

# Association 51 Newsletter

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## Tips and Suggestions

- **Parent Involvement:** Come up with a calendar for the year, including field trips and SU activities, including prep-time for these activities. You might also include special days that could be a topic of a meeting. Outline the tasks that will need to be done and pass around the list. Ask parents to sign-up and emphasize that if they don't help out, then these activities will be difficult to make happen.
- Make sure your **troop bank account** is updated with the current signers and addresses.
- Collect **SHARE** at your first parents' meeting while they have their checkbooks open for everything else. This will ensure your troops participation and get one more thing off your to-do list.
- Keep a positive attitude! We are here for the girls! Have fun!

## How to become a leader

Do you want to become a leader or know someone who does?

The first step is to fill out a volunteer application and have 2-3 other people fill out references for you.

Then, you need to connect with your SU's welcome specialist and complete the checklist. At this time, you should also receive a copy of Green Pages, Volunteer Basics, Kaleidoscope, and The Big Book of Program, and Safety Wise. You will also receive valuable information about your SU.

You then need to complete the 101 Training online or register to attend a classroom 101 class. At the completion of your training, your Service Unit Manager will give you an appointment letter. You will then have the opportunity to take the necessary level training and any additional specialty training you wish to take.

For more information on this process, please go to:

<http://www.gscnc.org/volunteers/ready/>

## New Process for Council Approval

**Beginning October 1, 2005, obtaining council approval will be streamlined!**

1. **Submit an approved "Troop Activity/Camping Eligibility Form" to GSCNC.** This form can be found in Green Pages 2005 or on the council website. The form needs to be as complete as possible and needs the signature of either the Service Unit Manager or the Field Director. Electronic signatures are acceptable. Once submitted, this form gives permission for most field trips, activities, overnights, and events.
2. **Before you go, let Council know...** Prior to trips between 50 and 200 miles outside GSCNC boundaries, overnights, camping on non-GSCNC sites, high adventure activities, or use of chartered transportation, Notification Form B240 must be submitted to GSCNC. You can submit either the paper or electronic version and **ONLY** the leader signature is required.
3. **Notification for Camping at GSCNC camps** is given by reserving the campsite through the online system at <http://register.gscnc.org/camping>.
4. **FOR TROOPS GOING ON EXTENDED TRAVEL, STEP 4 IS NEEDED.** Four weeks prior to trips of 3 nights or more, trips further than 200 miles outside GSCNC boundaries, and international trips, Special Notification Form B241 must be submitted to GSCNC. This form is available in Green Pages or on the website and only needs the Service Unit Manager or Field Director Signature.

**No additional Council Permission forms will be needed for each trip!**

Request for Council Approval and the Intent to Travel forms have been retired.

### Letter from the Field Director:

#### **Do you love Girl Scouts? Do you enjoy Music, Dance, Theater, or Art? Do you need a job during Winter Break?**

I am looking for 4 college-age girls to be Leaders for a 1-week camp for girls in the 4th-7th grade in Herndon and Reston, VA on December 26-30 from 9-3. Each Leader will offer a focus for the week. These focuses will be Arts, Theater, Music and Dance, or another creative outlet.

Each Leader will have an aide assigned to her and she will be responsible for program planning in one interest group for 15-20 girls. Any materials and resources that you need will be provided. You do not have to have been a Girl Scout, but Girl Scout experience is preferred.

There will be an interview process for these positions, so please submit your name, contact information, your interests and experience to [jcooper@gscnc.org](mailto:jcooper@gscnc.org) by October 31, 2005.

If you have any questions please feel free to email me at [jcooper@gscnc.org](mailto:jcooper@gscnc.org) or call at 202-237-1670 ext. 292.

#### **Reminders...**

The Fall Association Meeting will be held on October 26, 2005 at 6:30 PM in the Trinity Presbyterian Church. Remember, the Service Unit that brings the most voting members (registered adults and girls 14+) will receive a \$25 Gift Certificate to the Girl Scout Council Shop.

