

THE ATLANTA SLUGGER

AUGUST 2006

Save the Date!

August 2006

08/07 Girl Scout Calendar Sale Begins

08/26 Back-to-School at White Water

08/26 Regional Planning Board Training

September 2006

Outdoor Program

Brownie Adventure at Camp Timber Ridge

08/15-16, 08/16-17, 08/22-23, and 08/23-24

Brownie Blast @ CPA

08/22-24 or 09/29-10/01

Junior Adventure Weekend @ CTR

09/29-10/01

Small Craft Badge Day @ CPA

09/09 or 09/10

Girl Program

09/10 Teen Day at Six Flags over GA

09/16 or 17 Healthy Habits Try-It Day at
Imagine It! The Children's Museum

09/17 Girl Scout Day with the Atlanta Braves

09/30 or 10/01 Girl Scout Day at Cagle's Dairy

09/30 11-17 Night Maze and Bonfire at Cagle's

09/30 Hobby Try-It at the Paper Museum



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BATTER UP

Hi! My name is Jeanne Andres and I am the Metro 3 Program Specialist. This year the Metro 3 theme is Baseball so you will see various baseball references throughout the regional newsletter this year. The purpose of this newsletter is to communicate to girls and leaders in the Metro 3 region program opportunities, recognition, tips, new program resources, and most important spotlighting the girls and adults in our region and their accomplishments in the community. In order for me to accomplish the most important objective I need your active involvement in the newsletter. We have a large territory and I can't be everywhere all of the time. So if you see great happenings around you zip me an email or jot me a note so that I can capture it in the next newsletter. I am always looking for girl submissions poetry, photos, reflection letter, etc. Girls if you have an outstanding leader and just want to say "Thank You" send it my way! **This newsletter is meant to be read by both Girls and Leaders.** I look forward to a successful Girl Scout year please feel free to contact me if you have any program questions throughout the year.

Your sister in Girl Scouting,

Jeanne Andres

Mission Statement: Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place!



Planning Boards have space! We still have space available on our regional planning boards. There are three boards serving the Metro 3 region, meeting at the Atlanta VSC, Conyers, and Douglas County. Boards meet on Sunday afternoons once a month and plan events through the year. To apply to work with any of the boards contact Jeanne Andres for an application A.S.A.P. Regional Planning Board Training will be held Saturday August 26, 2006 from 10am-4pm at Camp Timber Ridge.



RBI's

This section of The Atlanta Slugger is to recognize and highlight deserving girls and adults. If you know of someone that you has made an RBI please submit them to me at the email listed below.

This month's RBI's come from our Summer Program All-Star team. That's right while you were at home watching the All-Star game in Philadelphia our very own All-Star team was running the bases.

- * Tameka Robinson
- * Brittney Walton
- * Keisha Morris

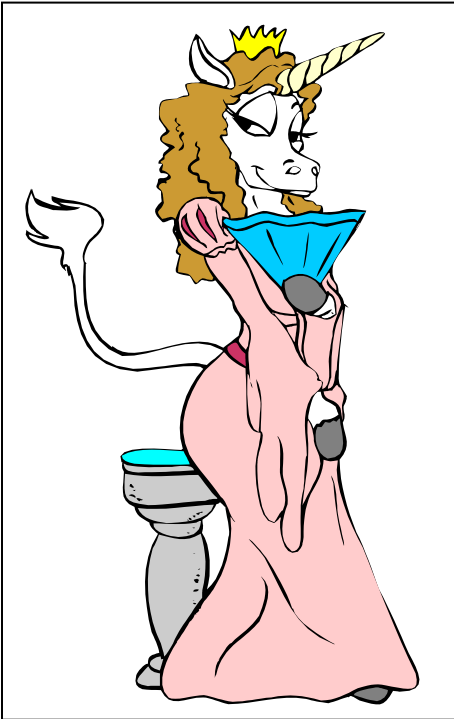
A special thanks to our all-star summer coaches **Cinnamon Draper & Gloria Johnson!**

Is Your Service Unit Planning an Event?

If you or your troop will be planning an event for your service unit or group larger than your troop, please note that there are certain procedures you need to follow. All Event Directors must have taken the "Planning Events Beyond Your Troop" workshop before their event will be approved as a Girl Scout activity and Service Unit Directors that are trained and may be signing off for the director will be held responsible and be required to attend the whole event. Anyone that has taken the workshop in the past will be grandfathered in and would not be required to take the updated workshop that began this year, but they are responsible for using the new procedures and forms. The new workshop contains important information about crisis management, how to involve girls in planning and goes over the new forms and procedures. Although in the past girls were encouraged to attend this workshop with their adults, it is no longer appropriate, only adults should register and then, in turn, train their girls. Among the new changes are a shortened form, which asks for the Event Director's training date and the event's emergency plan. It does not contain the planning steps and budget information form of the 4-page application, however, Service Unit Directors should still be getting that information before they sign off on an event. Event Applications should be submitted at least 2 months in advance of your event in order to have enough time for everyone to sign off, correct any problems and be on file for insurance purposes. Check out Learning Opportunities to find a class near you or take the training on line!

For more information on workshops and events, or for help with your Girl Scout Program questions, please call Jeanne Andres at 404-527-7449 or e-mail her at jandres@girlscoutsnwga.org. *The Slugger* is a program newsletter for the DeKalb, Clayton, Newton, Rockdale, South Fulton, and Douglas Counties (Metro 3 Region)

Save the date for Mountain Magic Leader Weekend!



Join Misty the Unicorn and the Mountain Magic Planning Committee January 19-21, 2007 for “Fairy Tales – An Enchanted Weekend.” This theme, picked by the 2006 attendees, should be great for costumes, decorations, and swaps, too! There are no limits to fairy tales – modern or classic. Remember that a fairy tale, or wonder tale, is a kind of folktale or fable. In these stories we meet witches and queens, giants and elves, princes, dragons, talking animals, ogres, princesses, and sometimes even fairies. Marvelous and magical things happen to characters in fairy tales. A boy may become a bird. A princess may sleep for a hundred years. A seal may become a girl. Objects too can be enchanted – mirrors talk, pumpkins become carriages, and a lamp may be home to a genie. One thing is for sure; people everywhere like stories in which truth prevails over deception, generosity is ultimately rewarded, hard work overcomes obstacles, and love, mercy and kindness are the greatest powers of all. Kind of like Girl Scouts, don’t you think?

Ziploc Omelets

Attention leaders:

- Here is a great idea for your troop to try.
- Have guests write their name on a quart-size Ziploc freezer bag with permanent marker.
- Crack two eggs (large or extra large) into the bag (not more than two) shake to combine them. Put out a variety of ingredients such as cheeses, ham, onion, green pepper, tomato, hash browns, salsa, etc. Each guest adds prepared ingredients of choice to their bag and shake. Make sure to get the air out of the bag and zip it up.
- Place the bags into rolling, boiling water for exactly 13 minutes. You can usually cook six-eight omelets in a large pot. For more, make another pot of boiling water.
- Open the bags and the omelet will roll out easily. Be prepared for everyone to be amazed.
- Nice to serve with fresh fruit and coffee cake; everyone gets to be involved in the process!

