

Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas



Leaders Notes **November 2011**

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A new Girl Scout year!!



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

**SAVE
THE DATE**

Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas

Barnes & Noble Bookfair



Saturday, November 12, 2011
Barnes & Noble
5129 Blanche D. Moore Road
Corpus Christi, Texas
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

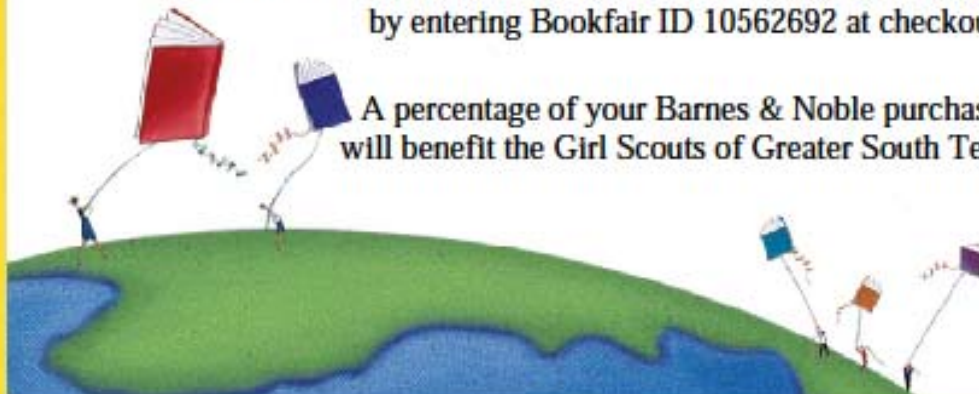
Join for us for a fun-filled day:

- Find out information about becoming a Girl Scout
 - Learn how the Girl Scouts are giving back to the community
 - Come by our Crafts Table
 - Hear Juliette Low tell the Girl Scout Story in the Children's Area
 - Holiday Gift Wrapping (for donations)
 - Check out our "Wish List" table
 - Check out the new book "Girl Scouts: A Celebration of 100 Trailblazing Years"
- MAKE SURE TO MENTION "GIRL SCOUT BOOKFAIR" AT TIME OF PURCHASE!**

Can't attend our bookfair at Barnes & Noble?

Visit bn.com/bookfairs to support us online from 11/12/11 to 11/17/11
by entering Bookfair ID 10562692 at checkout.

A percentage of your Barnes & Noble purchases
will benefit the Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas.





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

Harlingen Service Center

irobledo@gsgst.org



2011 Fall Product Sale

Thank you so much for participating with the 2011 Fall Product Sale! I hope you and your troop enjoyed it! Soon you will have troop funds for this new Girl Scout year. Fall Product will be delivered October 31, 2011 - November 3, 2011. Contact your Service Unit Fall Product Manager for the exact date and time of delivery. Deliver the product immediately to your customers and collect the money at that time. The council will debit the Troop accounts on Monday, December 5, 2011. Please be sure to have sufficient funds available.



2012 Cookie Sale



Service Unit Cookie trainings will be occurring during the month of November and December. If you did not attend the council training, please be sure to attend your Service Unit cookie training.

Every Troop Cookie Manager **MUST** attend a training in order to participate with our Cookie Sale.



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

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Membership Department



Welcome New Girl Scout Leaders and Welcome Back Seasoned Leaders! By this time of the year I hope that you have kicked off your new Girl Scout year and are going strong. Remember if you are a new leader you need to attend your New Leader Essentials Training Class as soon as possible. The next training date for this class is November 19th and the location will be in the McAllen/Harlingen area. This class and many others will be offered at the upcoming Volunteer Conference at Greenhill on November 18-20th. Registration for this conference is still open.

It's Cookie Time for Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas. Make sure a member of your Service Unit Team or Individual Troop has either attended or signed up to attend the Cookie Trainings being offered. This training is required for all Service Unit Cookie Managers and Troop Cookie Managers.

Girl Scout National Convention is right around the corner, beginning on November 9th and concluding on November 13th. There is still spots available for both girls and adults. If you are planning on attending the conference, please notify your Membership Executive so we can keep track of who is going. Of course, we will want to post photographs of the conference so take lots of pictures of your girls while at the conference.

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.

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

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.

Financial Aid Application

This form is to be used if someone wishes to become a registered member of Girl Scouting, but cannot afford the \$12.00 registration fee. The form must be completed and attached to the Registration form. It should be the Goal of each troop to be able to finance all expenses after the first year, and this can include re-registering all members of the troop.

Training fees: There is not a fee for Leadership Essentials or Level workshops.

First Aid-CPR classes run about \$36.00 per person.

The best time to attend training is during one of our 4 Volunteer Conferences where you can pick up many classes at one shot. Check the training calendar for times and locations.