We have a new addition to the website! If girls or their parents are interested in Girl Scouts and you're not sure where to send them, please refer them to <http://www.gsassociation51.org/recruitment.htm> and we will connect them to the right people!

### Letter from the Chairs:

It's hard to believe that summer is already over! It seems like only yesterday we were having our spring meeting and looking forward to summer and now it's gone and school is starting again! That means we are starting another Girl Scout year and I look forward to working with you to make this year the best it can be for you and your girls.

To help that become a reality, a number of initiatives are underway at this point in time. I am working on updating the association web site ([www.gsassociation51.org](http://www.gsassociation51.org)) with current information on committee members, news and the calendar. The calendar currently has been updated with the entire council yearly events of note so you can see when Service Unit Encampment weekends are scheduled for which camps, the National Convention, the Fall Association Meeting (October 26) and many other events occur. If your Service Unit has other dates it would like posted on the association calendar, please contact me at [asstchair@gsassocation51.org](mailto:asstchair@gsassocation51.org) and I'll add them in. If you would like to maintain your own calendar with the same free service I use for the association web site, go to [www.localendar.com](http://www.localendar.com) and set up a free calendar. Once it is setup, you will be given a web address that people can go to directly to view your calendar.

Another initiative that was started and unfortunately has stalled is the Fall Association Event. We decided at the spring meeting to have a Fall Service Event such as a stream cleanup or planting trees, however I have not been able to find someone to head this effort. Jennie Klare of 51-9 has volunteered to help however she is not able to head this effort on her own. If anyone is interested on working on this, please contact me immediately so we can start this process moving forward.

Last year at the Annual Council Meeting we came up three delegates short of full representation. As a result, the Association Nominating and Referral Committee will be looking to replace two of those delegates and all of the alternate delegates since only 1 alternate attended the meeting. Being a delegate or alternate is **very important** to getting the input of the Service Units and especially the girls heard at council. This is our best way to put forth that information and also get information back to the girls from council. Without proper representation, this becomes harder. If you are interested in filling either a delegate or alternate delegate position, contact your Service Unit Manager and ask them for the position description to review so you know the responsibilities associated with the position. Then if you are interested, let your SUM know so your name can be passed on to the NNR Committee for consideration. In order to be either a delegate or alternate you **must** be willing to attend 2 or 3 meetings prior to the Annual Meeting **and then the Annual Meeting**. The Annual Meeting this year is April 8, 2006 at the University of Maryland beginning at 8 AM to about 12 noon.

One of the reasons that we only have to replace two of the three delegates that did not attend last year's meeting is that we have lost too many girls and therefore have lost a delegate. I believe it would be a good idea to try an Association level recruiting event this year, maybe at Reston Towne Center or some similar place. If anyone is interested in heading up this effort, please contact me and we'll get moving on it.

Remember ladies and gentlemen, *this is your Association*. You must take an active role to help make our Association the best in the Council. Please send me your name and contact information if you are interested in helping or have ideas to suggest. Let's get things moving so we can offer a dynamic fun filled year to our girls.

Jim Kraftchak  
Assistant Association Chair

# Meet Somebody Special

## Association 51 Assistant Chair

The Council is divided into 22 Associations. The Association is the largest and most important policy-influencing group within the GSCNC corporate structure. The Chairs act as a liaison between volunteers at the Service Unit level and volunteers that make up the Board of Directors.

Jim Kraftchak:

I became a Girl Scout many years ago when my youngest daughter, who is now 20, was a Daisy. I was a helping Dad with her troop and quickly realized with all three of my daughters active in Girl Scouts, I had a choice, to spend many weekends at home alone or join them.

