, building family support, and forms and paperwork.

Our Grade Level Adventures classes cover enrichment topics like ceremonies, songs, games, and using Journeys in your meetings.

Troop Leadership Basics & Grade Level Adventures

Saturday, February 5, 2011
Garland / Arapaho Baptist Church
2256 Arapaho Road
Garland, TX 75044

Saturday, February 5, 2011
Mt. Pleasant Scout Hut
1008 S. Florey
Mt. Pleasant, TX 75455

Register by clicking **here** for our Search for a Course page.

Family Partnership Updates

We have had a fantastic 2010/2011 year so far and will be sharing those numbers with you soon. We are looking forward to a great 2011. We would like to extend a big thank you to all Service Unit volunteers for working so hard on raising money to support the girls!

With the support of families through our Family Partnership program we will increase the amount of funding we have available to provide amazing leadership opportunities for our girls.

Family Partnership provides quality services to over 35,000 girls and nearly 16,000 adult members in all of our 32 counties.

We are asking that every one of the families impacted by Girl Scouts make Girl Scouts one of the top 3 organizations that they support. Please encourage 100% of families to give to Girl Scouts and make an impact on the future of tomorrow and in the life of a girl.

GS Membership Updates

Recruiting New Service Unit Team Members

It is now time to identify potential Service Unit team members. Review the open positions in your Service Unit team and begin to recruit team members. Let your Membership Specialist know which positions are open on your team so they can assist you in identifying potential team members. Training for new Service Unit team members will be offered in the late spring and summer.

Registrars

Don't forget that girl and adult registrations should now be submitted to your membership specialist or your local service center in your area.

Spring Re-Registration

Be on the lookout for spring re-registration information which will come out in late February or March.

Now is the time to begin planning and scheduling spring girl and adult recruitment activities such as kindergarten roundups.

Troop Consultants/Mentors/ School Liaison

Contact new GS troop leaders to ensure they are having a positive Girl Scout Leadership Experience in Girl Scouting and assess where help is needed.

Adult Development Recognitions

Start identifying volunteers that are eligible for Adult Recognition Awards. Contact your Membership Specialist for training records to help identify possible candidates.

Troop Financial Report

Don't forget to have the proper SU team member review the Troop Financial Report and ensure they know when it is to be completed and submitted.