

Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas



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If you have anything to post on our website please forward it to
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Mark your calendar! Join the celebration!

Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas will be celebrating 100 years of Girl Scouting March 31-April 1 at the Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds in Robstown, Texas. The celebration will begin at the conclusion of the 2012 Recognition Banquet taking place at the same location. Festivities will take place through the afternoon, evening, and the next morning. Girl Scouts and their troops and families will have the option of camping out overnight at the fairgrounds.

A committee of volunteers is leading the planning and preparation of this momentous occasion. We hope that you will join us in celebrating the past 100 years of girl leadership and kicking off the next 100 years!

Details will be released as they are available, and registration will be open in January 2012. For now, mark your calendars and get ready for the excitement. Don't miss out the council event of the year!

We are very excited to welcome on board our Outdoor Program Executive, Ito Robledo! Ito will be coordinating the outdoor and camp programs for Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas. He comes to our team with a wealth of experience and ideas. We are looking forward to all of his accomplishments in our council! Please join me in making him feel welcome.

-Penny Falian

My name is Rosendo "Ito" Robledo; I was born and raised in Harlingen, TX. I have been married for 10 years to my wife "Kate"; we have a 7 year old boy "James" and another baby due in December.

I have been involved in youth programs over 17 years with organizations such as:

Boy Scouts of America-Rio Grande Council, City of Harlingen Parks and Recreation, and The Boys and Girls club of Harlingen. I have been certified as Youth Camp Director, Program Director, Aquatic Director, and C.O.P.E./R.O.P.E.S Director through the Boy Scouts. I have also served as Donor Recruitment Representative for the American Red Cross and United Blood Services. I currently volunteer my time as a soccer coach and have been involved with various youth organizations such as: Texas Bronco, American Little League, Boys and Girls Club, Boy Scouts, and Arroyo Youth Soccer Club.

Now, I am excited to have an opportunity to serve with the Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas and provide a fulfilling outdoor program for the Scouts and Volunteers.

Ito Robledo

Outdoor Program Executive

Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas

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2011 Fall Product Sale

The council will debit Troop accounts on Monday, December 5, 2011. Please be sure to have sufficient funds available. New troops that do not have a bank account yet, will need to stop by their service center to pay their balance in the form of a cashier's check or money order.



2012 Cookie Sale



Troop initial orders need to be entered into Snap December 1st - December 12th.
This order will be in cases.

Cookies will be delivered: January 10th - 14th. Please check with your Service Unit Cookie Manager for the exact day and time.

Extended Cookie Office Hours: (January 16th - February 25th)

Fridays: 5pm-7pm

Saturdays: 9am-12pm



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a member from the Product Sales Team:

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Membership Department



As the holidays draw near and the cookie sale is right around the corner, the Membership Staff of Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas would like to wish you and your family a Joyous Holiday Season and a prosperous upcoming New Year! Our Council office will remain open for your convenience until December 20th. Your Membership Staff will be out of the office from December 21st until January 3, 2012.

It's Cookie Time for Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas. Please make sure that every member of your troop who would like to sell cookies is registered for the 2011-2012 Girl Scout Year. If you have members of your troop who are not current with their registration, please call your Membership Executive to make arrangements to turn in a current registration. If a girl sells cookies without a current registration, this could delay distribution of her cookie incentives. If you are unsure about a registration status feel free to give your service center a call and they can verify registration for you.

McAllen Service Center presents a "Concert in the Park" on December 3rd at 1:00 - 3:00 pm at Cooper Center for Communication Arts-3200 West Pecan Blvd, in McAllen. The concert will be featuring one of our own, Stephanie Solis and The Poetics Band. Please come out and support Stephanie and her band on Saturday, December 3rd at 1:00 pm.

Service Unit ELF pins are in. Service Unit ELF's are Experienced Leader Friends on the Service Unit Level. These special folks will act as Mentors to New Girl Scout Leaders. If you are interested in becoming an "ELF", please contact your Membership Executive to receive a special recognition pin and a position description.

Check out the two new forms on our website. The first form is for troops, service units, and individual parents use on the website. The form is titled *Situation Report*. This report should be used to eliminate the use of hearsay regarding an incident. Please complete this form if you have an incident within your Troop or Service Unit and submit the same to your Membership Executive or one of the Director's of Membership. This form will be maintained on file in case that follow-up is needed. The second form is the updated *Troop Finance Report*. This report should be submitted to your Membership Executive by March 15th and again by September 30th.

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



Open House
December 9, 2011
10:00 am-2:00 pm
Come enjoy refreshment
Receive 20% off one item

Free Gift Wrap All Month





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

fall 2011

Celebrating  100 Years!



NEW!

Introducing
The Girl's Guide to
Girl Scouting

100th Anniversary Patch

\$4.00



Gift Ideas For Everyone on Your List



NEW! Holiday Fun Pencils. Three colorful holiday designs makes these pencils the perfect stocking stuffer. Assorted, we'll select. Imported. 35083. 55¢.



NEW! Holiday Embroidered Pins. Clutch back. Imported. \$1.25.
Candy Cane Pin. 11405. 1¼" x 7⁄8".
Snowman Snowflake Pin. 11404. 1½" x 1½".
Penguin Pin. 11403. 1½" x 1¼".



NEW! Holiday Click Pens. Retractable pens in blue, pink and white holiday designs. Black ink. Assorted, we'll select. Imported. 35084. \$1.50.

Caroling Pewter Ornament. Celebrate the holiday season with this shiny decoration depicting Girl Scouts caroling. Designed in the shape of the trefoil and hand-crafted in gleaming pewter. Makes a beautiful gift for Girl Scout friends or anyone on your list. 2½" x 2½". Imported. 11504. \$16.00.



NEW! Traditional Logo 3D Ornament. This elegant ornament features the Girl Scout traditional logo embroidered in gold. With rope loop for hanging, this 3D ornament makes a beautiful gift. 3½" x 3½" x 3½". Imported. 11491. \$14.00.



NEW! Penguin Embroidered Ornament. Greet the holidays with this adorable penguin ornament. With "Happy Holidays 2011" on one side and "Girl Scouts 2011" on the other side. Ready for hanging with attached cord. 3" x 2". Imported. 11486. \$4.00.



Holiday Metal Ornaments. In keeping with the holiday season are two adorable and whimsical ornaments. A jumping Girl Scout Daisy holding a daisy flower with colored beads and a happy, smiling Brownie with moveable legs. Both dressed in full uniform. Totally charming and adorable, you'll want to display them all year long. Hand-crafted in brass, copper and nickel with attached hook for hanging. Makes a wonderful collectible! Imported.
Girl Scout Daisy. 5¼" H. 11506. \$20.00.
Girl Scout Brownie. 4¾" H. 11507. \$20.00.

Holiday Patches



NEW! Sew-On Season's Greetings
1½" x 2"
18031 • \$1.50



NEW! Sew-On Caroling Birds
1½" x 1½"
18003 • \$1.50



NEW! Sew-On Holiday Fun
Gingerbread Girl
1¾" x 2¾"
18021 • \$1.25



NEW! Iron-On Ice Skating Snowman
1¾" x 2"
58302 • \$2.00



NEW! Sew-On Winter Adventures
Polar Bear
2¼" x 2"
18039 • \$1.50



NEW! Iron-On Happy Holidays
Gingerbread House
2" x 2"
58293 • \$2.00