Over the years I have become more involved in the Girl Scout movement. For a while I was content to be the helping dad, working with the troop when needed and going on camping trips. Then in 1994 I decided to become a Council Trainer. Since I have always been involved with training since my days in Civil Air Patrol, I relished the opportunity to help leaders gain the confidence to take their girls camping on the outdoors. Throughout my tenure as a “proud Man in Green”, I have served as a Troop Leader, a Service Unit Encampment Coordinator, an Association Delegate, an Association Alternate Delegate, an Annual Council Meeting Teller, a National Delegate, an Alternate National Delegate, Service Unit Outdoor Advisor, Service Unit Training Coordinator and now Assistant Association Chair. I’ve also served at the Council on the Outdoor Training Curriculum Review Committee, three Trainer Conference Committees, and the Training No Show Task Force.

When my troop all graduated from High School 2 years ago, they bought me a lifetime membership to Girl Scouts. I will have been a member of Girl Scouting 15 years this year and look forward to many more years to come. I believe that Girl Scouts is a dynamic movement that allows girls the opportunity to learn and grow, through success and yes sometimes failure, with supportive leaders guiding them along the way. The entire experience helps to mold and build young ladies who will be the leaders of the future, and I am proud and privileged to be able to help that dream come true.

## What's Going On?

Over the summer...

Troop 3191 went to **Parrot Lagoon in Ocean City, MD** for 2 nights!

**Yee haw!**  
Troop 838 went horseback riding!  
So did Troop 4553!

Troop 304 visited **New York City** and spent 3 nights!

Everyone Loves **Hershey Park!**  
Troop 471, 1242, and 4106 went this summer!

Make sure your troop gets recognized for trips, projects, and activities they did! Send an email to Jenna Cooper at [jcooper@gsnc.org](mailto:jcooper@gsnc.org) or call 202-237-1670 ext 292

