

TROOP SCOOP

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



All About Camp!

Do you find yourself thinking about what to do this summer? Why not go to a Girl Scout camp! Take a look at what's happening this summer at the camps: At **Camp Gambill** we have added some new exciting sessions—*Music Mania* for Grades 4-6, *Great Minds* for Grades 2-4, *Think Like a Designer* for Grades 4-6, *Scent-sational* for Grades 2-4, and *Texas Traditions* for Grades 2-3. At **Bette Perot** we have some new sessions as well—*Vet Tech Teens* (Laird West), *Kid Zone*, *Camp Scrap*, and *Summer Sensation*. Remember to register for camp because you don't want to miss out on these exciting opportunities. For more information about each of these new sessions, go to www.gsnetx.org/camp.

Tribute Training - GSNETX Style

Camp Rocky Point

July 15-20 & July 22-27

Girls entering 7th-12th grades

\$395

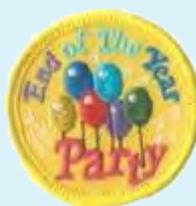
Come experience our spin on the Hunger Games!!! Spend a week in Tribute Training - GSNETX Style on the shores of Lake Texoma with a one-night journey to Camp K. Are you ready to learn how to bake your own bread? Will you choose to spend your station time learning how to fish, basic first aid, survival sewing, or perhaps picking up a new skill in one of the surprise stations? As a tribute, you will have the opportunity to swim, kayak, and improve your archery skills. Will you be able to hit a bulls-eye after dark during a glow-in-the-dark archery session? After training is complete, your skills will be put to the test as you journey to Camp K for an overnight campout with your fellow tributes. You will **work together** to explore your surroundings, select a location to set up camp for the night, and build a fire to cook your dinner. Tribute Training- GSNETX Style is a week you do not want to miss. **ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE?**

Win a Week at Camp!

NOW is the perfect time to register for summer camp. In celebration of Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary, three lucky campers who register for camp between March 5 and May 7 will get their session **FREE!** A drawing will be held to award one lucky camper at each of our amazing, fun-filled camps a free session. Eligible camps are Camp Gambill, Camp Rocky Point, and Camp Bette Perot. **Register** today to be included in Girl Scout Summer FUN! Payment plans are available for all camps.

Patch of the Month

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



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

Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere

"Find Your Way" SWAPS

This SWAP won't take a lot of time but it will make a big impact.

You need:

Toy Compass	Safety Pin
Large SWAP Tags	Glue Dots, Low Temp
Fine Point Marker	Glue Gun, or Tacky Glue

Instructions:

1. On one side of your tag, write your first name, your troop #, city, and state.
2. On the other side, glue on a toy compass.
3. Let dry.
4. Write a message next to your compass.

Some ideas are:

- Find Your Way with Scouting
- Scouts are Pointed in the Right Direction
- Follow the Right Path

7. Attach pin.

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Activity Spotlight - Troop 208

Cupcake Decorating Fun Patch

Our troop decided to earn the Cupcake Decorating fun patch by having a Pinkalicious cupcake decorating party. First I read the girls the story *Pinkalicious* by Elizabeth Kann. After reading the story, we talked about the importance of moderation—it is fun to eat yummy things, but too much can make you sick. Then we decorated our cupcakes using plastic zipper bags filled with pink frosting. I pre-sorted toppings like cherry sours and sprinkles into individual colorful muffin papers for each girl and asked one of the troop moms to bake the cupcakes ahead of time. Our Daisies did very well with this project, and we were so proud of our little pastry artists. They all ate one cupcake and brought home some to share. A fun meeting that could easily be adapted to any troop.



Activity Spotlight - Troop 447

Brownie and Junior Workshops

This April Cadette Troop 447 held two workshops for their younger sister Girl Scouts. On Saturday April 14th, they held a Brownie Home Scientist Workshop at the Little Elm Community Center for 80 Brownies and bridging 1st grade Daisies. The girls learned how to use items already in our homes to learn about gases, static electricity, density, emulsions and colloids. They had fun making silly putty and slime as well as enjoying the fruits of their kitchen experiments by making and eating ice cream. On Saturday April 21st, they held a Junior Detective Workshop for 76 Juniors and bridging Brownies. Juniors tested their observation skills, made a Mug Shot ID, learned how to lift and identify fingerprints, extracted kiwi DNA, and decoded 5 clues for a Badge Hunt.



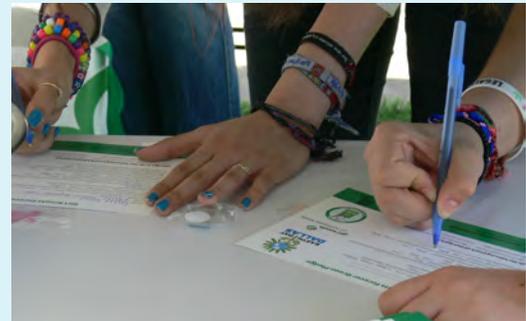
2012 State Fair of Texas

Help Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas close out our 100th Anniversary celebration in a big way at the State Fair of Texas, the largest and longest-running state fair in the country, attracting three million visitors over 24 days. We are also planning a centennial exhibit, highlighting the extraordinary history and future of Girl Scouts. Be on the lookout for emails about how your girls can participate in contests during the Fair.

April Event Photos



Girls selling Girl Scout cookies at Earth Day Dallas



Girls signing the **Forever Green Pledge**.

Fun Dates to remember:

- 2 – Brothers and Sisters Day
- 5 – Cinco de Mayo
- 6 – National Teacher's Day
- 8 – VE Day, WWII
- 9 – School Nurses Day
- 10 – Clean up your Room Day
- 13 – Mother's Day
- 19 – Armed Forces Day
- 28 – Memorial Day

-www.holidayinsights.com

Topics for Future Editions:

Be a contributor! If you have a great song, recipe, service idea or other activities that you've done with your girls, submit it to brush@gsnetx.org.

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