

**NOTES TO SERVICE UNIT DIRECTORS
JANUARY, 2009**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**2009 is going to be a ten karat year for Girl Scouts – Diamonds!
Cookie sales start January 10, 2009**

SHOP NEWS

The Girl Scout **Shops** will start taking your troop orders for the **2009 Thinking Day** patch as well as the **2009 Cookie Pin**. Please keep in mind that both of these are earned recognitions and we will need leaders to buy and place the orders. The shop is excited to announce the arrival of **NEW GS Cookie Merchandise including "COOKIE MOM" items** (pre-orders only on Cookie Mom merchandise). Come see us for all your Girl Scout cookie incentives needs. All shops now have council T's, Hooded Sweatshirts, Caps and Bags. Go by any of your locale service center shops to see all the new merchandise along with all the other wonderful changes in our shops. Forms attached.

SHOP SATURDAY OPENINGS!

Saturday openings are coming back starting in April and May. All Girl Scouts – Diamonds shops will be open the 2nd Saturday from 9:00-12:00 in both April and May. Just in time for your annual meeting, bridging, court of awards, Bronze, Silver and Gold Ceremonies needs.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

At the council level, we are working very hard to improve communications. By early February, volunteers should be able to call their local number for the office, and be connected to whichever staff member they need to talk to throughout the council.

UPCOMING EVENTS throughout the council: Be sure to send registration to appropriate regional office

January 3	Cavin' It – Fayetteville Regional Service Center – J
January 10	Cavin' It – Fayetteville Regional Service Center – C, S, A
January 14	Car Care Badge Workshop – Shelby Exxon in Texarkana - J
January 22	Outdoor Photography Basics – Fayetteville Regional Service Center – B
22	Outdoor Photography Basics – Fayetteville Regional Service Center – J
January 24	Express Yourself – Camp Kemp, Texarkana – C, S, A
January 24	Just for Juniors – Jonesboro Regional Service Center – J
January 25	Silver/Gold Award Workshop – Fayetteville Regional Service Center - C, S, A
January 30 & 31	Stitch in Time – Ace of Clubs House, Texarkana – J
January 31	Brownie "Play-In-A-Day – Fayetteville Regional Service Center
February 1	Backpack Clinic – Camp High Point – C, S, A
February 7	Me & My Guy Valentine Dance – Jonesboro Regional Service Center - All
7	Insects, Bugs & Critters - Fayetteville Regional Service Center – D, B
7	Lady'Backs Junior Sports Day - Fayetteville Regional Service Center – J
7	Daisy & Dolls – Camp Kemp, Texarkana - D
February 8	Girl Scouts Invade Tulsa Ballet - Fayetteville Regional Service Center – C, S, A
February 10	Zink the Zebra - Fayetteville Regional Service Center – D, B
February 14	Lady'Backs Junior Sports Day - Fayetteville Regional Service Center – J
14	Insects, Bugs & Critters - Fayetteville Regional Service Center – J
February 20	Meet the Stars Astronomy Event – Fort Smith Regional Service Center – J
February 27 & 28	Horse Woman Weekend – Little Rock Regional Service Center – J, C, S, A
March 28	Brownie Revel – TBA – B
March 28	Rock/Rocks Badge Workshop - J

..2009 Girl Scout Thinking Day Patch Order form



Every year on February 22nd, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides all over the world take a moment to send symbolic messages of friendship to their sisters in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. It is a special day in the Girl Scout year when we remember we are part of an international movement. This patch is an UNOFFICIAL recognition and therefore may only be worn on the back of the sash or vest, or on a patch jacket. UPC 26631

COST OF EACH PATCH \$1.00

Money must accompany order

No returns on DATED Items

ORDERS SHOULD BE PLACED BY

March 27, 2009

Orders accepted until May, 2008, however they may run out before May. So order early to ensure you get what you need.

Regional Service Center Shop Location _____

Troop # _____ **Service Unit** _____

Leader Name _____ **Phone #'s** _____

Address _____

Number of 2008 Thinking Day Patches Ordered _____ **X \$1.00 = \$** _____

Methods of Payment: Cash _____ **Check** _____ **Check #** _____ **Credit Card** _____

Name as it Appears on Card _____

Card Number _____ **Expiration Date** _____

Type of Card _____

Signature of Card Holder _____

**2009 COOKIE SALE PIN
ORDER FORM**

YES, MY TROOP WILL EARN THE 2009 COOKIE SALE PIN

COST OF EACH PIN \$1.15

Money must accompany order

No returns on DATED Items

(As with all dated items we will only order exact amounts no extras will be kept in stock)

