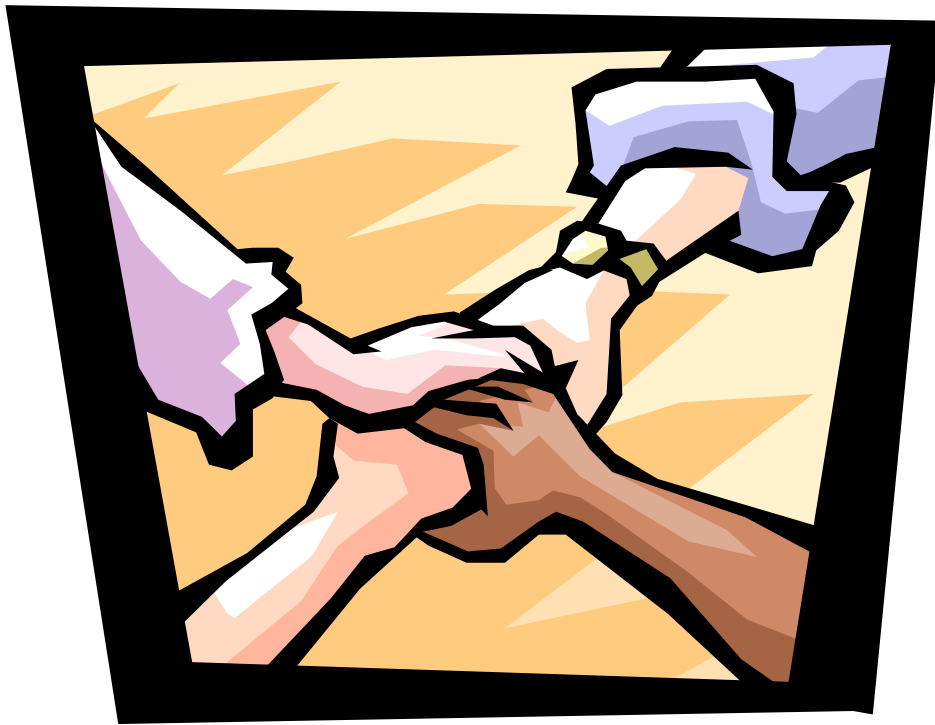


LAKE FOREST

ASSOCIATION

HANDBOOK



WHERE YOU BELONG

2009 – 2010

TEAM

Remember that your team members are volunteers too.
Please do not make calls before 8 am or after 9 pm. You can e-mail anytime! ;-)

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INFORMATION

Service Unit Meeting

Every leader is *strongly* encouraged to attend all Service Unit meetings. These meetings are our primary tool for providing you with information regarding upcoming events, news from Council, and program-enhancement ideas. Please make every effort to attend or designate someone to attend in your place. This is one job you can ask one of your troop parents to do. Meetings are held at the **Community Room at the El Toro Library** on the **4th Wednesday of the month**, excluding December and the summer. The meeting **begins promptly at 7:00 pm** and event registration is held after the service unit meeting.

Council Representative

An Pham is our Volunteer Support Specialist. She is our Council liaison and can be reached at 949-461-8854. If you have any questions that can't be answered by your level consultant or our Service Unit Managers, An is the next one to call!

Deadlines

Please pay close attention to the deadlines for event registration. Event organizers are volunteers too! They need adequate time to plan and buy supplies. Get your permission slips to your parents early or use the Service Unit calendar to plan ahead for event attendance.

Permission Slips

Troop leaders must send one copy of their permission slips to **Becky Isa** at least 48 hours prior to any activity that occurs away from the regular meeting place. She also needs one for your meetings. Her address is: **20 Chatri, Foothill Ranch, 92610**. Her e-mail is **TheIsas@gmail.com**. You can also drop it into her file folder at the Service Unit meetings. If your trip or activity is more than 150 miles one way, please refer to the Troop Travel guidelines for the appropriate timelines regarding permission slips and any additional paperwork you may need to file.

Council Website

The council website is **www.gscoc.org**. It has a little bit of everything: product sales information, several forms available for downloading, training dates and times, Council shop hours, and information about program opportunities available around the county.

National Website

The national Girl Scout website is **www.girlscouts.org**. This website includes the new Bronze, Silver, and Gold award guidelines, try-its, badges, and interest projects not found in any books, and diagrams of where to place all that stuff on a girl's sash and/or vest.

Service Unit Website

Our service unit has a website - **www.gslfa.org**. Find information specific to our Girl Scout association: a team roster with hyperlinks to their e-mail addresses, calendar of events, forms you can download, and resource links for each program level. The password for to any of the files or links with confidential information is "savannah."

