

METRO 3 DATA

So Much To Do... So Little Time

Special points of interest:

- Carter Center GS event
- Metro 3 Girls to be Proud Of
- Event Deadlines approaching fast!
- New IPAs for 11-17s
- Your Ideas Needed See the Program Survey
- Pen Pals wanted
- The TLC Program
- Program Calendar

We are entering into a busy time, with lots of events, activities and opportunities for Girl Scouts. The National Convention will be going on as this issue is being distributed. This opportunity to have the Convention in Atlanta where our members can easily attend any of the scheduled activities, is a rare treat. I hope that all our girls get to see all the Girl HQ activities and our adults all visit the Hall of Exhibits.

Also, many of our members are participating in the Project Hurricane Health Kit." Kits that were dropped off at the Volunteer Service by Sept 30th are on their way to where they are needed. Now troops may continue to make kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Please see kit details on our website and contact your local United Methodist Church for details. Questions about "Project Hurricane Health Kit," can be directed to Sarnethia Wilkinson at the Vol.Serv.Ctr.-Atlanta and please e-mail her to let us know how your troop is participating.



Don't forget Juliette Low's Birthday
October 31st

Then there are all the other activities that come in the Fall, camping trips, Juliette Low Birthday events, Council and Service Unit events. There's a lot to fit into a busy schedule. Adults should help girls in & out of troops to choose activities and plan which events they want to attend. For events sponsored by Council, remember that you HAVE to complete an Event Registration Form (from the website, Lime Green Giraffe or the Program Events Catalog. The contact persons listed for each event can provide details and information about the program and to register, you should follow the listed guidelines. If

you want to attend an event please send in the registration form and refrain from calling to check space availability. It is almost impossible to confirm space since forms are processed through several departments so that an event can fill suddenly. Also if you don't send in the form we won't know if this is a program that you would like us to continue to have. Often we will work hard to create new program dates to accommodate a large wait list. When an event is full or on the deadline date confirmations will be sent to all participants, and if you have not already paid it will be time to do so. To check on your registrations & payments you can contact Carolyn Mankowski, the registrar, at 404- 527- 7 5 2 0 o r c m a n k o w s k i @ g i r l s c o u t s n w g a . o r g .

Lastly, I'd like to wish Happy Holidays to those that will be observing Halloween, All Saints Day, Dia de Muertos, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Ramadan and a Happy Autumn to all!

-Terry

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Girl Scouts of the USA Relaxes Fundraising Policy

Also GSUSA has relaxed the official fundraising policy in response to the emergency conditions created by Hurricane Katrina. The National Board of Directors made the decision to adopt a special rule of order which temporarily suspends the policy restricting girls' involvement in direct fundraising for outside organizations, as noted in *Safety-Wise*. It will

allow girl members to engage in activities, which may include the direct solicitation of money, from September 12, 2005, through May 31, 2006, to support emergency relief for the Hurricane Katrina disaster. Groups do not donate to individuals, but work with established organizations that are serving individuals, including their own Girl Scout organization. Collections of monies can be given only to the outside

organizations on the list from USA Freedom Corp (<http://www.usafreedomcorps.gov>) which include Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund, AL Governor's Emergency Relief Fund, Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation, Mississippi Hurricane Recovery Fund, and the American Red Cross.



The FYI - News You Gotta Know



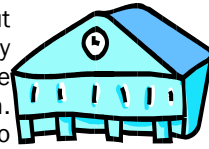
Our Girl Scout Council has three Program Resource Centers (small Girl Scout libraries in Atlanta, Dalton and Rome) where volunteers may check out videos, books, Treasure Boxes (activity and resource kits), audiotapes, games, posters and flags. Beginning Tuesday, **November 1**, the Atlanta Program Resource Center will be closed for lunch from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. (Hours of service will be: Mon - Fri, 10

am - 5 pm but closed for lunch 1:30-2:30 pm). For more information about the Atlanta Resource Center, contact Margaret Paschal at ProgramResources@girlscoutsnwga.org or at 404-527-7672. There is also a new Asthma Awareness patch project from GSUSA. All the Resource Centers have copies and Atlanta has a Treasure Box with more resources.



