

TROOP SCOOP



Chock full of short but sweet program ideas to enjoy | March 2012

Help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouts at Six Flags over Texas!

Join us on March 12, 2012 for a fun-filled day in the park! Girl Scouts of all ages can enjoy the events we have planned throughout the day including a Flash Mob at 3 pm (Flash Mob registration is full). Admission includes a BIG birthday celebration inside the park's Music Mill Amphitheatre from 6 pm-8 pm. The ceremony begins with a concert by seventeen-year-old X Factor Finalist, Hayley Orrantia and a special video welcome by former First Lady, Laura Bush! At precisely 7:12 pm, we all will join together as we re-new our commitment to the Girl Scout Promise and Law. We'll wrap up the night with The Official Musician of Texas, Sara Hickman. *Tickets will be available at the Six Flags front gate for \$31.00 + tax.*

Patch of the Month

Throughout the month of March you can purchase this patch for ONLY 99 cents.



SWAP of the Month

Do you know what **S.W.A.P.** stands for?

Special **W**hatchamacallits **A**ffectionately **P**inned **S**omewhere

Cupcake SWAP

Tiny little cupcakes made from a pompom are a cute SWAP to celebrate the 100th birthday of Girl Scouts.

You need:

Pom Pom
Mini Cupcake Liner
Seed Beads
Clear Gel Glue

Birthday Candle
Safety Pin
Large SWAP Tag
Fine Point Pen



Instructions:

1. Cut a candle in half.
2. Push it into a pom pom with some glue to hold in place.
3. Glue the pom pom inside the mini cupcake liner.
4. Spread clear glue on the top of the pom pom and sprinkle with seed beads.
5. Write your swap information on the back of a swap tag.
6. Turn over.
7. Glue mini cupcake to the tag.
8. Write your message on the tag.
9. Add a pin.

www.makingfriends.com

Birthday Box Service Project

Birthday boxes can be built and delivered to various agencies throughout the year. One of the activities for Girl Scout Birthday Week is to build and distribute birthday boxes in your community. Agencies can be for youth or the elderly, the choice is yours. Listed below is a recipe for a birthday box:

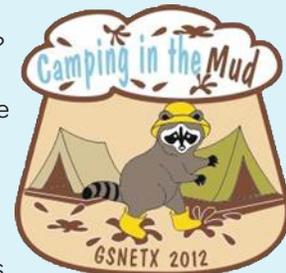
Birthday Box

- 1 cake mix (any flavor)
- 1 frosting mix (can or box, any flavor)
- 1 package birthday candles
- 1 supply of party ware (plates, cups, forks, napkins)
- 1 festive set of party decorations (streamers, balloons, party hats)
- 1 birthday gift (child or elderly person, either gender)
- 1 birthday card
- 1 fun activity to help celebrate (games, music, crafts)



Rain, rain, go away; Come again another day.

What happens when you plan a campout and once you get to camp it begins to rain? Do you pack up and head home – NO! Rainy day camping can be a fun experience if you plan ahead for the possibility of rain. Springtime camping often leads to unexpected showers. Part of being prepared to camp is having those backup plans when something unexpected occurs. Bring along a book of indoor games that can be played without supplies, some songbooks and look to your girls for their creativity. If the weather is severe (thunder, lightning) and everyone needs to stay indoors – have some fun activities planned as a backup. How about having the girls plan a skit to present to the group? Learn some new songs, make friendship bracelets or brainstorm ideas for upcoming troop meetings. If the rain has stopped, and the girls have brought waterproof boots or shoes – go for a hike and look for worms or animal tracks in the mud. See how different camp looks after a rainstorm. Look for ways that the rain has given the camp a new look. Share with the girls how important rain is to the environment and for helping plants to grow and thrive. The key to having a fun time on a rainy camp out is keeping a positive attitude and making good use of the time. Helping everyone stay engaged in activities will keep the group feeling positive and productive about the rain and you will go home feeling good after the campout.



Thin Mint Popcorn

1 1/2 bags light microwave popcorn, popped

(Don't use 2 full bags)

1/2 cup white sugar

1/4 cup brown sugar

1/4 cup corn syrup

1/4 cup cocoa powder

1/4 cup butter

Pinch of salt

1/2 tsp peppermint extract

1/2 tsp baking soda



Preheat your oven to 250 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with foil. Rip open your popcorn bags and tear them carefully down the middle. (Basically make your popcorn bag flat with the popcorn sitting on top of it. This will cause all the unpopped kernels to fall to the bottom, so you can easily scoop up handfuls of the popped pieces only.) Place the popped kernels in a large bowl.

Stir together the sugars, corn syrup, cocoa, butter, and salt in a saucepan over medium high heat until boiling. Allow to boil 2 minutes. Then stir in peppermint extract and baking soda. Mixture will foam.

Pour chocolate mixture over popcorn in your bowl and stir until very well coated. Spread the popcorn onto the foil-lined sheet. Bake in the oven 30 minutes, stirring every 10 minutes.

Remove from oven and sprinkle with chopped cookie pieces. Allow to cool to room temperature. Break into chunks and store in an airtight container. Best after aging a day or two. <http://dipitinchocolate.blogspot.com/2011/07/thin-mint-popcorn.html?m=1>

Council-Wide 100th Anniversary Celebration: Girl Scouting Across the Ages

The train is almost ready to leave the station and roll down Juliette Low Boulevard! The ticket window for the Council-wide 100th Anniversary Celebration closes on March 21st! Tickets are \$10 now and \$12 at the door as space allows. Get your Ticket through Time at Dallas Heritage Village on March 31st from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Enter the wagon decorating contest by March 18th! Dance in the flash mob on Juliette Gordon Low Boulevard!

Visit www.gsnetx.org/celebrationtickets to purchase tickets!

Summer Camp Registration is now open!

Are you looking for an awesome place to spend part of your summer? If so, then you won't want to miss the amazing sessions which await you this summer during the "Year of the Girl". Registration for Girl Scout summer resident camp is currently open. Please visit www.gsnetx.org/camp to view sessions offered and register for camp.

Camp is a place where girls can create memories, make new discoveries, develop lifelong friendships and learn new skills. We strive to make camp a place for girls to become the best they can be, learn to care for and protect the environment, and become leaders in the camp community and beyond.

Visit www.gsnetx.org/100 for more fun 100th events.

Fun Dates to remember:

- 9 - Panic Day
- 11 - Johnny Appleseed Day
- 12 - Girl Scouts' Birthday
- 14 - Learn about Butterflies Day
- 14 - National Potato Chip Day
- 17 - Saint Patrick's Day
- 20 - International Earth Day
- 30 - Take a Walk in the Park Day
- 31 - Bunsen Burner Day

-www.holidayinsights.com

Topics for Future Editions:

Be a contributor! Submit activities and Take Action projects that your girls have already done for the Girl Scouts' 100th Anniversary to eanderson@gsnetx.org.

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