TROOP SCOOP

Chock full of short but sweet program ideas to enjoy | October 2011

Program Provider of the Month – Dallas Zoo

Find out who snores and who roars on an overnight evening adventure or just treat your Girl Scout Troop to a day at the zoo! Explore the fascinating world of nocturnal animals, and then a morning Monorail Safari tour and special Animal Adventures show. There are so many more great field trips that the Dallas Zoo has to offer. Turn to pages 28, 59, and 64 in you GPS. To register for all of the Dallas Zoo programs please call the Education Scheduling Hotline – (469) 554-7300.

Check out the new Girl Scout Junior Badge Animal Habitats. Your girls can earn some of the requirements while visiting the Dallas Zoo.

Mini Birdfeeder SWAP

You need:

Birdseed
#20 Hemp
Black Vinyl Tape
Safety Pin
Mini Plastic Cup with Lid
Mini Craft Sticks
Low Temp Glue Gun
Large Nail
Scissors

Instructions:

Use a large nail to make two holes in the mini pot lid. String a 5" piece of hemp through a safety pin and push each end of the cord through a hole in the lid. Tie in a double knot on the underside. Pull tight. Put a dab of glue on the knot and trim ends close to knot. Fill the mini plastic cup with birdseed and place the modified lid on top.
Cut a small curved piece of vinyl tape to make a fake opening in the feeder. Hot glue a mini craft stick to the bottom to make a perch.
Add a pin and a tag for swapping

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

Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere

Dates to remember:

October 31st – Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday

Important Dates:

7th – Yom Kippur
10th – Columbus Day
16th – Boss's Day
22nd – Make a Difference Day
24th – United Nations Day
31st – Halloween and Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday
-www.holidayinsights.com

Fun Fall Craft - Paper Bag Scarecrow

Scarecrows are not only to watch crops and brave the weather, but they also make great puppets. Make this kids scarecrow with your Girl Scout Troop today and invite another Girl Scout Troop over for an afternoon show.

What you'll need:

Brown paper lunch bag
White craft glue
2 medium wiggle eyes
2 feet of ribbon in fall colors
A stir stick
2 sheets of newspaper
Black marker
Scissors
Orange foam flower
Construction paper: white/tan, brown, yellow, pink, orange
Pattern for hat

How to make it:

1. Trace the pattern onto white or tan construction paper. Cut out. Draw some stitches onto the rim and hat top by making tic-tac-toe symbols.

2. Lay the paper bag on a work surface with the flap side facing down. Glue the wiggle eyes in place roughly three inches from the top of the bag.

3. Cut out a triangle from the orange construction paper for the nose. Glue in place slightly below the middle of the eyes.

4. Cut out two circles from the pink construction paper. Glue on either side of the nose, and draw a smile from the bottom of one circle to the other (see photo). Draw a few stitches on the mouth.

5. Use a marker to draw eyebrows above the eyes.

6. Fold yellow construction paper in half, greeting card style. Cut along the fold so you have two pieces. Cut one piece into thin strips. Starting at the top of the bag, glue some strips on so they hang down like hair. Cut some strips shorter for bangs.

7. Cut a strip of brown construction paper to glue onto the hat top as the band. Fringe- or scissor-cut the top of the hat brim piece. Glue the brim to the hat top so it partially covers the brown brim.

8. Glue the yellow foam flower to the hat. Cut out a circle from brown construction paper and glue to the center of the flower.

9. Glue the hat on top of the yellow hair.

10. Carefully fill the bag with crumpled newspaper.

11. Coat the first three inches of the paint stir stick with glue and insert into the bottom of the bag.

12. Crumple the bag around the stir stick, being careful not to let the end of the bag stick to the stirrer.

13. Tie a ribbon around the end of the bag, about two inches above the bottom. Tie the ribbon in a knot and then tie into a bow to close the bag.

14. Cut some of the leftover yellow strips in half or thirds and glue them to the stick under the bag.

15. Carry your scarecrow by the stir stick.

http://crafts.kaboose.com/paper-bag-scarecrow.html

A Funny Bird Song

(make up your own tune) The Turkey is a funny bird His head goes wobble, wobble. And all he says is just one word... Gobble, gobble, gobble, Gobble, gobble, gobble.

Want a chance to win a $10 gift card to a Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas shop? Email eanderson@gsnetx.org.

Community Service Spotlight

I am sure that everyone has some old Halloween costumes around the house. Service Unit 416 has come up with a great idea, a costume exchange, "EEK-O-Friendly without the Scary Price Tag".

For every costume donated you receive a ticket to receive a recycled costume. Roughly 25 million children in the United States dress up in a costume in October. Swapping just half of their costumes would reduce annual landfill waste by 6,250 tons, equivalent to the weight of 2500 midsize cars! And this doesn't even address adult costumes.

Girls Rock - Dove Self-Esteem Events.

These awesome events where you can find the fabulousness in you by receiving a backstage pass to fun filled with spa treatments, yoga & rock star crafts, are for any girl in 2nd – 5th grades & a parent or guardian.

DALLAS: Saturday – 10/22/11 from 9am-12pm
@ Valley View Center – 13331 Preston Rd.
Suite 2040, Dallas 75240

FRISCO: Saturday – 10/22/11 from 9am-12pm
@ Stonebriar Community Church
4801 Legendary Dr., Frisco 75034

DENTON: Sunday – 10/23/11 from 2pm-5pm
@ Texas Woman's Univ. – MCL Building
304 Administration Dr, Denton

CARROLLTON: Dia de Estima!
Saturday – 10/22/11 from 9am-12pm
@ Plaza Arts Center – 1115 Fourth Avenue
Carrollton, TX 75006

Please visit our website at www.gsnetx.org/girlsrock - download the registration form & submit with payment as instructed on the form.

Coming soon in the November Issue.

Veterans Day and Flag Ceremonies

Thanksgiving

Topics for Future Editions:

Be a contributor! If you have a great winter song, recipe, service idea or other activity that you've done with your girls, submit it to eanderson@gsnetx.org by 11/15/11. If your submission is featured in the December edition, you will receive a $25 gift card to the GSNETX Store.

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