Adult Recognition

Packets are available on the web site. There are a number of awards available for volunteers and parents to nominate their favorite Girl Scout. The deadline to submit the nominations is January 31, 2012. The awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting – 100 Year Celebration, the last weekend in March. Take Action awards are also available to nominate troops or Service Units, as well as awards for our Community Partners. Be sure parents and other volunteers in your troops also receive a copy of the Recognition Awards Packet.

Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors & Ambassadors are welcome to attend.

VOLUNTEER CONFERENCES

These are weekend events for adults and older girls. The dates & locations are:

Camp Green Hill: November 18-19, 2011 - Outdoor Bonanza

Victoria: March 2-3, 2012

Troop Camp Training is offered at all Volunteer Conferences, as well as classes such as Ceremonies, SWAPS and Dutch Oven Cooking. Fees vary from \$15.00 - \$35.00. Packets are posted on the web site under the Volunteer-Training tab. For more information, call Terry at the numbers listed below.

“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”.

One can pay back the loan of gold, but one dies forever in debt to those who are kind.

Malayan Proverb

From Your Volunteer Service Department

We're here for you!

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Director of Volunteer Services

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361-573-6451

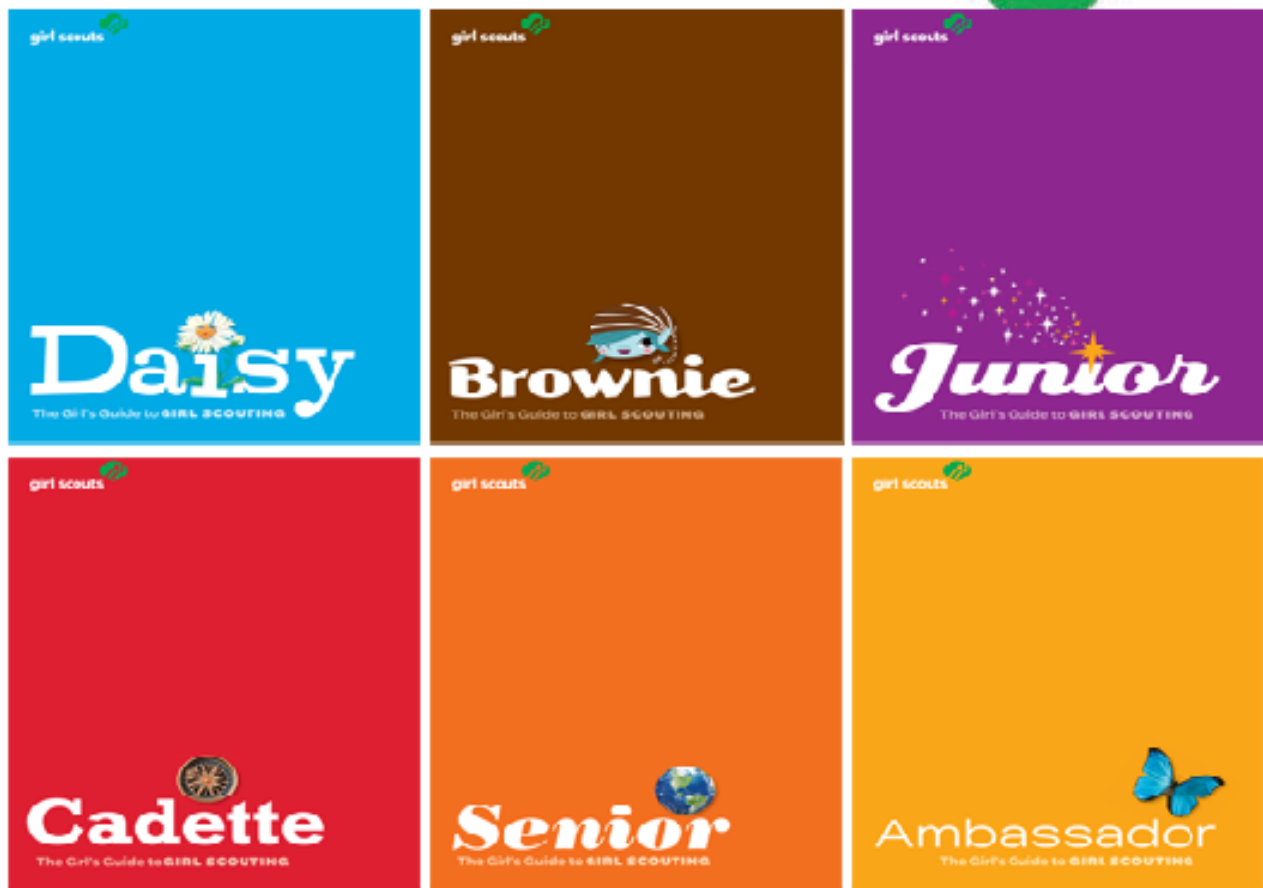
361-579-0988 fax

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# _____

GSGST 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 _____



fall 2011

Celebrating  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