Leaders will fill out an evaluation to buy the patches at the Badge & Sash. Leaders can also download the requirements from the GSUSA website.

The Carter Center is sponsoring a First Ladies' Girl Scout workshop on Sat, Nov. 12th or Sat, Dec 10th from 10 am- 12:30 pm for girls in the 5th - 8th grades. Program includes tour of the Smithsonian traveling exhibition First Ladies: Political Role and



Public Image, a Scavenger hunt, Carter Center gardens hike and Craft making. Activities can count towards the some of the following award requirements: *Her Story*, *Women's stories*, *Earth Connections*, *Art in the Home*, or *Sew Simple*. The cost is \$8 per girl and the deadline is 1 week prior to the event. Space is limited so call 404-865-7126 asap to make reservations for your troop.



The Metro 3 Studio - news for 11-17s

By now you all should have received your copy of the Lime Green Giraffe, written by girls your age especially for YOU. It has great articles about things in your world and now it has the activities and events sponsored by Council that are just for you. You need to check it out and regularly check out the events section of the Council's website to find things that you want to do. Then you have to complete an Event Registration form for each event you want and send it to the Atlanta office

(see page 4 - address and contact nos.) as soon as possible. You know how fast you get busy and you don't want to forget to register and miss out.

Also this month, after the Convention, GSUSA will unveil 10 new Interest Project Awards online for Girls 11-17. The new ones expected to be included are: In the Pink (breast cancer), Home is Where the Heart Is (homelessness), BXtreme! (adventure/extreme sports), Uncovering the Evidence (forensic science), Couch Potato (TV), Sew Glam (making fashions), G. O. Girl!

(get organized),

Global Girls (women's issues on a global scale), Hi-Tech Hide and Seek (geocaching and letterboxing), Be Own Your Own (prepare for real world). These IPAs will be found online and they will have 6 requirements: *Build, Learn, Do, Share, Design and Reflect*. Look for more information to come out soon! There is also a new Studio 2B Focus Book at the Badge and Sash called *College 101!*



Don't Miss Out- Deadlines SOON!

Halabalooza Lock-in (10/21-22)

DIG - Dance Club (new date tba)

All Around Atlanta (10/22)

Cookie University 101 (11/19)

Juliette Cookie Training (11/19)

GGT Computer Club (1st-11/15)

Our Girls ARE GREAT...Metro 3 girls doing great things!

Congratulations to Laura DeGive of Conyers, who, together with Amelia Blanton from Snellville, recorded a real "recording studio" CD as part of the *We Are Family* destination this summer. "The girls sounded amazing all week and the cd is a testament to their talent" wrote Jill Casey, from the GS Council of San Francisco Bay. Each girl received 5 copies of the CD and perhaps you can persuade Laura or Amelia to come out and share their achievement with other Girl Scouts in your

area. To contact the girls call Terry Otto at 404-527-7448 or Gloria Todd at 770-947-9073.

Also a big "Way to Go!" to Karen, Brittany, Jessie, Laura, and their advisor Mrs. Gargiullo from Senior Troop 4715 who assisted Boy Scout troop #534 in the early Katrina relief efforts. The girls, along with lots of folks on Sept. 4th, packed 715 complete health

kits and prepared packages including 52 blankets for distribution in

Louisiana and Mississippi by the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Congratulations, early on you found avenues to help by crossing "Scouting" lines to accomplish something special! And check out the troop website for other neat projects they've done: www.3leaves.org/4715



WOW! Well Done!

Metro 3 Girl Program Dept's. 2006 Survey - return by Dec. 1, 2005

Metro 3's 2006 Program Survey from _____ (troop/name optional) girls /or adult?

