

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

Cookie Booth Sales: First round will be open January 11th- 13th. Troops will be able to choose two booth sale slots. Second round will be open January 18th-20th. Troops will be able to pick another 2 slots. Final round will open and will remain open starting January 25th.

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

Fridays: 5pm-7pm

Saturdays: 9am-12pm

Sundays: 12-2pm

it's
Cookie
Time!

Membership Department



Now that the holidays are behind us it is time to get down to business. The Cookie sale is upon us and our goal this year is to exceed our sales from last year! Don't forget to double check that everyone in your troop has turned in their registration paperwork for this year. If you are unsure about a registration status feel free to give your service center a call and they can verify registration for you.

Service Units need to make sure that your Quarterly Financial Report is turned in to the council office by January 10th to insure the issue of your Service Unit Dues check. The next deadline to turn in your financial report is April 10th.

Welcome new membership staff. In Harlingen Office we welcome Juanita Perez who will be responsible for the Brownsville, San Benito, Rio Hondo area. In Corpus Christie Office we welcome Isabel Palacios will serve the Kingsville, Lone Star, Blue Bonnet, San Diego area. Both of these ladies come on board with our Council on January 3, 2012.

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 Directors 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

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2012



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.

Parent Permission Form

Each troop meets at a designated meeting place, as stated on the Dues summary. If your troop moves from this location or has a trip,

the parent permission form needs to be completed. So basically, doing anything with the girls besides the regular meetings, requires parent permission. As your girls grow in levels, you may find your leaders addressing what we refer to as a "Sensitive Issue". These type of topics also require Parent Permission.

Adult Pathways

Girl Scout Pathways

Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) recently developed a more flexible model for participation in Girl Scouting. Pathways correspond with the exciting work of GSUSA's Core Business Strategy to create nationally consistent and flexible ways for girls and adults to participate in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Most participants believe the Pathways model is an ideal approach to attract and retain new members and will ultimately optimize the Girl Scout Leadership Experience and achieve measureable outcomes for girls and adults. Additional Adult positions are always available. The next time you visit one of our Shops, ask to see the binder with new positions.

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UNTEER CONFERENCES

Next conference is:

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Scout Cadettes, Seniors & Ambassadors are welcome to attend.

o 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 - \$20.00. 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 Leadership 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".

"make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give".

Winston Churchill

his Holiday time of year when we are busy with all the Celebrations, I want to take time to say "Thank You" for all the lives you have touched in your leadership role.

Your Volunteer Service Department

here for you!

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