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SUMMER FUN PROGRAMS AT GSNETX

Day and Resident Camps are approaching the 80% full mark with several sessions at capacity. If your girls are interested in attending, don't delay. Registrations will be taken throughout the season as space permits. Click here to register now.

Not the camp type? Have fun with us this summer in other ways (and make progress toward completing the Journey prerequisites for the Silver and Gold Awards, too!)

How about a weeklong get away at Texas Women's University?

When: July 10-15

Who: Girl Scout Cadettes (beginning with those entering 7th grade) through Girl Scout Seniors (through those entering the 11th grade).

Where: Stay in the dorms with us at TWU in Denton. Texas

Why: Because it will be a blast! We will explore campus life, do a deep dive into the aMAZE and Sow What Journeys, and explore possible career opportunities with tours at Frito Lay and First Choice Power. Get off of your couch and get out and about!

This program is now being redesigned to fit the needs of the Girl Scout in the year 2011. For more information check out the website, www.gsnetx. org/collegejourney. Are you an adult interested in chaperoning? Let us know! Register through GSNETX.

Cost: \$300 all inclusive

Save the Date!

2011 Administrative Kickoff Collin County Community College-Spring Creek Campus August 6, 2011

Coming this summer!

Mary Kay will be opening their lab to a small group of Girl Scouts for tours! See how lotions and potions are created... it is a combination of science and art. Check our **website** for updates on these and other fun activities for girls this summer!

How about getting away for just a day? Escape to a fun filled day at the University of Texas, Dallas!

When: July 28, 10am-4pm

Who: Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors

Where: UT Dallas campus, located in Richardson

Why: This Go DYNAMC workshop will allow girls the opportunity to explore their voice through advertising and marketing. Explore what's in a brand name, what makes slogans catchy and create your own mini-ad campaign. This workshop is in partial fulfillment of the Your Voice Journey.

Cost: \$5 for the day (lunch included)—what a bargain! Register through GSNETX.

Learn how to "Love your Planet"

When: August 9, 8:30am -4:30 pm Who: Girl Scout Cadettes-Ambassadors

Where: Frito Lay, 5220 Tennyson Parkway, Ste 100, Frisco

Why: Participants will spend the day learning ways to "walk the talk" for a quality of life that includes caring for the earth. The day-long event will include interactive sessions with experts in conservation and as they share the exciting ways corporations and individuals are contributing to environmental sustainability. Register through GSNETX.

Cost: \$15 per participant

F.U.D.G.E Event with the Dallas Cowboys

Just in time for Father's Day, Girl Scouts can bring their F.U.D.G.E (Fathers, Uncles, Dads, Grandpas and Everyone Else!) for a day of fun at Dallas Cowboys stadium!

June 25, 12:00 pm-4:00 pm

Cost: \$20.00 per Girl Scout (includes Commemorative photo and patch) & \$15.00 per F.U.D.G.E.

Sign up now for Nancy Lieberman's Basketball Camps and Free Clinics

Visit www.nancylieberman.com for more information

SUPPORT FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

Here are just a few of the many reasons why Family Partnership directly affects every girl participating in Girl Scouts.

- 1. It costs \$250 per girl to provide the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. 100% of membership fees go to GSUSA and dues that are paid to the troop stay at the troop level. The remainder of the funds must come from member and community support.
- 2. What about the horses? The cabins? The boats and more importantly, the life preservers? To ensure girls enjoy camp every summer, maintenance is required during the off-season to feed the animals, to replace boats and life preservers, and to get the cabins ready for the summer. Many of you may know that the dining hall roof at Camp Bette Perot recently had to be replaced in order to accommodate this summer's campers. Family Partnership dollars helped make this happen!
- 3. Family Partnership helps give the Gift of Girl Scouting to girls throughout Northeast Texas to make sure that every girl has the opportunity to participate regardless of their circumstances. It helps pay for membership fees, uniforms and more.

With the school year coming to a close, many Girl Scout troops will have the summer off. Please reflect on the experience your girl had in the program this year and support our girls through the Family Partnership Campaign. Every SU that exceeds their goal and has a Family Partnership SU member will receive a refund that goes directly back to your SU to provide programs, events, and opportunities for the girls in your life. Thank you for contributing through the Family Partnership Campaign and for showing that our families value investing in girls!

Calling all new incoming Service Unit Team Members!

