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Save the Date!

Go to the website for event details

October

- 3-4 GS Shop and Slumber
- 4 Silver Career Event
- 4 Build-A-Bear Workshop
- 5 Ceramics Badge Workshop
- 7 FIRSTsteps Seminar
- 11 Intro to Web Page Creation
- 11 GS Day at Butts Mill Farm
- 12 destinations Rally
- 12 GS Night w/ GSU Panthers
- 18 Princess Tea Party
- 18 destinations Rally
- 18 Sleep in the deep TN Aquarium
- 18 Cricket Computing
- 19 1st Aid Badge Workshop
- 24-26 CPV Camporee
- 24-26 Fall Spooktacular
- 25 Mom & Me Princess Party
- 25 Games for Life IP at Mountasia
- 25 Spookymoor Day Event
- 26 Lead It! At Imagine It!
- 31-Nov. 2 Fall Spooktacular

November

- 1 What's in a Doctor's Bag
- 1 Become Handy Sign Language
- 1 Colors and Shapes
- 8-9 All American Girl Overnight
- 8 Wave the Flag
- 15 Fall Festival
- 15 Let's Pretend
- 15 Graphic and Print
- 15 Adventurous Indoor Rock Climbing
- 15 Discover Fernbank
- 22-23 Leadership by Dr. Seuss
- 22 GS for the Cure
- 22 & 23 Daisy Day at Camp Meriwether

**Together We Are Better,
Together We Are Greater,**

Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Inc.

The Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Inc. serves approximately 40,000 girls and over 16,000 volunteer adults in thirty-three counties of metropolitan Atlanta and northwest Georgia, including **Bartow, Butts, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fannin, Fayette, Floyd, Fulton, Gilmer, Gordon, Gwinnett, Haralson, Heard, Henry, Lamar, Meriwether, Murray, Newton, Paulding, Pickens, Pike, Polk (Georgia), Polk (Tennessee), Rockdale, Spaulding, Troup, Upson, and Whitfield counties.**

The administrative headquarters and a volunteer service center are located at 1577 Northwest Expressway in Atlanta. **Additional service centers are located in Dalton, Griffin and Rome.** In addition, plans are underway to move to a new administrative headquarters and volunteer service center at what previously was the Council's Timber Ridge Conference Center.

While the new Council will serve a larger geographic area, the mission remains the same:

**Girl Scouting builds girls of courage,
confidence, and character, who make
the world a better place.**

You may find more information on the website at
www.girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org



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Applause Please! (Submissions are due the 22nd of each month)

This is a new section to The Variety this year. We want to recognize the good things that are going on in Area 3. If you would like to recognize someone or tell us what troops are doing in your community just send a short description or shout out to jandres@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org by the 22nd of the month to be featured in the next month's edition.

This month I would like to thank Valerie Anglin and Elizabeth Stuart of the Crossbridge Service Unit for coordinating a Silver Award Workshop on September 6th for over 25 girls. Thanks for reaching out to meet the needs of the girls in your community.

I would also like to applaud the Taste of Girl Scouting team from the Alcovy and Salem Service Units for hosting a Taste of Girl Scouting for newly registered girls in the Service Unit.

Patti Bryson also deserves applause for using her resources wisely and coordinating a financial literacy program with a local bank, please watch for the upcoming edition of The Variety for more information.

Again, these are only the happenings that I have been a part of this month please send me what you see for next month's edition.



Girls Go Tech

GGT is looking for Program Aides, Adult Volunteers, and possible collaborators to help plan and run Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) programs. If you are interested please contact Lissa Snowden at lsnowdon@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org for more information.

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Journey Books Are In

All program level journey books and adult guides are available for purchase in the badge and sash stores. Girl Journey books are \$7 Adult Guide & Journey book sets are \$15; set includes the adult guide and the girl book. Earned Awards are available for purchase. Daisy – Cadette (\$5) Senior/Ambassador (\$2.50-patch \$8-pin) Keepsake awards range from (\$7-\$10). Visit the Badge and Sash store or shop our online store at: www.girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org

After the Journey . . .what next?

“If there’s only one Journey, and it only lasts for (6-8) meetings, what do we do the rest of the year?”



Help the *girls*...