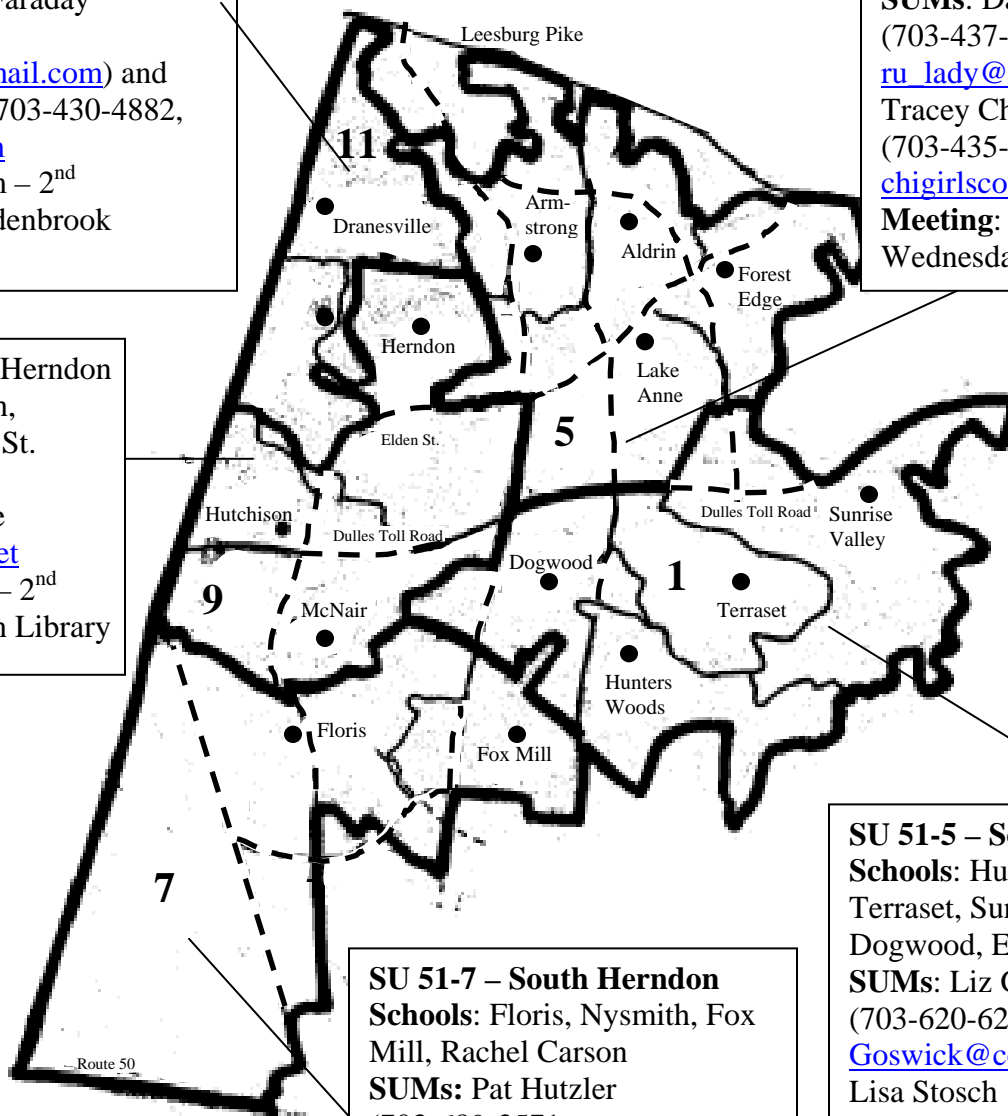
# Association 51 – Ashgrove West

The Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital (GSCNC) is one of over 300 Girl Scout Council's across the country and overseas. GSCNC has over 4,184 troops and serves over 50,000 girls. Our Council is divided into 22 Associations, which are further divided into Service Units, which are determined by elementary school boundaries. Your daughter is in Association 51, which is Herndon and Reston. A map of your local Service Units is below. If you have any questions, want to get involved or know of any girls interested in joining troops, feel free to contact your local Service Unit Manager (SUM).

**SU 51-11 – North Herndon**  
Schools: Clearview, Dranesville, and ADAMS Center  
SUMs: Carolyn Faraday (703-437-9632, [cmfaraday@hotmail.com](mailto:cmfaraday@hotmail.com)) and Kirsten Frostad (703-430-4882, [nirnccu@aol.com](mailto:nirnccu@aol.com))  
Meeting: 7:30 pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, Hiddenbrook Clubhouse

**SU 51-5 – North Reston**  
Schools: Aldrin, Armstrong, Forest Edge, Lake Anne  
SUMs: Danielle Hicks (703-437-5989, [ru\\_lady@hotmail.com](mailto:ru_lady@hotmail.com)) and Tracey Chichester (703-435-8881, [chgirlscouts@aol.com](mailto:chgirlscouts@aol.com))  
Meeting: 7:15 pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, Armstrong ES

**SU 51-9 – Central Herndon**  
Schools: Hutchison, Herndon, McNair, St. Joseph's  
SUM: Jennie Klare ([j.Klare@verizon.net](mailto:j.Klare@verizon.net))  
Meeting: 7:30 pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, Herndon Library



**SU 51-7 – South Herndon**  
Schools: Floris, Nysmith, Fox Mill, Rachel Carson  
SUMs: Pat Hutzler (703-689-3571, [hutzler51-7@verizon.net](mailto:hutzler51-7@verizon.net)) and Pat Beauregard (703-476-2323, [pmbeauregard@msn.com](mailto:pmbeauregard@msn.com))  
Meeting: 7:30 pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, Fox Mill Elementary School

**SU 51-5 – South Reston**  
Schools: Hunters Woods, Terraset, Sunrize Valley, Dogwood, Edlin  
SUMs: Liz Goswick (703-620-6270, [Goswick@comcast.net](mailto:Goswick@comcast.net)) and Lisa Stosch (703-391-1261, [STOSCH233@comcast.net](mailto:STOSCH233@comcast.net))  
Meeting: 7:30 pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, Langston Hughes MS