CALENDAR

Sept. '09	Oct. '09	Nov. '09
4-7 Family Camp @ Scherman 9 Team Meeting 7, 20 Fall Product Training 23 Service Unit Meeting 25-27 Sr. Fall Event @ Scherman	1 Destinations Meeting 3 Fall Product Orders Begin 14 Day Camp/Team Meeting 16 Urban Adventure 18 Fall Product Orders End 23-25 Cadette-o-Rama 28 SU Meeting 31 Juliette Low's Birthday	1 Fall Product Delivery 6-15 Fall Product Booth Sales 7-14 Scouting for Food TBD Day Camp/Team Meeting 18 Service Unit Meeting First Aid/CPR Training Council Recognitions Due
Dec. '09	Jan. '10	Feb. '10
5 Song Fest 9 Team Dinner 12 Science Workshop 12-13 Song Fest Trefoil Bazaar NO SU Meeting	9 Brownie Lock-in 13 Day Camp/Team Meeting 23 Cookie Orders Start 27 SU Meeting 31 Leader/Daughter Event Delegate Briefing Cookie Training	7 Cookie Orders End 10 Day Camp/Team Meeting 20 Dreams to Reality 22 Girl Scout Thinking Day 24 SU Meeting International Day
Mar. '10	Apr. '10	May '10
5-21 Cookie Booth Sales 7-13 Girl Scout Week 10 Day Camp/Team Meeting 12 Girl Scout Birthday 17 GSCOC Annual Meeting 24 SU Meeting	14 Day Camp/Team Meeting 22 Leader Appreciation Day 23 Recognition Dinner 24 Teddy 'n Me 28 SU Meeting	6-9 San Francisco Bridging 12 Day Camp/Team Meeting 26 SU Meeting TBA GAM
June '10	July '10	Aug. '10
1 Spring Registration Due 9 200+ Cookie Plaques 9 Day Camp Meeting Destination Unknown	3 or 5 Lake Forest 4 th of July Parade Day Camp	4 Council Kick-Off Leader Retreat (July or August)

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

Below is a short description of each event and the girl level for which the event is intended.

Fall Product Sales (All levels)

Ann Marie Streckfus, 233-9078

Troops can earn money by selling a variety of nuts and/or magazine subscriptions. If your troop plans to participate in other fund-raising events in addition to cookies, you must participate in this sale.

Daisy Birthday (D)

Wenda Deer, 472-0640

To celebrate the birthday of Girl Scout founder, Juliette Gordon Low, we have a party! Girls participate in games, crafts, snacks, and learn about "Daisy."

Fall Campout (ALL Levels, except Daisies)

This fall event combines the camping experience with organized games, crafts, and/or program work. Themes and activities vary each year.

Daisy-Brownie Play Day (D, B)

Debbie Watson & Troop 1241, 206-0686

This fun-filled day is created with Daisies and Brownies in mind. There are many different stations with varying activities for girls to try.

Trefoil Bazaar (ALL levels)

Carol Bark & Troop 412, 716-6688

Junior, Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts make and sell wonderful items for the younger girls to buy as holiday gifts for their families. Troops do not make a profit on this event – every item is priced at cost.

Song Fest (ALL levels)

Linda Malcor, 472-3800

Girls get into the holiday spirit by singing at Heritage Hill Historical Park.

Science Workshop (ALL levels, except D)

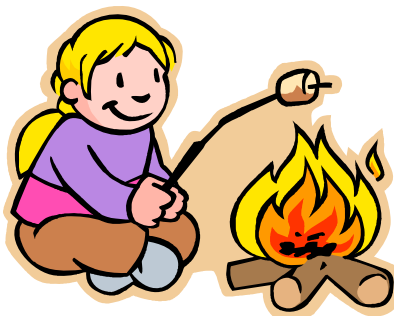
Linda Malcor & Troop 1319, 472-3800

Come to a fun workshop and earn a try-it, badge, or IP while you are there! Take your girls to this event, especially if you don't know anything about science.

Brownie Lock-in (B)

Vicki Alvarado, 525-8310 & Kathleen Dyke, 472-5032

Girls participate at several different activity booths in this all-night, little-sleep event. Themes and activities vary each year.



EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

Leader/Daughter Event (ALL levels)

Bonnie Schuh, 215-3096

What a great way to say "Thank You" to your daughter for sharing you all year with the troop than to have an event where she has you all to herself! Activities and themes vary each year.

