

In the Know

Girl Scouts of Louisiana – Pines to the Gulf

Lafayette Service Center

March 2008

INFORMATION FOR ALL

April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Prevention of child abuse is part of Girl Scout's commitment to protecting the health and well-being of girls to help them grow into healthy, responsible adults. As a Girl Scout leader, you've already done a lot to prevent child abuse in our communities by listening, encouraging, and inspiring girls to feel good about who they are. You might also want to take advantage of the many Girl Scout age-level safety resources that provide activities to help girls develop self-protective skills to guide them throughout their lives. Safety Awards can be found in *Safety-Wise*, other safety activities can be found in *Staying Safe* booklets, and age-level handbooks.

Cookie Sale Activity - Contact your service unit cookie manager before the end of the sale if you are having trouble getting rid of all of your cookies. She might be able to arrange a transfer to another troop.

Cookie Booths – Permission Slips are needed for all Booth Sale Sites. Do not make individual calls to businesses without speaking to your Service Unit Cookie Manager first.

Girl Scout Day with the Ragin Cajun Softball Team is April 12 at Lady Cajun Field. Girl Scouts are invited to join the team on the field for the national anthem. See flyer for more information.

Lafayette Area Awards Reception -

Mark your calendar and join the fun. Come support your "sister" Girl Scout volunteers receiving awards on Saturday, April 26.



Council level adult recognitions will be presented at this reception as well as Bronze, Silver and Gold awards for girls! There is no cost to attend – place will be announced soon but it will be in Lafayette. Please call Frieda at the service center to reserve your seat or for more information. We could also use a troop or two to volunteer to help set up for this event – let Karen Gallaspy know if your troop can do that.

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. Registration deadline is May 30. Ask your membership specialist for a registration packet. Each troop member who registers early will also receive an Early Bird 2008 Patch.

Day Camp booklets will be mailed soon. Tell your girls to be looking for it. All day camps need volunteers. Encourage the parents of your girls to volunteer a day or two to help out at camp. We would like to offer more day camps but cannot do that without volunteers. Please let us know if you would be interested in helping to plan a camp for your area next year. If your area is not having a camp, it is because no one volunteered for the management team in your area.

Remember Girl Scout Sunday is March 9. Your troop is encouraged to go to church as a group. Be sure to wear your uniform or pin. It's nice to rotate to different denominations represented in your group. Let the priest or minister know beforehand that you will be attending so your troop can be recognized.

BROWNIE GIRL SCOUTS

Me and My Buddy – Leaders, make sure your girls know about this fun event for girls and their favorite guy. The event will be April 5 at Camp Bon Temps and April 6 at Camp Edgewood. Flyers were mailed to all registered girls in grades 1, 2, and 3. Registration deadline is March 13. Older girls and adults are needed as activity helpers. Contact the service center if you can help.

JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS

Uniquely Me – There are three dates set for *Uniquely Me* workshops. The dates are as follows: March 29, April 12, and April 26. The April 12 workshop will take place in the afternoon from 1:45 p.m. until 3 p.m. This program takes place at InBetweenz in Lafayette and is designed for Junior Girl Scouts. Girls will do activities to learn about fashion and self-esteem. The \$5 cost includes a *Uniquely Me* book and patch. See flyer on the website. You may also contact Consuelo Moses at the council service center with any questions or for more information.

Tip-A-Canoe, beginning canoeing workshops for girls currently in the 4th grade and older will be held this summer. More details next month.



GIRLS 11-17

Dip, Dip And Swing - advanced canoeing, will be held at Camp Bon Temps on April 26-27. This overnight event is for girls who are at least 12 years old, or in the 6th grade, and have attended at least one Tip-a-Canoe workshop. More details next month.

Fashion Show

InBetweenz, a shop for girls 7-14 and our sponsor for the Uniquely Me program, would like to invite you to a Spring Fashion Show at InBetweenz, 115 Arnould Blvd., Lafayette, on March 8 from 2 to 4.

ADULT DEVELOPMENT

Outdoor Education Training

A combined outdoor education training (basic and advanced) has been added to the schedule. It will be held Saturday, May 3, at Camp Edgewood. The registration fee is \$15.00 and the deadline to register is April 23. Please call Karen Gallaspy at the service center if you would like to attend this course.

The 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 GSUSA 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 Karen Gallaspy at the council service center.

Remember to contact Karen if you are interested in Life Guard Training this spring or if you are interested in taking Canoe Training. She can be reached at the council service center.

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 Director for assistance.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

- 09 Cookie Direct Sale Ends
- 09 Girl Scout Sunday
- 12 Girl Scout 96th Birthday
- 15 Three Great Pasts, One Terrific Future
Celebration Event Girl Scouts of Louisiana-Pines to the Gulf**
- 16 Brownie Acadian Culture Workshop – Eunice
- 21 Good Friday (Service Center Closed)
- 23 Easter
- 29 Junior Acadian Culture Workshop - Eunice
- 29 Uniquely Me Workshop

APRIL

- 05 Me & My Buddy Event – Camp Bon Temps
- 06 Me & My Buddy Event – Camp Edgewood
- 9 & 10 **Council Staff Retreat – Service Center Closed**
- 12 Girl Scout Day with the Lady Cajuns
- 12 Uniquely Me Workshop
- 22 Leader Appreciation Day
- 24 Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day®
- 26 Uniquely Me Workshop

MAY

- 11 Mother's Day
- 30 Early Bird Registration Deadline