

# In the Know

Girl Scouts of Louisiana – Pines to the Gulf

Shreveport Service Center

April 2008

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## INFORMATION FOR ALL

**April 22 is Leader Appreciation Day.** Make sure to treat yourself right on this day! The board and staff of Girl Scouts of Louisiana – Pines to the Gulf Council appreciate what you do for Girl Scouting.



### **Awards Reception Set For May 17**

Please plan to attend the Awards Reception being held at museum on Saturday, May 17, from 1 to 3 p.m. Adult recognition awards will be presented at this event – adults and girls are invited. Please call the Shreveport Service Center to let us know if you plan to attend so we can have enough punch and cake for everyone! Come cheer on your fellow leaders. Gold, silver and bronze awards will also be presented at this event.

**Leaders, please call Claire Schroeder, Volunteer Services Specialist, if you have girls receiving gold, silver or bronze awards so we can be sure to include them on the program.** Bring your troop so they can see their sister Girl Scouts being honored with the highest awards in Girl Scouting!

**Service Unit Recognitions** - Recognize those outstanding volunteers in your service unit who go above and beyond the call of duty! Review the criteria and fill out the forms or write a letter today! Contact your Adult Recognitions Chair, Service Unit Coordinator, or Council Volunteer Services Specialist for assistance.

**Early Bird Registrations** for the 2008 membership year will be held in May. Annual Membership Dues are \$10 per member (girl and adult). All currently registered girls and two adult members in each troop will receive \$2 off their Annual Registration Dues. Early Bird Registration deadline is Friday, May 30. Ask your membership specialist for a registration packet. Early Bird Bucks Coupon

will be included with your registration packet and must be completed and submitted with your registration forms. Each troop member who registers early will also receive an Early Bird 2008 Patch. Take advantage of this opportunity today. See flyer for more information.

### **Come to the Strategy Cafe**

Please plan to attend a strategy cafe meeting to meet the Officers and Directors of your new Council. We want to hear from you, the members of Girl Scouts of Louisiana – Pines to the Gulf Council. There will be five meetings throughout our new region; the one in this area will be on **Monday, May 5, from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm** at the Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 1204 Crabapple Dr., Shreveport. Mark your calendar now and join us!

### **Spring Time Campout**

Girl Scouts and their mothers are invited to a mother/daughter campout at Indian Creek Girl Scout Camp May 2-3 or May 3-4, 2008. The cost is \$15.00 per mom/daughter and \$5.00 for each additional girl. Registration **deadline is April 25, 2008.** Please ask your membership specialist for a registration form if you are interested or stop by the service center to pick one up.

**Day Camp** booklets are still being compiled. Information on all camps and camping facilities will be included. If you have any questions about camps, please email or call Micki Blakely at the Shreveport Service Center.

## VOLUNTEER SERVICES

**Training Department Needs You** - The training department is in need of committed enthusiastic volunteers willing to donate a minimum of three hours of their time conducting Girl Scouts of Louisiana – Pines

to the Gulf approved trainings once every three months. More volunteer trainers would allow the training department to provide much needed trainings throughout the council. If you're interested please contact Angela Nash at the council service center.

**Congratulations to Megan Cassingham, Troop 60, Shreveport. Megan won the council patch design contest. Her design was debuted at the council event on March 15. Thanks to everyone who entered – it was a very tough competition. Congrats, Megan! Your design will be shared with girls from this Council for years to come!**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **APRIL**

- 22 Earth Day
- 22 Leader Appreciation Day
- 26 Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day®
- 26-27 Dip, Dip, & Swing – Camp Bon Temps

### **MAY**

- 5 Strategy Café, 6:30-8:30
- 11 Mother's Day
- 26 Memorial Day (SERVICE CENTER CLOSED)
- 30 Early Bird Registration Deadline

### **JUNE**

- 15 Father's Day

### **JULY**

- 04 (SERVICE CENTER CLOSED)

## Service Unit Manager Notes April 2008



1. Everyone is invited to the Recognition Reception to be held May at the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum from 1 pm to 3 pm. At this reception, leaders will receive Council Level awards and girls will receive Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. Please come cheer on your sister Girl Scouts and have some cake and punch! Just call the service center to let us know you're coming. There is no charge.
2. Don't forget to celebrate your Leader! Leader Appreciation Day is April 22.
3. Adult Recognitions Chair- Remind volunteers to submit nominations and all service units are encouraged to plan a recognitions event for service unit.
4. Please poll your volunteers to see who needs Basic Leader and Program Age Level Training. Set a couple of dates and contact the Adult Development Director to set up training in your service unit.
5. It's time to think about service unit teams for next year. Please start putting together your team so they can be invited to a summer training and you can start 2008-2009 ready to go!
6. Strategy Cafe Meetings will be held throughout our region – everyone is invited to come meet the Officers and Directors of Girl Scouts of Louisiana – Pines to the Gulf and to tell us about your hopes and dreams for the new Council. This is the time to let us know what you're thinking. Please join us on May 5 at 6:30 at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall or on May 6 in Monroe at the Ouachita Parish Library at 6:30 pm.