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# Where does your Family Partnership contribution go?

Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas serves over 35,000 girls and 16,000 adults in 32 northeast Texas counties over 23,469 miles. The Family Partnership campaign supports the girls by providing camp improvements, the gift of Girl Scouting, trainings for adults, reduced rate/free programs for girls, and helps keep our service centers open so that we can better serve each girl.

**How much should I give?**

-$35 will provide a troop leader resource guides & materials for a year

-$50 can send a troop leader to a CPR or First Aid Certification Class

-$75 helps girls experience water safety by providing 3 life vests

-$100 will feed 9 horses in Camp Bette Perot's Equestrian Program for one week

-$125 will provide the annual GS experience including resident camp for a girl in community programs

-$250 will send a girl to camp for a whole week

-$500 will provide membership to 40 girls in an elementary Girl Scout troop in a low income community

-$1,000 provides a Girl Scout Gold Award Winner a scholarship to the college of her choice

-$1,500 will provide 3 canoes and 5 kayaks for Camp Rocky Point

-$3,000 can provide 2 comfortable tents for girls at camp

Please click **here** to donate online and support girls in Northeast Texas today!

## Service Project of the Month: Warm Hearts, Warm Hands Annual Holiday Drive

Traditional troops can help their economically-disadvantaged Girl Scout sisters in Community Programs stay warm this winter by preparing Warm Hearts, Warm Hands kits.

Each Warm Hearts, Warm Hands kit includes 1 new pair of gloves, hat, and scarf in a one gallon bag. Warm Hearts, Warm Hands kits should be delivered to a GSNETX Service Center between Monday, November 29 and Friday, December 3, 2010.

Girl Scouts who participate in this program by making Warm Hearts, Warm Hands kits will be eligible to purchase the "Warm Clothing Drive" patch at any GSNETX shop for $1.25 +tax per patch. For more information, visit **www.gsnetx.org/takeaction.**

## December 1- Early Deadline for Submission of Troop Leader & Cookie Manager Awards Nominations is Approaching!

Publicly honoring the volunteers who help us carry out our mission emphasizes the importance of Girl Scouts in the community and encourages greater involvement and support. Multiple awards are available for troop leaders, and new awards are available for Cookie Managers.

Nominated awards are those in which others nominate a person for outstanding service, above and beyond what is required for their position. Service is always based upon a full Girl Scout year which is October 1 through September 31. Nominate now for service rendered last year.

- To find out more about nominating outstanding troop leaders click **here**.
- To find out more about nominating outstanding Cookie Managers click **here**.

## Introducing the New Troop Leader FAQ Page

Have a question? We've got answers! We've compiled a list of frequently asked questions to get you started.

Questions like...

**Q:** What is expected of me as a new troop leader?

**Q:** What training is required?

**Q:** Who fills out a Membership Registration form and Application/ Background check?

**Q:** How should I handle the Health History forms?

Find the answers to these questions and more **here**.

# Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas Membership News

*Please remember that your troops should not be meeting if they have not yet turned in girl and adult registration forms for the 2010/2011 year.*

**Did you know?**

- Troops that are not registered are not covered under Girl Scout insurance, in fact the adults in charge of those meetings are held personally liable if there is an accident.

- Troops that are not registered will not receive cookie selling materials and will not be allowed to sell cookies this year.

- Start the conversation with your Membership Specialist about what it will take for your Service Unit to qualify for the President's Award this year. This will take several months to achieve so it is better to plan ahead now.

- Also, take a look at how your Service Unit is doing in terms of Family Partnership. Where are you versus your goals? What will it take to get there?

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