Service Unit: _____ County/City: _____ grade level in or work with _____

Please provide us with the following information for each program, workshop, event, and activity you suggest:

Programs or Wksps/& why? Suggested dates Location possibilities Possible staff and or resources

Other suggestions:

ABOUT THE SURVEY...

Many of you have heard that the Program Department starts planning events way in advance from when you see the published lists. In fact it is now time for us to start planning the 2006-2007 year. Your Metro 3 Program Specialist will need to determine the kinds of programs that will be offered, approximately where they will be held and create event budgets and timelines in Nov, 2005! It is often very difficult to figure out

what kinds of programs my area will want and when to fit them into your Girl Scout year. So for this year I am hoping that all the Girl Scouts in the Metro 3 area will take a few minutes to let us know WHAT it is YOU want us to offer. The Survey that you see above is an attempt to make it easy for you to tell me what I need to know. You can clip it out and mail it in or copy the information into an email. Feel free to add any suggestions you have but

in order for the information to be useful for this coming year, it must be received by Dec. 1, 2005. For the purposes of this survey, please do not include outdoor - camping programs which are not handled by the Girl Program Dept/Metro 3 Program Specialist. Please give as complete details as possible and whenever possible provide a means for us to contact you if questions come up. Use the address or email address on page 4 and make your two cents count!

PEN PALS WANTED

Thelma Williams, from Three Leave SU, is currently in South Africa and recently met a person with Girl Guides there. There is a troop there in South Africa interested in establishing pen pals with a troop in the US. Interested troops should email Thelma for more details, tdw6@cdc.gov

TLC CORNER . . .

Well, I have finally given up on the idea of an annual TLC training for our area. Hardly a handful of women were able to attend on 9/13 and I know that there are many reasons for this that I no longer think I can help alleviate. So I've got a new plan, one that I think will be beneficial to all and considerate of the busy schedules that you all have. In November I hope to have completed a home study course regarding the roles and responsibilities of a TLC/Mentor/Green Angel (whatever you're called). The TLCs, that have been reported by their Service Units will get it, have

the opportunity to review the course, complete the course report form, and send it to the Program Specialist to be kept on file. They should use the reporting tools from the course to inform us of their efforts with new leaders. These TLCs will be included in the email distribution of their own *TIDBITS* newsletter and new program information including advance screenings of the METRO 3 DATA. This year all of the TLCs that return the course report form by Jan 8th will be eligible for a special Door Prize drawing, just for Metro 3's folks, at the TLC Conference on Jan 14, 2006 (must be present to win). This conference will be the way our area can get together and get the

networking that is so important to our success. Don't forget to send in your Event Registration forms for the TLC Conference ASAP. The details can be found on page 42 of the Program Events Catalog. I don't want to be missing you at this great opportunity! Lastly, October's TLC focus should be on making sure new leaders know what programs are coming up for their age level. Be sure they have plenty of notice to prepare their girls for any of the Service Unit's upcoming events. Juliette Low Birthday celebrations, holiday service projects and traditional Service Unit events need to be pointed out. Then help them determine how their girls can participate in the things they want to.



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EVERY GIRL, EVERYWHERE!

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<http://www.girlscoutsnwg.org>
<http://www.studio2b.org>
Metro 3 DATA is online.
<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. Look for registration forms at your Service Unit Meetings NOW or online at <http://3leaves.org/dcnr2006>.



2005-6 DCNR Program Calendar

DATE	EVENT
D.I.G. Dance Club (call for new 1st mtg. date!)	
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+ & non-GSs)
Oct. 22	All Around Atlanta (6th grade +)
Nov 5 or 6	Science Discovery at Fernbank Museum
Nov 10th	11-17's Advisor Training - Rockdale
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 14	TLC Conference at Timber Ridge
Jan 20-22	Metro 3 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 7	Art Adventure Patch @ Carlos Museum
May 21	Stone Mountain's GS Spring Things
Spring'06 (tentative)	Fernbank Patch Event
May TBA-	Bridging Ceremony in Rockdale

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