

**Corpus Christi Service Unit Meeting
11/6/08 Thursday night 6:30-8:30pm
3915 Gollihar
Corpus Christi**

Trish Vegh facilitating

Okay ladies I typed this up after the meeting tonight. We really need secretaries for each SU. Please volunteer to help out your respective SU manager. Whoever's SU manager is holding the meeting...that secretary would take the minutes, type them up and email them to Maggie and Amanda for them to pipe out to everyone. Thanks Fanci

Attendees:

1.	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SU</u>	<u>TROOP</u>	<u>PHONE#</u>
	Fanci Cross	769	96077	361-765-4126
2.	Monica DeLaCerde	767	9633	361-425-5277
3.	Kathy McMahan	Cactus	9631 9642 9658	361-877-1363
4.	Leslie Jicha Johnson		9667	361-985-2745
5.	Stephanie Baker		9697	361-452-2264
6.	Cathy Cole-Perez	968	9680	361-850-9445
7.	Lisa Sutter		9640	361-215-7400
8.	Charity Keuter		9640	361-332-8697
9.	Sylvia Mena-Ramirez		9681	361-232-9212
10.	Norma Swaenepoel		9466	361-549-9028
11.	Mandy Rodriguez			361-460-0529
12.	Sara James			361-441-9150
13.	Kristen Treadwell			713-371-7217
14.	Chrissy Brewer		9600	361-813-8620
15.	Sylvia Salyer		9727	361-290-7467
16.	Laura C. Leal		9720	361-563-5164
17.	Charlotte Jimenez		9688	361-425-8990
18.	Esther Garza	968	9610	361-985-6046
19.	Karlene Vassell		9670	361-563-7411
20.	Stacie Morrow		9719	361-947-7468
21.	Ani Friday		9618	361-949-4740
22.	Dayna Rider		9618	361-949-1585
23.	Mary Garcia	968	9630	361-549-6811
24.	Diane Drier	769	96070	361-906-9685
25.	Bea Villarreal		9644	361-877-1933
26.	Abbey Wadzeck		9694	361-687-8463
27.	Trish Vegh	767	9623	361-815-8520

Announcements

- Remember to submit quotes and pictures to Michelle at the council for the quarterly newsletter.

- Email you SU managers on things you are doing as a troop on a monthly basis so each SU manager can compile a report on what is going on in their respective areas.

Fanci polled attendants as to who is using Journeys already. Feedback was positive from those who spoke up that are using journeys. Also new leader spoke up that it has made it easier for her to get started. A couple of other new leaders will begin using next week in their first meeting.

Using journeys:

Charlotte Jimenez		jjpredfish@aol.com
Abbey Wadzeck	Brownie	abbeywadzeck@live.com
Charity Keuter	Daisy	daisytroop9640@gmail.com
Karlene Vassell		karlenevassell@yahoo.com
Sylvia Mena Ramirez	Daisy	Sylvia_mena@hotmail.com
Sara James	Junior	snjyellow@lycos.com
Laura Leal	Daisy	Brownie Juniors and Cadettes

Cookies

SU Managers and their respective cookie managers will be attending training this Saturday in Kingsville on cookies.

Attending that we know of:

Fanci Cross - SUMgr, Gabby Salazar – Cookie Manager from SU 769

Laura Leal from Bluebonnet/TX Star (Bea Villarreal is Cookie Manager not attending)

Trish Vegh – SUMgr, from SU 767

Deborah Langbert SUMgr, Esther Garza Cookie Manager from SU 768 (not sure if attending)

Cookie Rally

Imagine...if you could change the world is the theme.

Will be held January 9, 2009 6-8pm. Location to be determined; maybe held at Shannon or Wesley we are working on that. There will PRE-registration for this event and the deadline will be December 31, 2008 for registration to attend this event. Older girl troops will be helping man the stations. There will probably be 6-8 stations that the girls will visit at least 10 minutes at each station maybe 15. It will be run like the swap meets world thinking day events where the girls are split up and start at one station and every 10 minutes will rotate to the next station.