**THIS IS A NES PRODUCT FOUND IN THE 08-09 GIRL SCOUT CATALOG
The first orders will be placed on February 16, 2009**

Regional Service Center Shop Location _____

Troop # _____ Service Unit _____

Leader Name _____ Phone #'s _____

Address _____

Number of 2009 Cookie Pins Ordered _____ X \$1.15 = \$ _____

Methods of Payment Cash _____ Check _____ Check # _____ Credit Card _____

Name as it Appears on Card _____

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Type of Card _____

Signature of Card Holder _____

2009 Just for Juniors:



Your chance to discover the “knotty” side of Girl Scouts! The art of tying knots has long been a Girl Scout tradition, but one that is often overlooked. With just a few basic knots, you’ll learn to create lots of cool stuff for yourself, your room and your friends. *Join us for the fun and games!*

Who: Registered Junior Girl Scouts (troops &/or individuals)

When: Saturday, January 24, 2009 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Where: St. Bernard’s Auditorium, Jonesboro

Cost: *Girls:* \$5 per girl if received before 5 pm, Wednesday, Dec 31st
\$6 per girl, Jan 1st – 7th
Adults: No charge for adults as needed per *Safety-Wise*
\$2 per additional adult

Final Deadline to Register: All registrations and fees must be in the Jonesboro Service Center by **5 pm, January 7, 2009**

Service Project: Each girl is asked to bring a can or bag of pet food to be donated to a local animal shelter.

Special Notes:

Registration form is printed on the back of this flyer and can also be found on page 6 of the “Putting It All Together Council Event Book 2008-2009”. Payment must accompany form.

Mail to: Girl Scouts - Diamonds, Jonesboro Regional Service Center
4803 E. Johnson Ave
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Confirmation of registration, along with any other information pertinent to event will be mailed to adult listed on registration form by Jan 9th. (Contact Debbie Franks, Jonesboro Regional Service Center, if you have not received your confirmation by Jan 15th.)

The activities for the event are intended for registered Junior Girl Scouts only. **No tagalong children will be allowed.** Please inform all parents of this stipulation.

This event is limited to the first 150 Junior Girl Scouts to register. If fewer than 50 girls register, this event may be cancelled.

Requests for refunds will be honored only if the council office is notified at least seven days prior to the event or with a doctor’s excuse in case of illness.

January Crafts

Sparkling Ice Crystals (from Dec/Jan 2009 issue of Family Fun)

Craft Materials:

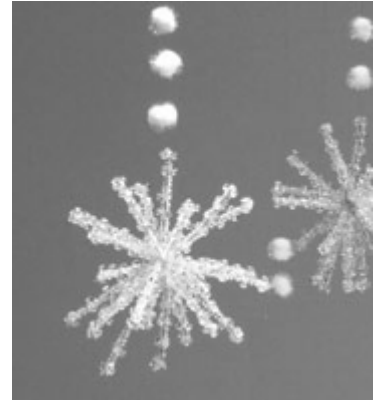
12 inch white iridescent pipe cleaners

Clear tri or sunburst beads

Needle and fishing line

White iridescent pom-poms

Time: Under 1 hour



1. Cut 6 pipe cleaners in half to create 12 pieces. Hold 11 pieces together and tightly wrap the last piece around the middle of the bundle, twisting its ends to secure it.
2. Spread the pipe cleaner pieces into a starburst shape and thread about 5 beads onto each pipe cleaner half as shown.
3. Using the needle, thread the pom-poms on the fishing line, then tie the snowflake to one end of the line

Fan-tastic Snowflakes (from Dec/Jan 2009 issue of Family Fun)

Craft Materials:

8 ½ by 11 inch sheet of paper

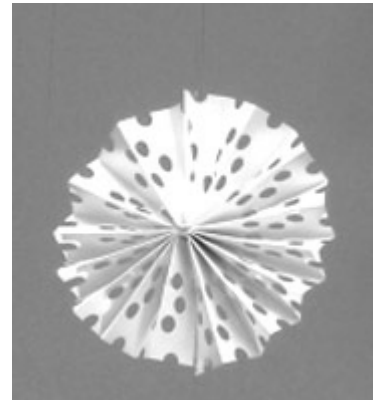
Stapler

Scissors or pinking shears

Hole Punch

Clear tape

Time : Under 1 hour



1. Fold the paper lengthwise and cut in half.
2. Starting at one short end, fanfold the paper in ½ inch folds. Staple the fan in the middle.
3. Use scissors or pinking shears to trim both ends, then hole-punch a design into the fans folds. When you are finished, unfold the fan to create a circle and tape the edges together to secure it.