

## Leaders Very Important News E-Letter

### Product Sales

Leader's Notes is now known as the L-VINE (Leaders Very Important News E-Letter). The L-VINE will be published on the 15 and 27 of the month. If that day falls on a weekend it will be posted the following weekday.

## Fall Product Program – It's not too late!

It's not too late for your troop to participate in the Fall Product Program! Even though it's too late to take orders for nuts, candy and catalog magazines, your girls can still do the online magazine activity. The girls can earn incentives and the troop can earn money to do activities now instead of waiting until cookie money comes in the last of March. Any sales made between now and November 27 will benefit both girls and troops!

Delivery time is here. See the important dates below:

- By November 7** Troop bank account must be set up and ready to use
- November 7 – 12** Products arrive at Service Unit delivery location.  
Troops will be notified when and where to pick up their items
- Nov. 7 – Dec. 4** Girls deliver products  
Encourage girls to deliver orders as quickly as they can and turn in money often  
Deposit into troop account immediately
- November 27** Deadline for online magazine sales  
(any sales after this date will not be applied to girl incentives or troop proceeds)
- November 28-29** Collect the "Detailed Online Report" from girls who have online orders and add to the girl's orders on the Ashdon Farms website.  
Check each girl's incentive order, click "save" and then submit
- December 4-5** All Money due to troop – any problems contact your SU Fall Product Manager
- December 6** Payment due - bank information, cashier's check or money order to SU  
Fall Product Manager

A completed Debt Report form, if necessary must be turned in with original signed girl permission slip and signed receipts showing that parent received products.

Should you have any questions please contact your council product sales team. We are here to help in any way we can. Thanks for all your hard work and dedication!

# Adult Development

## Facilitator Retreat

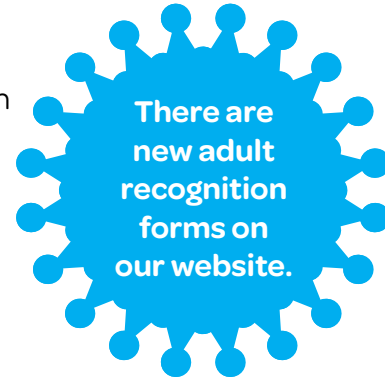
Our 2nd Facilitator retreat will be held November 5-6, 2011 at Camp Crossed Arrows! We have an exciting day filled with training classes, information, and freebies! Stay for Sunday to become an outdoor facilitator- learn how to cook outside and bake in a box! Cost is FREE for Saturday, \$15.00 for Sunday.

## Volunteer Hours

Girls and Volunteers – don't forget to be logging your volunteer service hours online at [www.presidentialserviceawards.gov](http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov) with code RLZ-45010 for Girl Scouts. (You can also turn those same hours in for Project 100!)

## The President's Volunteer Service Award

The President's Volunteer Service Award is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation on behalf of the President of the United States to recognize the best in the American spirit, and to encourage all Americans to improve their communities through volunteer service, and civic participation. To view the guidelines and start entering your service hours [click here](#).



## Training Opportunities

Fri Oct 27- 7:00pm-9:00pm Our Girl Scout Journey –Mt. Home -Baxter Regional Medical Center

Fri Oct 27- 6:00pm-7:00pm New Leader Fundamentals –Mt. Home -Baxter Regional Medical Center

Fri Nov 4 - 7:00pm – 10:00pm Optional Travelers for Facilitator retreat – Camp Crossed Arrows - Floral

Sat Nov 5 - 9:00am-6:00pm Facilitator Retreat – Camp Crossed Arrows – Floral

Sun Nov 6 - 9:00am-12:00pm Venture Out II Facilitator Retreat – Camp Crossed Arrows – Floral

Fri Nov 4 - 7:00pm – 10:00pm Girl Scout Ceremonies VOII Enrichment - Hot Springs – Radford House

Sat Nov 5 - All day Venture Out II - Radford House - Hot Springs

Sun Nov 6 - 9:00am – 12:00pm Girl Scout Ceremonies VOII Enrichment - Hot Springs - Radford House

Thurs Nov 10 - 6:15pm-8:15pm New Leader Fundamentals – Rogers Public Library, Glotzbecker RM

# Membership

We are still in the process of re-registering and registering Girls into new and existing Girl Scout Troops. Please visit with your Troop Organizer, Service Unit Director, and/or Membership Specialist if you have not registered or are holding registrations for the 2011-2012 Program Year.

All Girl Scout program material and earned Girl Recognitions are based on Grade Level not Age. Please make sure that as a Leader you are using the appropriate Grade Level program materials.

Friendly Reminder about Girl Scout Age Levels:

**Daisy Girl Scout – Kindergarten and 1st Grade**

**Brownie Girl Scout – 2nd and 3rd Grade**

**Junior Girl Scout – 4th and 5th Grade**

**Cadette Girl Scout – 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade**

**Senior Girl Scout – 9th and 10th Grade**

**Ambassador Girl Scout – 11th and 12th Grade**

Troop Bank Accounts: Reminder that Troops must turn in last year's Troop Financial Report to be eligible to participate the 2012 Cookie Activity. New Troops should receive instruction from their Service Unit Treasurer and/or Membership Specialist about Troop financial guidelines, policies, and practices.

Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of Girl Scouts of the USA, was born in Savannah, Georgia on October 31, 1860. Troops at all levels are encouraged to recognize and honor her birthday in some way, whether it be through a service project or some sort of party.

## Program

Leaders, please don't forget to check the Program calendar on the website for upcoming events and program opportunities. Unless otherwise stated, Tagalongs are NOT allowed at council events due to liability issues and limited space at most venues.

Here are some upcoming events (please check the [calendar](#) for more details):

- November 5 – A World of Girls @ Camp Kemp – Texarkana
- November 5 – Role With It @ Cathedral Baptist Church – Jonesboro
- November 12 - Animal Adventures - Hope
- November 12 - Silver Award Training - North Little Rock
- November 12 - Gold Award Training - North Little Rock
- November 19 - Role With It - Queen City

When registering for program events, please make sure to note any special needs or food allergies on your registration form.

## Outdoor Program

Horse programs at CCA will resume in Spring 2012. Keep an eye out on the spring program calendar for dates!

Leaders, did you know that the Fort Smith Nature Center has self led activities? There are activities geared for Daisies, Brownies and Juniors on our Science Trails. Call the Fort Smith office and reserve your time to take a walk on our "Science Trails". If it's during our regular shop hours, you can also take a tour of our Nature Center and meet Thomas the snake in person! These are no cost and all activity materials are provided. Reservations are required. Please remember, this is a self led activity.

## Fund Development

### Express Your Creativity by Thanking Our Donors

Now that fall weather is upon us, believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about the Christmas season! Each year we like to thank our Girl Scouts – Diamonds donors by asking Troops to get creative and make Christmas cards to send to them. Our donors are very important because their contributions make Girl Scouting possible!

To participate, Troops should fold 8 ½ x 11 paper (construction, stationary, colored, bordered, etc.) in half and then in half again – making the total size ¼ of the original. Decorate with crayons, markers, stickers, colored pencils, etc. Make sure that NO glitter is used and make sure that NO last names are included (feel free to sign first names). Be sure to write Happy Holidays and include a sweet message – something like the following: Happy Holidays! Thank you for supporting Girl Scouts! – (first name of girl) (Troop #). Mail cards by Monday, November 17, 2011, to Carolyn Eastham, 615 W. 29th St., North Little Rock, AR 72114.

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