Also the girls will have to service projects tied to the cookie rally.

Recycled T-shirts. They can bring a wash and gently used T-shirt(s) to this event. We will have a table where the girls can exchange theirs for one from someone else or the shirts can get donated to a charity that takes gently used items.

Also we would like the girls to bring gently used books to donate and give to literacy organizations that need gently used books.

Cookie Training for Troops

Cookie training dates for troop leaders and troop cookie managers will be held probably the last week of December and first week of January. Maybe even earlier with the understanding that no supplies will be given out BEFORE the cookie rally date so that troops do not sell earlier than the start date of January 10 (which is the date direct sales begins). Packets for leaders will be available the night of the cookie rally. There may even be two session things going on at the rally. One for the girls and one for the parents possibly depending on if the venue that is selected can handle this many people. Dates will be set after the cookie training this Saturday and published very soon to all of Corpus Christi. There will be many cookie trainings going on throughout the areas even outside of CC so folks can get trained. Michelle will NOT be holding any special session or onesy trainings for anyone this year like she did last year. We will have you RSVP which training you will attend when we publish the dates so we know how many to expect.

Give Thanks Event at Bayview – November 22

This event was discussed and no one seems to be going. Corpus Christi has some troops that will be attending Core Camping at Bayview at a later date. The group also felt because the date was the week before Thanksgiving it was too busy a time for us to travel. Also November 22nd is a First Aid/CPR class here in Corpus Christi put on by our very own Gabby Salazar CC Trainer and several of us need this training in order to take our troops to Holiday in the Woods December 13th.

Harbor Lights Parade

December 6th is the date. Esther Garza/Deborah out of Dolphin SU# 768 are heading this event up. egarza@stx.rr.com.

The theme this year is 'A Seaside Holiday'. The girls need to be at the location near the Memorial Coliseum at 12:45 that day. The parade starts at 2pm and lasts maybe 30 minutes so we looking at 3pm finish. The girls are to wear blue jeans (rolled up above the ankles, with white shirts and their GS vest or sash. Sock and tennis shoes must be worn to march. The discussion was having the girls wear Christmas type leis or beach hats maybe in Christmas colors. Nothing Santa related can be worn in the parade so Santa hats are out. Discussion on this event was held.

MLK March

January 19th meet at 11 am at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Got to volunteer—service unit tab – Corpus Christi for event flyer. We will shuttle bus over to the courthouse for the ceremony and then march. Show up wearing vest or sash and closed toe tennis shoes and socks to walk as a united GS front in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King. The walk begins at noon from the courthouse. Park at the church and shuttle over to the courthouse has a group! After the walk there is a presentation at the Church about Dr. MLK and refreshments and booths are set up in the parish hall. This is a good community service project for your troop. Girls will be waving U.S. flags at this event also. Contact Fanci 361-765-4126 fcross@stx.rr.com if you are interested in participating. The Mayor reads the proclamation at 11:30 at the Courthouse.

Annual Meeting in Kingsville

Feb 7, am at Tx A&M University. Please plan on attending this event with your GS or even your troop! The girls are pulled to another location and do activities and have fun and meet Girl Scouts from all over the 34 counties that GSGST covers. Have the girls or troop make swaps to exchange or give away at this event. Remember on swaps you will want to put your troop#, City and Annual Meeting and date on it on a piece of paper attached somehow to the swap. At this event you get to meet the Board, CEO and all the players in the Council. By-Law changes will be presented and voted on by voting delegates of the Council. This is an event you will not want to miss! Adult Awards and Girl Awards are presented at this event. Over the next month or so you have the chance to submit leader and volunteer names of folks you would like to see get an award. Please watch the GSGST website. The award forms are posted there.

World Thinking Day Event

Feb 22nd. At the December meeting we will have the sign up sheet to sign up for the country your girls want to represent by their troop. Trish Vegh is looking at a location that will big enough. We are looking at a 4 hour event probably all Sunday afternoon. Each troop leader/parents/troop will have a table where they have a presentation about the country they pick, flag, money, science board about the country, pictures, swaps to give away, and a sample food tasting at their table for the girls to try a food from that country. WAGGGS wishing well will be available to where the girls donate \$1 to WAGGGS. The donations are deposited into the CCSU bank account and a check is sne to WAGGGS.

