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Tips and Suggestions

- Double check things for the year.
 - o Is your money report up-to-date so you don't have to stress over it in June?
 - o Do you have plans to finish up any badges, try-its, or IPPs so your girls will get everything they are owed at your end-of-the-year ceremony?
 - o Have you started planning your end-of-the-year ceremony?
 - o If your SU is doing an encampment, have you made plans to attend? Are your girls preparing for the event? (i.e. learning to roll their own sleeping bag, planning a menu, etc.)
- Take some time for yourself!

Annual Meeting 2006 — *Shape the Future*

This year GSCNC's Annual Meeting and Annual Recognitions Luncheon will take place on Saturday, April 8, 2006 at the University of Maryland's Inn and Conference Center.

The Annual Meeting is an exciting opportunity to see this council in action. In addition to speeches by both the Council President and the Council's Executive Director, there will be opportunities to hear from every Association as they respond to a two-minute question posed to them by the Council's Board of Directors. This year's question is, "What bold ideas do you have for redesigning our Council-Wide Association Structure so that it fulfills its corporate responsibility and provides added value to girls and volunteers?"

Visitors are always welcome to come and observe the Annual Meeting. Simply download the Registration form at www.gscnc.org/pdf/board/generalregistrationform.pdf and mail it in or register on-line at register.gscnc.org/apps/annualmeeting/. If you would like to stay for the luncheon, please mark the form accordingly and submit it on-line or in the mail with payment.

Tellers are needed every year to assist in collecting and tallying ballots completed during the meeting for the elections that will take place. We need both adult and girl tellers. Tellers must be 14 years of age or older and girls will receive service hour credit for their participation. Girls must be able to attend the Annual Meeting Aide/Teller training on Saturday, April 1, 2006 at 8:30 AM at the council office.

Adults wishing to be tellers should complete the application that can be downloaded at www.gscnc.org/pdf/board/telleradultapplication2006.pdf. Girls interested in applying as tellers should complete the Aide/Teller application in Formatta or submit the Aide/Teller application found at www.gscnc.org/pdf/board/aideteller.pdf or in *Kaleidoscope* by mail or fax (202.274.2160). All faxes should be marked to the attention of Celia Overby, Teen Program Specialist. Please note that the girl application due date has been extended to Friday, March 24, 2006.

Annual Meeting Aides are also required for this meeting. Aides are older girls age 14 or older. Girls receive service hour credit for their participation. The application deadline for this position has been extended to Friday, March 24, 2006 and girls must attend the Annual Meeting Aide/Teller training. The application for Aide/Teller can be completed in Formatta at www.gscnc.org/pdf/board/aideteller.pdf or found in *Kaleidoscope* and submitted by mail or fax (202.274.2160). All faxes should be marked to the attention of Celia Overby, Teen Program Specialist. Girls must be able to attend the Annual Meeting Aide/Teller training on Saturday, April 1, 2006 at 8:30 AM at the council office.

Exhibitors are needed for the exhibit room that is open before the meeting begins. If you're interested in sharing something with a large council audience, please complete the form that can be downloaded at www.gscnc.org/pdf/board/exhibitorsform.pdf. Space will be available on a first come, first served basis. Exhibit space cannot be given to promote any type of troop or group fundraiser.

SU Goals to-date

SU	Last Year	Current	Goal	Needed
1	373	414	380	(34)
5	390	409	403	(6)
7	468	464	477	13
9	302	259	309	50
11	305	366	332	(35)

What's Going On?

Brownie Troop 698 went Snow Tubing at Ski Liberty on January 30! It was a blast and recommended for all troops. Takes about 1 1/2 hours to get to Ski Liberty which has a separate lodge and area for the snow tubing. To tube costs \$15. Value of seeing all of the girls in your troop tied together tubing down the mountain – Priceless!

Brownie Troop 1538 collected used video tapes and donated them to the Reston Hospital Pediatric unit at Christmas. The girls included handmade Get Well cards too! The volunteer coordinator was thrilled and asked the troop to keep them in mind for future service projects.

