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EXTENDED: AT&T Employee Matching Gift Opportunity

As a result of strong employee response, AT&T has extended their special matching gifts initiative. When current AT&T employees make a gift to a local Girl Scout council or to GSUSA between now and March 31, 2012, AT&T will match their gifts dollar for dollar up to $500,000. Employee gifts made to Girl Scouts through the 2012 United Way/ Employee Giving Campaign will also be matched. **AT&T Employees must contribute through the company intranet, AT&T Insider, or tSpace. Search Girl Scouts Centennial for details.**

This gift is in addition to the $1,000,000 from AT&T for the IMAGINE Your STEM Future initiative, which is funding 18 councils to provide STEM activities for 6,000 high-school aged girls. So let's make it another $1,000,000 for Girl Scouting! Please encourage your friends and family to contribute. Remember to use social media to get the word out; GSUSA posted the flyer on Facebook.

Summer Camp Guide & Spring GPS will Hit Your Mailbox Soon!

Be on the lookout for the Summer Camp Guide and Spring GPS combo that will be arriving in your mailbox shortly. The guide will feature everything you need to know about the upcoming Summer Camp Sessions, Day Camp and programs available for you and your troop! To view these programs in a searchable format please visit **www.gsnetx.org/gps**

It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

The Cookie Program has officially begun! On Friday, January 6, tens of thousands of GSNETX Girl Scouts hit the streets, order cards in hands, as they embarked on the three month journey of learning valuable life and business skills through the GS Cookie Program. We hope that your girls are energized and ready to show the world what a cookie can do! This year we are calling all Girl Scouts to show the world what their cookie can do in our Show the World contest. Girls K—12 are encouraged to share their cookie's story with us through film, literature, photography, drawing, painting, collage, or photo diary for the opportunity of a lifetime—a trip to Savannah, Georgia! The individual winner of the Show the World Challenge will have the opportunity to jet away to the city where it all began. She and three guests will receive airfare, a rental car, hotel accommodations, and a tour of Juliette Gordon Low's Birthplace. For more information, visit **http://www.texascookietime.org/ShowtheWorld.aspx**

There are tons of resources available to you – check out **www.texascookietime.com** for volunteer forms and resources as well as links to fun games for girls, information on the new national cookie badges, and MORE!

Dallas Heritage Village 100th Birthday Celebration

It's PARTY time!! You're invited to Girl Scouts' 100th Birthday Celebration on March 31, 2012! Come join us at Dallas Heritage Village to experience all that Girl Scouts have been doing for the last 100 years.

Come get your "Ticket through Time" stamped as you play games, exchange SWAPS, sing old and new Girl Scout songs, explore historical uniforms and memorabilia, learn Morse code, compete in the Wagon Decorating Contest, watch the Parade of Decades, meet Juliette Gordon Low and eat a yummy birthday treat!

Bring in the 100th year of Girl Scouting with us! This celebration is one you won't want to miss! Click **here** to purchase your tickets now.

Sign Up to be a Council Delegate

Girl Scout Service Units are currently in the process of electing Council Delegates. The number of delegates each service unit may elect is based on a formula dependent on the total number of girls registered last year. As a Council Delegate, you will receive information about our council's governance system and the role you play in the democratic process of Girl Scouts. You will be required to attend the April 14th Annual Meeting, to be held in the morning at the Dallas Arboretum. As a representative of your Service Unit, delegates will hear first-hand the work of the Board of Directors over the past year and will officially elect the new Board of Directors and the Board Development Committee.

If you're interested in becoming a Council Delegate, please contact your Service Unit Manager. For additional information, please contact Jenifer Moreau at **jmoreau@gsnetx.org** or (972) 349-2430. Please note, all Delegate/Alternate information is due to council by **Friday, February 24**.

Is Your Email Address Current?

Did you know your primary email address is used by the system for confirmation of registration and many other communications? If you have already activated your "EBIZ" account, visit **www.gsnetx.org/myaccount**, enter your username and password, and please verify your email address is current.

If you have not already activated your "EBIZ" account, go to **www.gsnetx.org/activate** and activate now!

Is Your Girl Scout Troop Training Still Current?

With Spring weather come Spring camping plans. Don't wait until the last minute to make sure that your camping certification is still up to date! Camping certifications are good for 3 years from the time you took the class. Leaders whose certifications are still current can take the **Recertification Exam online** and cover themselves for the next three years. (Don't wait until the last minute – take the online exam, even if you have several months to go before expiration!) If your certification has lapsed, **simply take the in person class again**. To find out if your certification is current, check with your Service Unit Adult Recognition Specialist. If you need further assistance finding your expiration date or need a new copy of your certification card send an email to **adulteducation@gsnetx.org** with the subject heading: "**TCT Inquiry**".

GSNETX Shop Updates

Legacy books are on sale at Girl Scout stores! Previous Program books are currently 40% off the original price. NOW, we'll take another 10% off at the register. These will be great reference books when you want to remember what you did to earn the badges on your vest or sash. **Limited stocks, and only available at JoAnn Fogg and Southern Sector (Hampton) stores.*

We have just sent emails to our last group of Pre-Orders for Girls Guides to Girl Scouting! Any books that are not picked up by the specified date will be moved to stock in the stores. We anticipate having Girls' Guides for sale in the stores by the end of January. We currently have stock in Daisy, Senior and Ambassador levels of Girls' Guides. Thank you to all for your patience during this transition!

Year of the Girl: Celebrating 100 Years of Girl Scouting

Area Celebrations

February 4: Area 1 Celebration: A Thinking Day for the Next Generation.
March 4: Area 3 Celebration: Walking in Juliette's Shoes
March 10: Area 5 Celebration: "Green Carpet" Hollywood Night
March 25: Area 2 Celebration: 100th Anniversary High Tea Party
May 5: Area 4&6 Celebration: Celebrating 100 years of Girl Scouts: Honoring the Past and Serving the Future.
Please click **here** for more details about each event.

Service Unit Registrars & Team Members:

Cookie season is here so please remember that girls must be registered members to participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program. Remind Girl Scout troop leaders to submit any registration for girls that have not registered up to this point as soon as possible. Thank you!

Spring Training Courses are Available for Registration on E-Biz

Nearly 100 leadership fundamentals and enrichment classes have been released to E-Biz for enrollment this Spring. The grade level Adventures courses are now available by Home Study too! Click **here** to find a course near you.

Save the Date!

2012 GSNETX Annual Meeting & Awards Presentation
Celebrating 100 Years
Dallas Arboretum
April 14
Registration will open February
www.gsnetx.org/recogevent

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Save the Date! Service Unit Team Training

Position training for newly added members to your Service Unit team is scheduled for the following dates and locations. See **E-Biz** for registration.

- June 2nd in Rockwall
- June 9th in Flower Mound
- June 16th at Southern Sector Service Center
- June 23rd at JoAnn Fogg Service Center
- August 6th at Kick Off

Membership Reminders

- Service Team Training is scheduled at JAFSC on Saturday, January 28. See course on-line for details.

- You may contact your Membership Specialist by using the staff directory. Click **here** to view it now.