

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

Harlingen Service Center

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Cookie Booth Sales: Council Booth Sales begin February 4th.

Booth Sale Etiquette

Set up booth sale in designated area.

Do not complain about any rules that are set by store manager.

Do not block entrance to store.

Adults will be present at all times.

Will have a good attitude, smile and say thank you even if a customer does not buy.

Will bring own change and not ask store for change.

Will clean up after booth sale and throw away trash.

Will park away from the front of business and not take up good parking spaces

Extended Office Hours for Cookie Cupboards continue through February 25th

Fridays: 2pm-6pm

Saturdays: 9am-12pm

Sundays: 12-2pm

ACH Debits: February 8th and March 5th

February 8th: 30% of your balance due to council from your initial order only. Your Service Unit Cookie Manager will notify you with the exact amount. Please notify your Product Sales Staff Team Member by February 3rd if sufficient funds are not available.

March 5th: remaining balance due to council, including the additional cases you picked up from the cupboard. Notify your Product Sales Staff Team Member by March 2nd if sufficient funds are not available.



Leader Notes



Cookies, Cookies, Cookies! Everyone is CRAZY for cookies and boy can we tell. Council is well on its way to reaching goal and it couldn't have been done without the help of all the parents, volunteers, and girls.

Thank you all for your hard work!

Leaders please continue to double check and make sure that your girls are registered for this Girl Scout year. If you are unsure about a registration status please feel free to call your local service center.

Membership Executives are still conducting rallies and recruiting new troops and girls. Be sure to check out "where we are today" on gsgst.org to see what schools are being rallied in your area. The calendar is getting updated weekly so keep an eye out for your local school or church. The Membership Department would be more than happy to have you and your troops represented at the rallies.

New Forms:

Service Unit Managers please take note of the new Service Unit Financial Report form. It is similar to the Troop Financial Report in an easy to use excel format. Remember SU Financial Reports are due on the 10th of October, January, April, and June, and it is also a requirement to receive your \$3 Service Unit Dues collected for that quarter.

If you have any question please feel free to contact **Belinda Jenkins @ 956-668-0899** or **Veronica Montez @ 361-883-3611**. And as always, Thank you for all that you do.

Yours in Scouting,
Belinda Jenkins & Veronica Montez

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

FEBRUARY 2012



Is a great Leader

GIRL SCOUTS ALWAYS LEAVE A PLACE BETTER THAN THEY FIND IT.

Girl Scouts were taught this simple rule almost 100 years ago, and it is still very much a part of our mission. When your troop leaves their meeting place cleaner than they find it, they will always be welcome back. Please do not forget to include this important message in your meetings. Save time for the girls to clean.

VOLUNTEER CONFERENCES

Our Next conference is:

Victoria: March 2-3, 2012

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

Troop Camp Training is offered at all Volunteer Conferences, as well as classes such as Ceremonies, SWAPS and Dutch Oven Cooking. Fees vary between \$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.

Form of the month - Volunteer Application

This form is needed on all adults who:

- Are present when girls meet
- Are Drivers for Troop Trips
- Are Signers on troop or Service Unit accounts

The form also includes a background check.

ADULT RECOGNITION

This packet is posted on the home page of our web site. Please look through the packet and see if there is anyone you wish to nominate for an award. Deadline is fast approaching. January 31, 2012. Nominating forms are in the packet.

Recognition - Because You Matter

“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”.

“The only people with whom you should try to get even are those who have helped you”.

John E Southard

Famous ladies who are Girl Scouts:

Dr. Joyce Brothers

Kathleen Couric

Star Jones

Polly Bergen

Lynda Carter (Wonder Woman)

Celine Dion

Cheryl Tiegs

From Your Volunteer Service Department

We're here for you!

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Director of Volunteer Services

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Celebrating 100 Years
1912-2012

To commemorate this momentous occasion, we are proud to present an exclusive collection of distinctive Anniversary gifts and collectibles. This is a collection that you don't want to miss so pre-order your selection now! Fill out the attach form and bring it to the nearest GSGST Shop and you can pick up your order at our Annual Meeting on March 31 in Robstown. Deadline for pre-orders is February 13, 2012.



Patches each \$16.00



Commemorative Oval Patch \$26.00



Knife \$35.00



Medallion Paperweight \$75.00



Medallion \$35.00



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PATCH OF MONTH

99 Cent

Limited Supply!

Hurry before they are all gone!

For the month of January this will be available at all GSGST Shops!





Patch of the Month

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FEBURARY 14

**ANY ITEM THAT HAS RED OR PINK IS
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Each year on February 22, World Thinking Day, girls participate in activities and projects with global themes to honor their sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in other countries. World Thinking Day is part of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Global Action Theme (GAT) based on the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which aim to improve the lives of the world's poorest people. The theme for World Thinking Day 2012 is girls worldwide say *"we can save our planet."*

World Thinking Day not only gives girls a chance to celebrate international friendships, but is also a reminder that Girl Scouts of the USA is part of a global community—one of nearly 150 countries with Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

World Thinking Day award is now an Official Award and therefore it may be worn on the front of the Official Uniform sash or vest and placed where other earned badges are worn. Each patch available at all council shops and retail for \$1.00 each.

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Celebrating  Years!



NEW!

Introducing
The Girl's Guide to
Girl Scouting

100th Anniversary Patch

\$4.00