Armstrong 6th grade Junior Troop 258 teamed up with Aldrin Junior troop 3431 for pizza and a gift exchange on Jan. 6 before SHARE Movie Night. The get-together provided an opportunity for the girls to get acquainted before they go to middle school in the Fall, and fulfills a requirement for Honor Troop too! The stayed to enjoy "Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants."

Senior Troops 740 and 4721 spent FCPS Teacher Work Days skiing and snowboarding at Seven Springs Resort in PA. They experienced all kinds of weather - from getting caught in a down pour while on the lift to skiing down the mountain in bright sunshine! Most girls left the mountain with sore muscles, but they can't wait to go back next year.

Does the idea of 5 days with 3000 Girl Scouts from around the country (& even the world!) sound like fun to you? Does going with some Girl Scouts from SU 51-7 & Association 51 sound even better? Then come to the 'Minnesota Dreams Jamboree' in July 2007! The event is open to all registered Girl Scouts who have completed the 6th grade and Girl Guides who are between the ages of 12 -18 by the date of the event. It will be held on a private college campus in South central Minnesota. The event runs from July 18, 2007 to July 22, 2007. Non-Minnesota troops may register starting June 17, 2006. See <http://www.mndreamsjamboree.com/> for more information. Please contact Anne Parrish at anne.parrish@mindspring.com or 703-860-9202 if you are interested in helping put together a group from Association 51.

Meet Somebody Special

Judi Edmondson
51-7 Cookie Manager

This is my fifth year as a Service Unit cookie manager. After starting at the Service Unit level, I became the Troop Cookie Manager for both of my daughter's troops. I was a Girl Scout for 7 years as a child before returning as a leader 8 years ago when my oldest daughter became a Brownie. After 8 years as a leader, I am once again a Brownie leader, this time with my youngest daughter. In the past I have volunteered as the Service Unit Training Records manager and at Camp Firefly. I have 2 daughters, 13 and 8, and a son, 11. In addition to being active in the school, sports, scout and band activities of my husband and 3 children in 3 different schools, I returned to work this year in a new career area as an assistant teacher in a pre-school class at Frying Pan Park. Before staying home when my three children were young, I worked in the software development area at Goddard Space Flight center and other Washington area locations.

Meet Somebody Special

Amy Hinojosa
Virginia Linguistic Outreach Specialist

I have been at GSCNC for five months. Previously, I worked at the Girl Scouts of South Texas Council, where I worked as a Membership Executive (the equivalent of a Field Director) for over a year. In my position as a Linguistic Outreach Specialist, my job is to spread the Girl Scout message to members of the Spanish-speaking communities of Virginia. In doing so, I am working to build community relations between the Girl Scouts and local Hispanic/Latino organizations that also work within our Council jurisdiction. I am available to speak to your Associations and/or Service Units about reaching out to the Hispanic/Latino communities in your area. I can be contacted by phone at 202-237-1670, ext. 586 or via email at ahinojosa@gscnc.org. We don't ever want language to be a barrier for girls or their families, so please let me know if I can be of assistance in communicating with Spanish-speaking individuals. We also have a world of Council information translated into Spanish, from recruitment brochures to event flyers and medical history forms, to Green Pages. Spanish language trainings are also on the way. I am here to help you, so don't hesitate to call!

Interesting Information You Can Use

High Adventure Website Content

Steps in Planning a High Adventure Outing

When a troop decides they want to try out a high adventure outing, you need to take a look at whether the girls are ready for the intensity of the activity that they are requesting. Once that is done – the process of planning a high adventure activity is outlined in the following steps.

Determine an activity that is suitable for your troop. Click here for a list of activities that are considered high adventure.

Submit a B220 Form for your troop if you haven't already.

