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The Variety

FEBRUARY 2009

Save the Date!

Go to the website for event details

March

- 1 Dr. Seuss Birthday Party
- 6 Book Arts
- 6 Jump Into Junior's Area 2
- 7 What's in a Doctor's Bag?
- 7 The Amazing Castle at Imagine It!
- 7 Girl Scout Madness
- 8 Girl Scout Night with the Atlanta Thrashers
- 8 Girl Scout Madness
- 15 Cricket
- 15 Girl Scout Night with the Atlanta Hawks
- 15 Lead On Badge Workshop
- 28 Throo the Zoo
- 28 Bounce Into Brownies Area 1
- 28 Travel Atlanta
- 28 Sound Off

April

- 4 Try-It Triple Play
- 4 Girl Scout Madness
- 4 Ren Fest
- 5 First Aid Badge Workshop
- 5 Girl Scout Madness
- 11 Food, Fibers, and Farming Badge
- 18 Fitness to Fashion I.P.
- 18 Mission Robotics Extreme
- 18 Discover Fernbank
- 25 Road Trip to Savannah

Taking A Trip Soon?

Not sure what forms to fill out and/or who to send it to?

We have a new and easy way to get your trip approved.

- Go to our website: www.girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org and place your cursor on Events and Things to Do, scroll down and click "Trip Permission Guide".
- This step by step guide will walk you through the process to receive council approval for your troop/group to travel.
- You no longer have to mail or fax trip application to go to Savannah. Hooray! (Go Green . . .Paperless)

Good news - Tagalongs and Do-Si-Dos are safe!

A message from our baker, Little Brownie Bakers:

We want to assure all of our loyal Girl Scout Cookie customers that the peanut butter used in Tagalongs® and Do-Si-Dos® cookie products is not sourced from Peanut Corporation of America, the supplier recently implicated by the FDA in their ongoing investigation of a *Salmonella* outbreak.

Food safety is of the utmost importance to us. We have and continue to work closely with all of our ingredient suppliers to ensure that they continue to exceed food industry operating standards as part of our goal to bake safe, great tasting Girl Scout Cookies. In addition to our expectations of ingredient suppliers, our suppliers are subject to rigorous food safety audits from independent third party auditors. Our peanut butter supplier has a history of excellent audit results.

We appreciate the trust you have placed in us as well as your support of the Girl Scouts in your community.

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

Planning Events in your Service Unit and want some guidance?

- Our Juliette Program Specialist will meet with troops & SU volunteers that are interested in running events & short term programs to train & support them in putting these together and getting volunteer, service or leadership hours.
- She can be scheduled to come to weekday meetings in the afternoon or evenings to work with these groups.
- This could be useful for girls working towards Silver or Gold, girls or adults looking to earn volunteering awards or service units wanting to recruit girls when there are no leaders available so that they could be Juliette's (adding to their membership numbers) with quality programs available in their area.
- Terry Otto can be reached via email at totto@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org



Adult Volunteer Training FYI:

- When registering for training classes online, volunteers do not need to create new passwords if they already have one. If you forget it, simply send an email to Cheryl Clarke at cclarke@girlscoutsofgreateratlanta.org, and she will give it to you. This helps to cut back on the number of duplicate passwords.
- If a volunteer receives an incomplete notice for an online course, he or she does not have to re-register for the course. they can just complete it within 10 days to get credit.

Back Stage Chat

- 11-17 girls are needed to plan and carry out the Dr. Seuss' Birthday Party event on March 1, 2009 at the Atlanta VSC from 2-5 pm for Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts. If you are interested please send Jeanne an email.
- Spring Break Outdoor/Sports Getaway to Sapphire Valley, NC April 6-10, 2009. This getaway is open to 25 girls 11-17 who want to getaway for spring break and take to the hills! The getaway includes 4 night accommodations, transportation, meals, golfing, canoeing, hiking, Native American lore, Environmental Education, and much more. Email Jeanne if you are interested in participating.
- We are looking for National Anthem performers for the following upcoming events if you are interested please forward your audition CD's to Mary Forbes in the Badge and Sash Girl Scout Store or you may call her at 404-527-7670. Events include:
 - Girl Scout Night with the Atlanta Thrashers
 - Girl Scout Night with the Atlanta Hawks
 - Girl Scout Day with the Atlanta Braves
- Bridging is right around the corner many troops participated in Girl Scout Day at Stone Mountain to conduct their troop bridging ceremonies and end of the year events. If you are interested be sure to mark your calendars for June 7, 2009. If you need assistance or have questions about bridging feel free to contact Jeanne for program support.
- Spring Registration begins March 16, 2009 and ends May 22, 2009 don't delay, get your registrations in during Spring 2009 for the 2010 Girl Scout year. This insures that you will have no delay in signing up for Girl Scout events, camping, training, and trips for fall of 2009. For more information contact your Service Unit Director.

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).