

Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

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Rio Grande valley Leaders

Cookie Kickoff Update

Register for the Cookie Kickoff Rally by January 5th to participate in a very fun rally with Channel 5's Letty Garza adding to the fun!

**Annual Meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 13th, 2010 at
Texas A&M University-Kingsville.**

COOKIES 4 a change

Shop News:



COOKIE KICK-OFF SALE

Month of January

TAKE 15% OFF ALL COOKIE MERCHANDISE!

Imagine if... 
we could change the world!

Cookie Sales begin on Saturday, January 9th, 2010

Booth Sales Begin on Saturday, February 20th, 2010



**Questions regarding Product Sales, please contact Veronica Dittman
Director of Product Sales at 1-800-929-52298 or vdittman@gsgst.org.**

Leader Notes

January 2010

Bank Accounts

In order to process your application for a troop or Service Unit Account, we need all information complete, especially the bank fax number. Applications with incomplete information will be returned to the leader. Processing your account could take up to 2 weeks. Banks will not hold on to the paperwork for more than 4 or 5 working days. So when you receive confirmation by e-mail that your account is ready, call the bank as soon as possible to see when you are able to make an appointment for signing cards. The banks will want to copy your drivers license and social security card. Signers on the account cannot be relatives or live at the same address. Both signers on the account must be registered Girl Scout members and have a Volunteer Application on file. Please call the Director of Volunteer Services for more information. 800-865-3069

Volunteer Conference in Victoria

The next Volunteer Conference will be held on January 29-30 at the Victoria Service Center. Volunteers are able to register for required classes such as Leadership Essentials and Level Opportunities, in addition to taking the fun stuff such as Songs & Games or SWAPS. Check the Council web site for the entire packet.

Troop Camp Training

Volunteers wishing to take their troops on a camp out, back yard sleep out or cook out will need this class. You are required to stay overnight in order to receive certification. Dates for this class are:

January 23-24 Laredo

January 29-30 Victoria

March 26-27 Bayview

Fee for this class is \$25.00 and covers all meals

Spring Adult Opportunities Calendar

The Calendar out and on the Council website. Please check out this area for all your training needs. Remember that all training classes are more fun when taken with a friend. Recruit parents from your troop to go along. They'll be glad they attended and so will you when you get more help from those parents.

Adult Recognition Packet

This resource is a way of nominating other volunteers for a job well done. Please check out the packet. We hope that all volunteers can attend the event in their area so that we can "Recognize U"

You'll also find the Adult Recognition Invite on the Council website. Look under the Volunteer Tab on the Home page. Dates for the events are:

April 22, 2010	Laredo
April 24, 2010	Corpus Christi
April 25, 2010	Victoria
April 29, 2010	Harlingen-McAllen areas

Trips & Tours

Just a reminder to troop Volunteers that it is now necessary to have girls in car seats if they are under 8 years old, or less than 4 feet 9 inches tall. The new law also requires all passengers of a vehicle, no matter their age, to be secured by a safety belt. Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas obeys all Texas Department of Public Safety Laws.

Journeys, Journeys, Journeys

Remember to start with the "It's your World, Change it" Journey first before jumping into the "It's your Planet, Love it" Journey. The question has been asked "Is it ok to do both Journeys in one year"? Yes it is, but always complete "It's your World, Change it", Journey first.

LIA (Leader in Action)

This is an award that only Girl Scout Cadettes can earn by helping Girl Scout Brownies get started on their Quest. What a great combination!

The Department of Volunteer Services is here to serve the Adult Volunteers of Greater South Texas Council. Our Department has the following duties:

- Adult records
- Adult Learning Opportunities
- Mentoring Apprentice Trainer-Facilitators
- Bank Accounts
- Adult Recognition
- Program Aid - Leader in Training Sessions
- Training Materials

Please call if you have a need in any of these areas.

Terry Blevins

Director of Volunteer Services tblevins@gsgst.org



From the Membership Department

Happy New Year!

On behalf of the Membership Department we would like to extend our welcome to you, for the 2009/2010 New Year. We appreciate all you do for the girls.

It's that time of year again. Yup! It's cookie time.

If you have not attended cookie training, please contact your Membership Executive.

In order to participate in the cookie sale, you must be registered. If you have an outstanding balance with the Council, you will not be able to participate.

Good luck to all troops in your cookie sales!!!

Semi-annual management reports are due on January 31st, 2010. You can turn them in to your Membership Executive or mail them to the Harlingen Service Center, 202 E. Madison, Harlingen, TX 78550 attention Diana Trevino.

Please keep in mind that one of the requirements for a Girl Scout Leader is to attend a New Leader Training. If you have not attended a NLT, please notify your Membership Executive for more information or Terry Blevins at 1-800-865-3069.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for all your work and dedication. Thank you for making a difference in Girl Scouting. If you have any questions or comments I can be reached at 1-800-477-2688 ext. 108.

Sincerely,



Diana Trevino