Review the High Adventure Vendor List to determine what vendors offer the activity you are looking for. Make sure that the Insurance Expiration date is after the planned date for when you want to do the activity

If the vendor is not on the vendor list, submit a Vendor Request Form, email Kendra Reinmann at kreinmann@gscnc.org with the contact information for the vendor or call 202-237-1670 ext. 209.

If a government constituency operates the vendor then they do not have to appear on the vendor list to be approved, we do not pursue insurance information from government constituencies. If you are unsure whether a government constituency operates the vendor then contact Kendra Reinmann at the number or email address above.

Review the Safety Wise guidelines for the activity that you are planning on doing

Contact several Vendors to see if what they offer matches the experience your troop is looking for (i.e. trail riding instead of riding around a ring for horseback riding).

Go over the Safety Wise guidelines with the vendor to ensure that they meet Girl Scout safety standards.

Submit the B240 Notification Form for the activity.

Prepare your troop for the outing and make sure that they have all of the required special equipment that may be needed.

Enjoy the trip with your troop!

“Is there a list somewhere -- an *easy* list! -- that spells out when exactly a First-Aider is required & when it is not?”

Specifically the question has come up recently about cookie booths. The word that is often spread around in training/on the grapevine is that you *always* need a First-Aider. However, for the answer, please refer to page 6 of the new green pages.

Do ALL Girl Scout meetings and activities need a first aider? No, but a first aider is required for:

- Physically demanding activities
- Activities involving potential injury such as but not limited to hiking, camping, backpacking, bicycling, caving, climbing, horseback riding, skating, skiing, swimming, and boating.
- An activity of 24 hours or more.
- An event of over 200 people

So, a first aider is not need at every cookie booth. If there is a girl with special needs, I recommend it, but that's at the leader's discretion.

ATTENTION ADULTS AND TEEN GIRLS!

Sampler Camp Staff is needed for summer of 2006! Camp will run, this year, from July 3 – July 14 from 1 – 5 pm at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Herndon. All positions are still needed (see list below). If you would like to work at camp, please fill out the form on the back of this sheet and return to:

Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital
ATTN: Association 51 Field Director, Sampler Camp
4301 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Jobs Available:

Assistant Director	Unit Leaders (5)
First Aider	Arts and Crafts Aide
Unit Aides (5)	Dance Aide
Music Aide	Science and Nation Aide
Scouting Traditions Aide	Snack Supervisor
Games Aide	

EOE

Girl Scout Sampler Camp Staff Application

Name: _____ Social Security # _____

Address: _____ Email _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Please Check all that apply: Adult Male Female Girl (Age _____)

(you must be at least 18 years old to be a Unit Leader, and at least 14 years old to work at camp)

PREFERRED POSITION (if more than one applies, please number your choices)

_____ Assistant Director _____ First Aider _____ Unit Leader
_____ Unit Aide _____ Arts and Crafts Aide _____ Music Aide
_____ Dance Aide _____ Scouting Traditions Aide _____ Science and Nature Aide
_____ Games Aide _____ Snack Supervisor

AGE LEVEL YOU PREFER TO WORK WITH:

_____ under 6 _____ 6 – 7 _____ 8 – 9 _____ 10 – 11 _____ 12 and up

NAME AND DATES OF CAMP PROGRAM: _____ GS Sampler Camp, July 3 – 14, 2006 1 – 5 PM

CAMP/YOUTH PROGRAM EXPERIENCE

Have you ever worked in a Camp before? _____ Yes _____ No. If yes, when, where, and what type?

Responsibilities at camp

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: _____

Are you a certified first aider: _____ Yes _____ No Expiration Date: _____

Are you a : _____ Registered Nurse _____ Doctor _____ Paramedic _____ CPR Certified

List any other experience you have working with youth:

EXPERIENCE IN GIRL SCOUTING:

Girl Member: _____ # of years

Adult Member: _____ # of years

Adult Positions Held: _____

Training Received: _____

REFERENCES:

Please list three references (including address and telephone numbers):

