

Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas



Leaders Notes September 2011

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Welcome back!!



If you have anything to post on our website please forward it to
Diana Treviño at
dinfante@gsgst.org

From the Product Sales Department:



Fall Product Sale begins Saturday, September 24th!

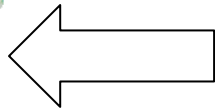
If you or a parent volunteer from your troop has not attended training for the Fall Product Sale, please contact your Service Unit Fall Product Manager or your Product Sales Team Member. It's not too late to participate with the sale! The Fall Product Sale will end October 15th.

New for this year:

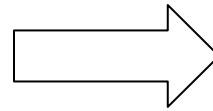
The Older Girl Option is back!
Cadettes and older can choose to opt out of receiving recognitions. Troop profit:
\$0.80 per nut/candy item
20% for magazine orders



The Top Seller per Service Unit will receive this Towel Tote.



Top Seller per Service Center will receive this



Save the Date:

Cookie Training is next month!

Sunday, October 23, 20011 - Corpus Christi

Monday, October 24, 2011 - Victoria

Tuesday, October 25, 2011 - Harlingen/McAllen

Thursday, October 27, 2011 - Laredo



From the Membership Department



School has started and a new Girl Scout year has begun. All the girls are excited about returning to scouts after the summer vacation! If you have any questions regarding the beginning of the new year, please feel free to call your Membership Executive. If have troop openings or are willing to take additional Girls into your troop, please let us know. We have girls who registered over the summer who are currently on a wait list.

Welcome New Staff Members! The Harlingen Service Center welcomes Cynthia Gomez, Membership Executive serving Harlingen, La Feria, Santa Rosa, Edcouch/Elsa/La Villa, Mercedes, Progresso, and Donna. Cynthia can be reached at extension 314.

Harlingen Service Center also welcomes Cindy Moses, Membership Executive serving Brownsville, Los Fresnos, Port Isabel, San Perlita, Raymondville, Lyford-Sebastian, Rio Hondo, San Benito and Santa Maria. Cindy can be reached at Extension 302.

McAllen Service Center welcomes back Norma Cano, Membership Executive serving Mission, La Joya, Sharyland, Rio Grande City, San Isidro and Roma. Norma can be reached at Extension 303.

Rallies are in the process or have already been scheduled at your area elementary, middle and high schools. Although it is not mandatory we urge troops and troop leaders to be present to hand out troop information and to give first hand advice to potential new leaders. Please contact your area Membership Executive for more information.

Deadlines for On Time Registration is SEPTEMBER 16th, please have all your returning girls and adults registered by this time to receive the "On Time" patch. If you have not received your pre-printed registration packet, please contact the council office in your area to have these mailed to you.

Calling all Cadette, Senior or Ambassador Troops in the Harlingen and Brownsville area to help facilitate a *Back to School Kick-Off* to be held at the Harlingen Boys & Girls Club in August. If you have girls who need to earn Community Service hours, or just simply want to help with this project, please contact Cynthia Gomez at (956) 425-2388 ext. 314.

If you have any questions please contact Belinda Jenkins @ 956-668-0299 or Veronica Montez @ 361-883-3611. And as always, Thank you for all that you do.

Yours in Scouting,

Belinda Jenkins & Veronica Montez

Directors of Membership

Volunteer Services Department



Is a great Leader

"Essential Safety Adults" or ESA

This is the number of adults needed for troop activities, meetings or trips. Check your Volunteer Essentials for the Adult Ratio (ESA) when planning all activities.

The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting

Stop by one of our shops and pre-order your copy of "The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting". If you pre-order now, you will not only save (regular price is \$22.00, pre-orders are \$16.87) but your copy will be here when the first shipment is sent from GSUSA.

In the meantime, check out the online "Journey Maps" for examples of using journeys and badges together for a great GS experience.

Also, you will find a piece called "What Girl Scout Daisies Do", "What Girl Scout Brownies Do", etc. You'll find the link to these resources at www.girlscouts.org

Form of the Month

Each month in Leader notes, we will pick a form and give you all the ins & outs of that form and why it is needed.

Troop Bank Account Request Form

As troops form, in order to participate in Product Sales, they must have a Troop Bank Account. Accounts must be open by completing this form and faxing or emailing it to the Director of Volunteer Services (tblevins@gsgst.org or 361-579-0988fax). Troop leaders select the bank of their choice.

Terry will set up an account for you and immediately notify the signers for them to go in and sign cards.

Signers must be registered Girl Scout Members and have a Volunteer Application on file.

This process is also needed when changing signers, changing banks or closing accounts.

"Volunteer Essentials 2011", is posted on the Training -Volunteer Tab. This is an e-book for all volunteers to use throughout your Adult Pathways in Girl Scouting. Using the document as an e-book will allow you to open all the links. Safety Wise for your troop is included in this book. Safety Rules for all other activities can be found on the Volunteer-Training site, under Learning Opportunities. The link is "Activity Check Points".

New Learning Opportunities

All dates are posted on the Council website. You will also find dates on the Council Operating Calendar and the Volunteer-Training tab, under Learning Opportunities. Check often to secure the opportunities you wish to attend. Please register at least 1 week in advance for your class. Volunteer Conferences will be offered throughout the year. These conferences offer wonderful learning opportunities for all registered volunteers and in some cases, older girls. Please take advantage of these sessions.

Grade Level Facilitators-Trainers needed

If you have served as a volunteer leader for a year or more and feel you understand a particular grade level for example, how Journey awards are earned and you would like to share your knowledge, please call Terry. The Learning Team will be setting up grade level workshops and this would be an easy transition into this department.

Teamwork divides the task and doubles the success

Unknown

Coming together, sharing together, working together, and succeeding together.

