

Leaders Very Important News E-Letter

December 16, 2011

Membership

Happy Holiday's and Merry Christmas from the Membership Team!

- Cookies are just around the corner! Let's get ready for a great sale by making sure all girls are registered and all adults are trained. Your Membership Specialist can provide you with a Troop roster report to verify that all girls in your Troop are registered.
- Each Service Unit will be receiving a banner with their name on it to commemorate the 100th Anniversary. Banners should arrive in regional offices by mid-December, please contact your MMS for more information. Additionally each office will have banners available to check out for parades, events, booths and more.
- As we prepare to kick off the 100th year of Girl Scouting be sure to check out the Anniversary tab on our web site. There you will find some great ways to share the Anniversary with your girls including an Activity Guide, Cookie History, Project 100, Events and more!

Thank to you all our volunteers for another fantastic year of Girl Scouting in the Diamonds Council, we are so grateful for all you do to serve the girls!

Program

Check out the upcoming events for January and February. These are the events that were confirmed at the time of L-Vine. Please don't forget to look at "Diamonds Programs at your Fingertips" on our web site for updates and further event information.

January:

- 19 – Silver and Gold Workshops – Cad-Amb, Texarkana, Registration deadline is Jan.12, 2012
- 21 – Amazing Reptile Adventure Day – Da-Jr, Ft. Smith, Registration deadline is Jan 6, 2012
- 21 – Silver and Gold Workshops – Cad – Amb, Pine Bluff, Registration deadline is Jan 11, 2012
- 20-22 – Baby Think It Over – Cad-Amb, NLR, Registration deadline is Jan 11, 2012
- 23 – Silver and Gold Workshops – Cad-Amb, Magnolia, Registration deadline is Jan 12, 2012
- 24 – Silver and Gold Workshops – Cad – Amb, Mena, Registration deadline is Jan 12, 2012
- 28 – Brilliant Brownies Around the World – Br, Jonesboro, Registration deadline is Jan 11, 2012
- 28 – Brilliant Brownies Around the World – Br, Texarkana, Registration deadline is Jan 18, 2012
- 28 – Show Me the \$ - Cad – Amb, Ft. Smith, Registration deadline is Jan 25, 2012

February:

- 4 – Silver and Gold Workshops – Cad-Amb, Ft. Smith, Registration deadline is Jan 31, 2012
- 11 – Silver and Gold Workshops – Cad-Amb, Ft. Smith, Registration deadline is Jan 31, 2012
- 18 – Brilliant Brownies Around the World – Br, NLR, Registration deadline is Feb.8, 2012
- 18 – Role With It – Jr, Queen City, Registration deadline is Feb. 10, 2012
- 18 – All, Nature Center Training Day, Ft. Smith, Registration deadline is Feb 15, 2012
- 25 – Discover Scuba Day II, Cad-Amb, Jonesboro, Registration deadline is Feb 8, 2012

GSUSA and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) is giving the Diamonds' Council the opportunity to invite 2 outstanding Girl Scout representatives along with 1 volunteer chaperone to attend the 2012 Girls' World Forum in Chicago, IL, July 12 – 16, 2012. Applications can be located on the council web site. All applications must be received by January 6, 2012.

Return to: Tracy Howard, Program Manager
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Other

**Arkansas Community Service Awards
Individual and Youth Nomination Form
Instructions**
Final honorees are selected in May!
Forms should be submitted to:
DHS-Division of Community Service &
Nonprofit Support
Arkansas Community Service Awards
700 S. Main Street PO Box 1437 Slot
S-230 Little Rock, AR 72203.
For more information please contact
our office at 501-682-7540 or check out
DHS web site for more details and to
download nomination forms [click here](#).

Product Sales

Thanks to all volunteers!

Thank you to everyone for making our Fall Product Program a success. Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated. It takes the support of parents, family members, troop leaders, and troop fall product managers to make the annual fall product program a success.

Cookies 2012 – What can a cookie do? More than you see.

Following on the heels of this wonderful holiday season is Cookie Time. We are looking forward to another successful year. Remember to get those girl registrations into your regional office before the office closes December 23. During this busy time of year take a few moments to begin planning, setting goals and training for the 2012 Cookie Program which begins January 14. Remember: do not hand out order cards until January 12th or 13th!

Every Cookie Has a Mission: To Help Girls Do Great Things

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is much more than a fund raiser. It's a fun unique way for girls of all ages to earn the money that fuels their dreams. And it's a powerful, hands-on leadership and entrepreneurial program. The Cookie Program can lead to bigger things in business, in society and in life.

5 Steps to Success: (Check out the Little Brownie Volunteer Guide for more information)

- Set & Share Troop/Group Goals
- Set & Share Personal Goals
- Hold a Family Meeting
- Sell Beyond Family and Friends
- Track Progress and Celebrate!

As you see family and friends during the holidays remind them that the girls will be taking orders soon.

Reminder: If you should have any questions or concerns about the cookie program please don't hesitate to Contact your council product sales staff.

Adult Development

The final Coffee Talk with Adult Development will be December 16 in North Little Rock.

Adult Girl Scout Volunteers Stop by and join Jennifer for a coffee, fellowship, and to exchange SWAPS 7pm-9pm at Starbucks 4824 JFK

Adult Development Director Jennifer Asbill would like to visit with YOU in person!

I want to hear your stories, ideas, and concerns.

If you have any questions, please email jasbill@girlscoutsdiamonds.org



Happy December to our Council Facilitators!!

It is that time of year when we wish we could crawl into a cave and hibernate like bears....the weather is cold and dreary....but looking ahead to our Spring 2012 - the 100th Anniversary is upon us!

We are entering the most exciting year for Girl Scouts. You won't want to miss this year's events!

While you are thinking ahead....please look at your calendars and send Adult Development some dates for classes that you would like to facilitate for Spring 2012.

You can send those dates/times/locations to Sherri at swillis@girlscoutsdiamonds.org and she will get those set for you.

If you are having a training class at a camp property, don't forget to check with Ann at apaget@girlscoutsdiamonds.org for property availability before setting your dates!

If you want to have a class at a council office, please check with Sherri and let her check on the availability of the conference room for you.

In Fall 2011, we actually had 104 training classes scheduled! That is a tremendous achievement and I give you all KUDOS!!

Let's make Spring 2012 one to remember!

Thank you for all you do!

Jennifer

**Happy Holidays from
Girl Scouts - Diamonds of
Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas**



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