

METRO 3 DATA

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National Convention News

The 2005 National Council Session and 50th Convention is almost upon us, being held from Oct. 7-10 at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta. *Soaring Beyond Greatness* is the theme of the convention, which is held every 3 years to conduct the business of the Girl Scouts and is expected to be attended by more than 15,000 delegates. Keynote Speakers include Ann Curry from NBC's Today show, Dr Johnnetta Cole, President Emerita of Spelman College, and Kavita Ramdas, President & CEO of the Global Fund for Women. Other scheduled speakers may include Mayer Shirley Franklin, UPS CEO Mike Eskew, Evern

Cooper Epps and Harriet Hessam. Also, this year will feature an *Open Space Meeting* in which the delegates or their alternates will discuss governance in Girl Scouts and *Strategy Cafes* which are open to any Exhibit Hall visitor to encourage discussions related to the Core Strategy for Girl Scouting. The Open Space meeting will begin around 8 am on the 10th and the Cafes will begin when the Exhibit Hall opens at noon. The Hall of Exhibits will have the "largest Girl Scout shop anywhere" but also displays and activities for visitors to participate in. Some of the GSUSA exhibits will include *Get Fit!*, *Shape Up!*, *Girls Go Tech*, *Get with the Land*, and



Girls Scouts Make History. The Exhibit Hall will be open to the general public and passes are being sold in the Badge & Sash or can be purchased at the convention for \$10/adult and \$5/children 5-17 years old. The Opening Ceremony, which will feature many of our NWGA girls, is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Fri, however, our Gold Award Alliance will be hosting a reception from 4-6 pm at the Congress Center for all attending the Convention. Those that are interested in getting a Day Pass which will allow entry into the National Council Session meetings as well as the Exhibit Hall, can purchase them online. (cont. pg.2)

Convention Volunteers Still Needed

There are still a few volunteer spots available for those wishing to attend the National Convention. All volunteers must be 14 years old and older and a registered Georgia Girl Scout for the 2005-2006 year. They will be expected to wear an official

Girl Scout uniform and will receive a free Day Pass for each 4-hour shift they work. Day passes will allow entry into the National Council Session meetings as well as the Exhibit Hall. Volunteer assignment options include hospitality, Ushers,

Program, Special Services, and a "help where I am needed" volunteer pool. For more information or to apply for a volunteer position you can contact Chris DeCamp of the Central Savannah River Council at 706-774-0505 or cdecamp@girlscoutscsra.org.

The Metro 3 Studio - news for 11-17s

Events You Should Know About ...



Do you love to dance then you need to join **DIG - our GS Dance Club**. The first meeting will be on Sept 18th and members will choose future dates then. Girls will get to explore various dance genres and the cost for the five sessions is only \$25. (Event Catalog pg. 22, Accounting code 611, deadline Sept 1st). Another club we'll offer this year is the **Girls Go Tech Computer Club**. Especially for girls 11-14, this club will give girls the opportunity to use various computer programs to produce newsletters, websites and computer controlled robots. There are 6 sessions scheduled and the

cost is \$10 for each session. The first meeting will be on Nov 15th from 6:30-9 pm at the Atlanta Council office. On that night the participants will determine future meeting dates that will be held on weeknights. (Event Catalog pg. 27, Accounting code 611, deadline Oct 14th)

Sept. 25th from 11 am -6 pm is the date for **Teen Day at Six Flags** for girls 11-17 from all over Georgia. Tickets are only \$23/person and girls can come as a troop or individually with their own chaperones. (Accounting code 630, deadline Sept. 15th)

Then don't forget about **Halabalooza**, the lock-in on

October 21-22, 2005 from 6:30 pm - 9 am for girls in 6th grade and older that was planned by the STARZ East Planning Board The overnight costs only \$10 and includes fun sessions and your own talent show. (Acctg code 611)

All Around Atlanta follows the very next day, Sat, Oct 22nd. During this fun day, girls (with Council chaperones) will explore Atlanta while learning to use MARTA. Highlights include lunch at Underground and Centennial Park. The cost of \$25 includes lunch, activities and all transportation by MARTA during the day. Accounting code 611, deadline Sept 30th.

New this year is **Cookie University 101**, especially for teens and preteens that may be feeling challenged when selling cookies. This great day, Nov 19th from 2-5 pm at the VSC, is planned by expert girls on all the 'in' ways to showcase, market and have fun selling cookies. You will hear tips from the top sellers and learn their secret techniques. You will get the scoop on the newest cookies, the cookie sale prizes, then help us create and produce a cookie commercial for our Web site. The cost for this event is only \$3 and the registration deadline is Nov 1st (Accounting code 630). Juliette Girl Scouts planning to sell cookies will be trained before this session, from 1-2pm and get all the information they need to sell cookies outside of a troop setting.