- Plan and have their **Investiture or Rededication** Ceremony.
- Sell Girl Scout **Calendars!**
- Plan for and celebrate **Juliette Low’s Birthday** (Founder’s Day) Oct. 31
- Take part in an **event** sponsored by your Service Unit or the Girl Scout Council
- Prepare for and spend a day/night/weekend at **camp**; or go on a **hike** or have a **cookout**. Or pack a **picnic** and take a **nature walk!**
- Get ready for and take part in the **Girl Scout Cookie Sale**.
- Plan for and celebrate **World Thinking Day** in your troop or Service Unit
- Plan for and celebrate **Girl Scout Birthday/Week** with your troop or Service Unit
- Choose and work on **Try-Its/Badges/Interest Projects /Focus Charms/enrichment patches**.
- Plan, prepare for, and go on a **trip**.
- Find out what needs doing in your **community** – then plan, prepare, and do it!
- Plan **family fun** days/events: picnics, fishing trips, ball games, talent shows, field days, campfire, etc.

ASK THE GIRLS WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO DO!!



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What Training Should I Take?

New leaders and assistant leaders need to take the following training:

New Leader Training (offered in the classroom, online or through facilitated home study)

Guiding the Journey (two hours)

Trip and Travel (online)

Money Management (online) - can be taken by the troop treasurer

Program-level training has been revised to incorporate the new Leadership Experience. Leaders bridging to a new program level and continuing with the handbooks (not Journeys) need to take:

Brownie Leader Training (for first-grade Brownie troops)

Junior Leader Training (for fourth-grade Junior troops)

Cadette/Senior/Ambassador Advisor Training (for sixth-grade troops becoming Cadettes and ninth-grade troops becoming Seniors)

Girls choosing to move to the Girl Scout Ambassador level will use the *It's Your World - Change It!* resources, and their advisors are encouraged to take *Guiding the Journey*. Any work begun by girls on Girl Scout Silver or Gold award projects can continue under the current requirements (and current handbooks and resources can continue to be used).

Leaders continuing with the current handbooks but not bridging into a new program level need to take:

Continuing the Excellence - In this one-hour session, participants will apply the Discover, Connect and Take Action keys to leadership and the processes of Girl Led, Learn by Doing and Cooperative Learning to existing Girl Scout program. Volunteers will learn how to work with girls to achieve the nationally defined short-term, intermediate and long-term outcomes while continuing in existing resources. Turn some favorite activities into leadership and outcome-based projects to align with the leadership model!

Leaders ready to start with the Journey materials need to take:

Guiding the Journey - Participants will learn the three keys of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, how to use girl and adult Journey resources to support the delivery of the new leadership model, ways to facilitate activities that are Girl Led and incorporate Leading by Doing and Cooperative Learning, and the value of inner leadership practices for themselves and the girls.

For more information on workshops and events, or help with you Girl Scout Program questions, please call Jeanne Andres at 404-527-7449 or e-mail her at jandres@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org. *The Variety* is a program newsletter for the Dekalb, Rockdale, and Newton Counties (Area 3).



Upcoming Art Programs

Wicked at the Fox

Troops with groups of 20 or more can contact Carol Grant at the Fox directly at 404-881-2011. There is a small group discount.

St. Pius X High School Theater

Christmas with Hans Christian Anderson

November 22 and 23, 2008

Please see attached flyer for more information.

Synchronicity Performance Group

The Snow Queen

December 5-28, 2008

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

February 14-March 8, 2009

Junie B. Jones and a Little Monkey Business!

May 6-31, 2009

For group information call 404-484-8636.

High Museum of Art

Road to Freedom; Photographs of the Civil Rights Movement 1956-1968

Through October 5, 2008

Louvre Atlanta 2008-2009

October 12, 2008-September 6, 2009

The First Emperor China's Terracotta Army

November 16-April 19, 2009

To schedule a tour contact 404-733-4468.



More Art Programs...

Center for Puppetry Arts

La Cucarachita Martina
September 18-28, 2008

Brer Rabbit and Friends

September 30-December 7, 2008

Sam the Lovesick Snowman

November 18-January 4, 2009

For ticket information call 404-873-3391

New LIA Training

The LIA (Leader in Action) is a new award in the "It's Your World – Change It!" journey series. This award gives Girl Scout Cadettes an opportunity to put their skills to work assisting Girl Scout Brownies on their Quest. Brownies (and their volunteers!) will appreciate having Cadettes along on the journey – and Cadettes will benefit from having the opportunity to have a position of responsibility. The steps for Cadettes to earn the LIA are all in the Adult Guide for "Brownie Quest" and on-line at http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_central/insignia/lia.pdf.

The Program Aide, Leader-in-Training, and Counselor-in-Training are very much a part of Girl Scouts and will be updated within the few years to reflect elements of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. In the meantime, present guidelines remain in effect.