Summer Service Unit Team Training is now open for registration. Please visit the Search for a Course page under Adult Education on the GSNETX website. Service Unit Team Training is scheduled for the following dates/locations:

• Saturday June 11 - JoAnn Fogg Service Center – 6001 Summerside

Drive, Dallas, TX 75252

- Saturday June 18 Southern Sector Service Center - 8705 South Hampton Road, Dallas, TX 75232
- Saturday June 25 St. Thomas Aquinas Church - 3741 Abrams Rd. Dallas, TX 75214
- Saturday July 9 Treitsch Memorial United Methodist Church - 6101 Morriss Road, Flower Mound, TX 75028

GSUSA has updated the requirements to earn the bridging awards for girls

As we transition away from the current handbooks and badge books to the new Guide to Girl Scouting, the bridging requirements are changing. To find the most up to date requirements, visit the national website at http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_central/insignia/bridging_awards/.

While the current requirements found in many of the current handbooks are still ok to use, be careful in your planning so that awards your girls may be earning are still relevant after they have moved up. If your Girl Scouts are using any GSUSA resources now through Summer 2011 or Fall 2011, click here for recommendations about how to plan ahead and prepare for all the changing resources! Remember, bridging awards are an optional award girls can choose to earn when they move up to the next program grade level.

SPRING REMINDERS FOR SERVICE UNIT TEAMS

As we approach the final months of our 2011 membership year, here are some reminders:

- GS Service Unit Financial Report form is now available online for print out.
- GS Troop Financial Report and the Troop Leader Self Assessment Form will be available online late May.

Note: Your SU Cookie Rebate checks will not be issued until Service Unit and Troop Financial Reports are submitted. Girl Cookie incentives will not be held. All forms will be available as a hard copy, please ask your Membership Specialist if you have questions.

- Girl Scout Service Unit Team Directories
 Please provide your Membership Specialist an updated list of team members on or before June 3, 2011.
 Note: If your email address has changed, please be sure to provide your new email to your Membership Specialist.
- President's Award This award recognizes the efforts of the Service Unit Team in moving toward achievement of the council's goals and objectives during the membership year. A copy of the form and criteria for this award can be found on our website in the Members & Volunteer

Resources section under Forms.

Please review your Girl Scout Service Unit's 2010-11 membership year with your Membership Specialist and work in partnership with them in completing the application. Please contact your Membership Specialist by June 1 if your Service Unit Team plans to complete an application.

• 2011-2012 SU Action Plan- It is now time to begin planning for the 2011-2012 membership year. Meet with your Membership Specialist to develop your plans for the year. It is beneficial to review your 2010-2011 SU Action Plan to recognize the SU team and volunteers that actively supported the SU's plans. It is also a time to evaluate your activities to see if they are meeting the needs of girls in the SU and community.

Note: The resources listed are used for planning and will be emailed to the SU Managers and will be available on line in early June.

- 1) Cover Letter
- 2) Sample SU Action Plan Form
- 3) Blank copy of the SU Action Plan
- 4) A Membership Year at-a Glance for Service Teams

Save the Date!

Harvest Jamboree
Adult Volunteer Retreat 2011
Camp Bette Perot
October 21-23, 2011

Want the newest info about the Girl Scout Program?

Visit www.gsnetx.org/newinformation to learn about National Proficiency Badge Categories, How the National Girl Scout Program Portfolio Works, Examples of National Proficiency Badges, the Anatomy of a Badge, What's new with Girl Scout Daisies Petals, Awards and Leaves, and The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting.

Need to prepare for upcoming changes to the Girl Scout Program?

Click **here** for recommendations if your girls are using any GSUSA resources now through Summer or Fall 2011.

Are you a volunteer that really loves nature, camping and outdoor activities?

If so, we've started planning a new outdoor event for adult volunteers. This event will take place April 27-29, 2012 at Camp Rocky Point. If you would like to be a part of making this event a success, contact Pat Sherwood, psherwood@gsnetx.org.

SPRING RE-REGISTRATION NEWS

Spring Re-registrations are now due to your Membership Specialist. This is a great way to retain girls and leaders and makes for less paperwork in August and September.

The Membership staff is asking for your active support to try and re-register at least 65% to 70% of the total girl and adult members in your Service Unit. If you need assistance, please contact your Membership Specialist to discuss and plan a great spring or summer event to support spring re-registration for existing troops.