Cookie Sales (ALL levels)

Cheryl Kramer, 589-7721

Troops earn funds by pre-sale and booth sales of the ever-popular Girl Scout cookies. If your troop plans to participate in other fund-raising events to reach their troop goals this year, you must participate in cookie sales.

Midway Overnighter (ALL levels, except Daisies)

Siobhan Hickey, 581-3686

Take your troop to San Diego to spend the night on the aircraft carrier, Midway. Girls get to tour the ship, sleep in the crew quarters, and eat in the mess!

International Day (ALL levels)

Sheila Robinson & Troop 2291, 951-5765

To celebrate the worldwide sisterhood of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, each troop chooses a country that is a member of WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts). Daisies come and have fun, while all the other troops can either sing or dance, teach a game or craft, or serve food. Girls planning trips can sell beverages as a fund raiser. What a fun way to learn about another country!

Junior Lock-in (J)

Brenda Haney & Troop 2097, 458-8949

Girls participate at several different activity booths in this all-night, little-sleep event. Themes and activities vary each year.

Teddy and Me (D, B)

Stefanie Sale & Troop 2328, 581-0697

Bring your teddy bear along to this fun-filled event. Themes and activities change every year, but they always include a girl's favorite cuddly toy!

Spring Campout (ALL Levels, except Daisies)

Barb Christensen, 830-3846

& Siobhan Hickey, 581-3686

This spring event combines the camping experience with organized games, crafts, and/or program work. Themes and activities vary each year.

Mother/Daughter Event (ALL levels)

Linda Malcor & Troop 1319, 472-3800

Any girl can attend this special day with their mom (aunt, grandma, etc.). Troops don't have to attend together. Themes and activities change every day.



EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

Father/Daughter Event (ALL levels) Melanie Maiona, 470-9871 & Becky Isa, 830-9242

Girls bring their favorite guy to a special event just for the two of them. The activities for this have been anything from disco dancing to bowling and changes every year.

Safety Day (D, B)

Siobhan Hickey & Troop 939, 581-3686

A fun-filled day that focuses on bike safety. Younger girls get the opportunity to earn part of a try-it or their Safety award.

Destination Unknown (Bridging J)

All bridging Juniors are invited to this event to learn more about Cadette Girl Scouts. The event is created and run by Cadettes. What a great way to get excited about the next level in Girl Scouts!



Bink-a-thon and Binky Patrol (ALL levels)

Christina Griffin Hull, 587-9204

This is a great way for girls of all levels to participate in service project. Troops can either make blankets on their own to donate to Binky Patrol, or participate in a Bink-a-thon where a troop can drop in and make blankets on a specific day – all materials will be supplied.

Silver/Gold Ceremony (C, S, A)

This inspiring ceremony is to honor Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts who earned their levels' highest recognitions. **All ages are invited to attend** this ceremony; it is a great way to motivate girls to stay in Girl Scouts and possibly earn the same award.

Summer Day Camp (ALL levels)

Vicki Alvarado, 457-9912

This great summer activity is a great chance for the girls to see some old friends, meet some new ones, and enjoy a week of fun Girl Scout program. There are leadership opportunities for older Girl Scouts. Themes, badges/try-its, and activities change each year.



Fourth of July Parade (ALL levels)

Celebrate the 4th of July by participating in the city's parade. Girls walk the short route and increase Girl Scout visibility in the community.

Leader Retreat (leaders and team members only)

**Vicki Alvarado, 457-9912
& Barb Christensen, 830-3846**

This getaway weekend is a great way to get new ideas for the upcoming year, plan your schedule with your co-leader, and have a say in the planning for the Association and its events for the next year.

GIRL SCOUT LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Girls can be leaders *right now* in their everyday lives and continue to be leaders as they grow up. With Girl Scouts, girls Discover, Connect, and Take Action.

- **Discover** themselves – Girls understand themselves and their values and use their knowledge and skills to explore the world.
- **Connect** with others – Girls care about, inspire, and team with others locally and globally.
- **Take Action** – Girls act to make the world a better place

POSITIONING STATEMENT AND MISSION

Girl Scouts is the world's pre-eminent organization dedicated solely to girls - all girls - where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world. In partnership with committed adults, girls develop qualities that serve them all their lives - like strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth.

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

PROMISE AND LAW

The Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to Live by the Girl Scout Law.

The Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be:
Honest and fair,
Friendly and helpful,
Considerate and caring,
Courageous and strong, and
Responsible for what I say and do, and to
Respect myself and others,
Respect authority,
Use resources wisely,
Make the world a better place,
And be a sister to every Girl Scout.