Night at the Museum

March 13th 6pm ends March 14th 8pm. Go to volunteer—service unit tab—Corpus Christi for registration form and flyer. Deadline to register is Feb 27th! No Daisies please this is an overnight event. Have to have 80 girls registered by Feb 27th completely registered and paid otherwise the event will be cancelled. This is the first time in history that any group will spend the night in our Science and History museum! So let's make it happen! Event Coordinator Fanci Cross 361-765-4126 fcross@stx.rr.com \$35 per girl. This is the first day of spring break for Corpus Christi. Lots of girls were polled and this is the event they want to have!

Bea Villarreal Treasurer

We have \$968 (Bea gave the numbers but no one wrote them down!) so I am guessing right now. It is late! We spend about \$30 on the recruiting rally supplies and that has been the only expense lately. No deposits have been made either.

GSUSA National Convention in 2011

November 10-12 in Houston Texas! Please start planning to attend this event. We want CC represented. More than likely there will be a Girl Scout Leadership Institute 2-3 day event for girls to attend. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to attend something like this so close to home! Fanci is checking into a charter bus or two to try to get a group of CC together to attend. Day passes for this event are available too. Venue was not announced yet. Check out www.gsusa.org for national news. Start planning now for

your troops to attend! We are checking on hostel places to stay in Houston where it is less expensive to stay at and will get information to you as we get it.

Leadership Essentials and Journeys

The group was polled to see if there was interest to try to have a LEJ session before end of year. There is an interest and yes we know we are busy. If it can't be held before in end of year, January would be good. It will probably be held a Saturday morning 9-noon at Wesley once a date can be booked. This session will cover LE and a all levels journey session! Fanci is going to check with Karyn Salazar and see if she can get a date for the two of them to facilitate this session together. She will report back at the December SU meeting.

Amanda Hernandez of GSGST Council

Went over several things from the Council that needs to be stressed. One was getting the adult registration and background check forms in! And get your girls registered! Others were events that are coming up. She mentioned an event on December 6th too so if you want to participate in a different event from the Harbor Lights parade on that day contact ahernandez@gsgst.org for more information. Sorry I didn't get all this down...but I remembering all this I didn't have it written down ☺

Amanda also mentioned hours and dates the CC Council office is open and closed. Please refer to the operational calendar for this information and to see the special discounts at the shop that month on the calendar.

Remember to file your troop trip reports to Amanda or Maggie at least one week BEFORE the event occurs. This is very important for insurance reasons and to protect you as a leader from liability issues if something happens.

CGH Events

Fanci also mentioned that when you register for camp events please get your ducks in a row and get everything together to turn into Penny so she doesn't have to spend so much time hunting things down. Instead of putting 'on file' for the forms or insurance or card for cpr/fa, attach copies of whatever she needs to the registration. Remind your parents when they are registering their daughter for one of these events if the troop is not going as a whole to please provide them with registration, paperwork and payment all at once. It will make things easier. A lot of CGH events are filling up and folks are put on waiting lists or turned away. Penny at some point will not be able to accept incomplete registrations and such because it turns away others who have all their paperwork and payment in. Cooperation in this area will be greatly appreciated.

Next SU meeting

Next SU meeting is December 4 at Wesley 6:30-8:30. Pot Luck Christmas Dinner and bring a wrapped ornament \$5 or under for the ornament exchange. Harbor Lights will be discussed since it will be December 6 and other business will be covered too. LE and Journeys session will be discussed. Cookie too!

However, we do want to have lots of fun at this one too! SU will be providing the paper goods so bring something to eat and share. We are anticipating 40 attendees but bring the dish or dessert or whatever that you would normally bring to a pot luck. After all, if there are 40 things to eat, I don't think we can all eat 40 things! We'll have to see 😊

Signing off and tired!
Fanci Cross for Trish Vegh