Unknown

We can accomplish so much more by becoming a team

From Your Volunteer Service Department

We're here for you!

Terry Bleivins

Director of Volunteer Services

tbleivins@gsgst.org

800-865-3069

361-573-6451

361-579-0988 fax

September 2011



Be the first to own it!
Pre-Order your *Girl's Guide*
Girl Scouting
Regular Price \$22.50
Sale

to



Price \$16.87
Coming September 2011

starter kit

the essentials to begin your Girl Scout journey!



Pre-Order your Starter Kits Now!
Backpacks available after September 6th (Limited Supply)

			  	
Vest or Tunic	Vest	Vest	Vest	GSGST Polo
Flag Patch	Flag Patch	Flag Patch	Flag Patch	
Troop Numerals Up to (5)	Troop Numerals Up to (5)	Troop Numerals Up to (5)	Troop Numerals Up to (5)	It's Your Journey- Customize It
GSUSA ID Set	GSUSA ID Set	GSUSA ID Set	GSUSA ID Set	
Insignia Tab	Insignia Tab	Insignia Tab	Insignia Tab	
(Choose 1) It's Your World- Change It! It's Your Planet-Love It! It's Your Story- Tell It!	(Choose 1) It's Your World-Change It! It's Your Planet-Love It! It's Your Story- Tell It!	(Choose 1) It's Your World- Change It! It's Your Planet- Love It! It's Your Story- Tell It!	(Choose 1) It's Your World- Change It!  It's Your Planet- Love It! It's Your Story- Tell It!	 <i>(Limited Supply on 100th Year Tote)</i>
\$37.00 \$38.00 Plus	\$37.00 \$38.00 Plus	\$37.00 \$38.00 Plus	\$42.00 \$43.00 Plus	\$25.00 \$28.00 Plus

*Starter Kits special pricing through March 12, 2012
(Limited Supply of Backpacks so get yours early)

* Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting available after September 6th
Reserve your copy now!

Please indicate quantity of Starter Kits

___ Daisy ___ Brownie ___ Junior ___ Cadette ___ Senior ___ Ambassador

Daisy Vest ___XXS/XS ___S/M ___PM Daisy Tunic ___S/M ___L/XL

Brownie Vest ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___PS ___PM ___PL Junior Vest ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL

Cadette/Senior/Ambassador ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___1X ___2X ___3X Troop# _____

GS&ST Polo ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___2X ___3X

Journey: ___It's Your World - Change It! ___ It's Your Planet - Love It! ___ It's Your Story - Tell It!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Check Money Order Credit Card (circle one) VISA MasterCard Discover Amount \$ _____

Name on card: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Zip code: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ 3 digit security code: _____ Exp. Date _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office Use Only: _____ Pick Up Date _____ Pick Up By _____



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On Time Registration

August 1st-September 16th 2011

Please complete and submit the following form along with registration forms and payment to your Membership Executive or the Service Center nearest you by **September 16, 2011**, for On-Time Registration.

All Leaders that complete On-Time Registration by **September 16, 2011**, will receive a 15% coupon for their next purchase! Also, each girl can get an On-Time Registration Patch for **\$1.00**.

Troop Leader's Name _____ Troop# _____

Address _____ City _____

Phone# _____ Cell# _____

Troop Leader's Email address _____

Troop Fall Product Sale Manager Information:

Troop Fall Product Sale Manager _____

Office Use:

Date Received: _____ Received By: _____

Payment Amount: _____ Patches Picked up By: _____

fall 2011

Celebrating  Years!



NEW!

Introducing
The Girl's Guide to
Girl Scouting

100th Anniversary Patch

\$4.00



GIRL SCOUTS OF GREATER SOUTH TEXAS FALL KICK-OFF RALLY OPEN HOUSE

**September 10, 2011
9:00 am ~ 1:00 pm**

Please join Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas Fall Kick-Off Rally and Open House on September 10 from 9-1. Learn more about Girl Scouts Leadership Experience at our rally.

There will be fun activities at each service center for girls to do!
For more information please call your local council office.

Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas Council Offices:

Harlingen 202 E Madison Harlingen Texas 78550 956-425-2388 1-800-477-2688	Corpus Christi 711 N Carancahua Suite 146 Corpus Christi Texas 78475 (enter off Leopard) 1-800-929-5229	McAllen 1109 W Nolana Suite 202 McAllen Texas 78501 956-668-0299 956-683-8276	Laredo 701 N Stone Ave Laredo Texas 78040 956-723-7251	Victoria 104 W River Victoria Texas 77901 361-573-6451 1-800-865-3069
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Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas

Please join us to learn more about National Program!

Girls can come at any time from 10 am~12 pm and do part of badge activity from our new ***Girl Guide to Girl Scouting*** available for sell at each council shop.

September 17

National Program: 9:00 am ~ 10:00 am

Daisy Girl Scout

Kindergarten ~ 1st Grade

10:00 am ~ 12:00 pm

September 24

National Program: 9:00 am ~ 10:00 am

Brownie Girl Scout

2nd~ 3rd Grade

10:00 am~ 12:00 am

October 1

National Program: 9:00 am ~ 10:00 am

Junior, Cadette, Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts

4th ~ 12th

10:00 am ~ 12:00 pm

For more information please call your nearest council shop.



GIRL SCOUTS OF GREATER SOUTH TEXAS

Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting

Book Launch Party

To Be Announced
(Sometime in September)



Please check our website www.gsgst.org for more detail about our book launch party for Girl Guide to Girl Scouting. Girl Scouts can come and pick up their reserve copy plus do an an activity. Every girl that comes in will receive an 100th Anniversary bookplate. Contact your nearest council shop for more details.