Leadership Opportunities:

WANTED: girls 14+ and adults to help staff the Ceramics Badge at the Carlos Museum on Oct 23rd.
Contact Terry to volunteer



In 2002 at Heritage High School in Rockdale County, students not only ate lunch with new people, they also mixed it up on the dance floor. The big hit of the day? "The Harlem Shake."

Looking for a different and challenging way to get Leadership. Why not organize a **MIX IT UP** event at your school? At many schools around the country, the cafeteria at lunchtime is a visible example of the social status of everyone in the whole school. However in 2002, more than 200,000 students across the country participated in the first Mix It Up at Lunch Day and started breaking down those barriers and the tradition has continued ever since. This year, Metro 3 would like to encourage Girl Scouts in Middle School and High School to organize their own school happening. This year's **Mix It Up at Lunch Day** date is set for November

15th and Terry has planned a information meeting on Sept 8th at 7 pm to distribute information and help girls get ideas on where to start. You can use your leadership skills and log hours by leading the effort at your school and you don't have to tell them it's for Girl Scouts. Ask your friends to join in. Pitch the idea to the clubs, sports teams and other groups you belong to. Invite other clubs to participate. Get teachers and administrators on board. Publicize the event with posters, stickers that you might get from the National website. For more ideas on how you can make a difference and lead your school on Mix It Up at Lunch Day you can check out the website <http://www.tolerance.org>.

Then, those that have held their event in Nov can register for a special Anti-Bully event at the Atlanta Council office on Dec 4th from 2-5 pm. The cost is \$5/person and will have specialists provide participants with hands-on activities and up-to-date information on staying safe. For more information contact Terry Otto at totto@girlscoutsnwga.org or 404-527-7448. So are you up to a challenge? (Event Catalog pg. 21, Accounting code 611)

Mix It Up was created by the collaboration of [Tolerance.org](http://www.tolerance.org), Teaching Tolerance — two projects of the Southern Poverty Law Center — and the Study Circles Resource Center.

Convention News (cont. from pg.1)

The cost is \$75/adult and \$35 for girls 14-17 years old. While closing ceremonies are set for Mon, Oct 10th, there will be 2 special events on Sunday. First, for Girl Congress, girl delegates and

girl official visitors (3-day pass), the **THINK PINK** Party will be an unforgettable night in a private pink dance club with "Creation Stations" to indulge all your senses. Also on Sun-

day night, *Soaring Beyond Generations*, an adult only supper club from 7-10 pm, will be a musical tribute to 20th century women from Juliette Low to the present. This event is open to all

adult delegates, visitors and guests and tickets are \$75 each. To order tickets, you may contact Jill Dominguez at 404-527-7542.

The FYI - News You Gotta Know

The **Dia de los Muertos-Juliette Low Celebration**, on Oct 30th from 2-5pm in Rockdale County, is a new way to commemorate our



founder's birthday while learning more about the Hispanic culture. For \$7/person, girls will learn more about Juliette Low, visit her special "alter" and partake in traditional activities, food and customs of the day. (Event Catalog pg. 6 Accounting code 611,

deadline Sept. 30th)

Then look for two **new Junior Badge offerings** this fall. The first one comes from a new collaboration with the Michael C. Carlos Museum at Emory University on Oct 23rd from noon to 5 pm. They will work on the **Junior Ceramics badge** with a scavenger hunt through the Museum and the opportunity to watch demonstrations and try some of the ceramic techniques themselves. The cost is \$10 girl and \$7 per adult over the Safety-wise ratios. (Event Catalog pg. 15, Accounting code 611, deadline Sept. 30th)

Then look for Fernbank Museum's new **Junior Badge Science Discovery** on Nov 5 or 6th (choose 1 date). The cost is \$25/girl and \$20/adult which includes badge requirement activities and supplies, admission to the Museum and an Imax film. (Event Catalog pg. 16, Accounting code 611, deadline Sept. 30th)

On Sat, Oct. 22nd the Catholic Church of the Transfiguration in Marietta is hosting the **Catholic Fall Festival**. This event brings together Girl Scouts throughout the Atlanta Archdiocese for religious workshops, games, crafts

and fun. The cost for the day is \$5/girl, checks should be payable to Catholic Committee on Scouting (CCOS), registration deadline is Sept. 30th. The event will also feature a service project for St. Vincent de Paul and Seamless Garment. Girls are asked to bring a box of cereal, boxed dinner or baby item and help sort the items during the day. For more complete information contact Debbie Varn at 770-565-1981 or Dv2rad-mom@bellsouth.net

Planning Service Unit Events

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, page 32 for classes scheduled this year and for those interested in taking the class with Terry, there is a class scheduled for Tues, Sept. 19th at 6:30 pm in Rockdale county. Please contact a Rockdale or Newton County SUD to register.



TLC CORNER...

Where are my TLCs? If you will be helping to support new leaders in your Service Unit, I want to hear from you. The **Metro 3 TLC Reception was rescheduled to Tues, Sept 13, 2005 from 6:30-9:00 pm** at the Volunteer Service Center-Atlanta. The Reception is also an excellent opportunity to network with others just like you around our area, to share ideas and suggestions. Service Unit Directors should email me, the contact info for their team asap, (PSMetro3@girlscoutsnwga.org) and TLC's should receive an email invitation to the reception by Sept 9th.

Any TLCs that have not received their invite should check with their Service Unit Director and call Terry at 404-527-7448 to insure their contact information is correct.

Remember, this year these TLCs/Green Angels/Leader's Mentors will be on MY team as well and once they have registered with me they will have access to the latest of information.

September is the time for all TLCs to check with new Leaders and see if they have signed up for training, need help with Parent meetings, or have any

questions as they begin sorting through all the information they need to start their first troop year. Make sure they know about all the opportunities and procedures in your Service Unit. Often new Leaders don't even know what to ask...but YOU know what they need to know...you've been there and they need you to reach out and help them make sense of it all.



TLCs, Green Angels, New Leader Mentors....
 "A rose by any other name"...
 is just as sweet!

Lastly, don't forget to mark your calendars for the TLC Conference on Jan 14th. You won't want to miss this Council-wide opportunity!

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<http://www.3leaves.org/metro3/>

Metro 3 Leader Weekend

Jungle Fever...It's Contagious! The Annual Leader Weekend is scheduled for Jan. 20-22, 2006 at Camp Misty Mountain. This weekend offers something for everyone, new leaders and those green blooded, dyed in the wool, long time Girl Scout adults. In October, look for registration forms at your Service Unit Meetings or online at <http://3leaves.org/dcnr2006>.



2005-6 Metro 3 Program Calendar

DATE	EVENT
Sept 8	Mix It Up Info Meeting for Nov event
Sept 9 (eve)	Patrol Leader Workshop - Rockdale Cty
Sept 10	Silver & Gold Workshops - Rockdale Cty.
Sept 11	Dream Chaser Workshop - Rockdale Cty.
Sept 13	TLC Reception & Info Mtg.
Sept 18	D.I.G. Dance Club - DeKalb Cty. (1st mtg.)
Sept 24	Taste of GSing - in Rockdale/Newton
Sept 25	18-29's Investiture/Rededication Day
Oct. 14	Patrol Leader Workshop - Clayton
Oct. 15	Silver & Gold Wksps - Clayton
Oct 16	Dream Chaser Wksp - Clayton
Oct. 21-22	Halabalooza Lock-in (6th grade +)
Oct. 22	All Around Atlanta (6th grade +)
Oct. 23	Junior Badge @ Carlos Museum (Emory)
Oct 30	Dia de los Muertos-Juliette Low Celebration
Nov 5 or 6	Science Discovery at Fernbank Museum
Nov. 15	Girls Go Tech - DCNR Computer Club(1st mtg)
Nov 15	Mix It Up at Lunch
Dec 4	Mix It Up - Anti-Bully Challenge
Jan 20-22	DCNR Leader Retreat - Misty Mtn.
Jan 28/29	Junior Theater Badge/Brownie Try-it in Rockdale County
Feb 3	Patrol Leader Workshop - DeKalb/VSC
Feb 4	Silver & Gold Wksps - DeKalb/VSC
Feb 5	Dream Chaser Wksp - DeKalb/VSC
Feb 11-12th	DCNR Madness Overnight (VCS) (bridging Jrs.)
Feb 18-19	18-29s Connecting Conference
Feb 26th	Thinking Day - Rockdale County.
March 12	Silver Award Career Event (VSC)
March 18 or 19	Fernbank Museum Try-it Day
March 26	Jump into Juniors (bridging Brownies)
April 23	Bounce into Brownies (fka Daisy Daze)
May (tentative)	Art Adventure Patch @ Carlos Museum
Spring'06 (tentative)	Fernbank Patch Event
May TBA-	Bridging Ceremony in Rockdale

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