

METRO 3 DATA

Happy Thanksgiving

First of all I'd like to wish all a **Happy Thanksgiving!** I am thankful for all of YOU who give your time, hearts, resources, skills and money to Girl Scouting. Without you, girls would not be able to experience the fun, growth in leadership, and the opportunities to try something they've never done before! Next I really need to ask you to take some time to help me figure out

what Council Programs you would like to see happening. I asked last month for input for the programs and workshops you want in our area but have yet to hear from anyone and time is running out. Believe me, I know how hard it is to be thinking about the 2006-7 year already. However, this is when those programs and events have to be put together. I would like to offer Girl-Adult workshops and programs in my areas

but I need to know that you will support them, register on time and attend. The best way for me to know that is if you let me know what is best for you and your area. So on **page 3 you will find a survey**, I hope that these questions will help stimulate your thoughts and suggestions. I will be submitting final budget plans in Dec and really want your input so please complete this survey and send it back ASAP.

Thanks,

-Jerry

Special points of interest:

- Program Survey - Ideas Needed
- Event Registration tips
- Silver/Gold Workshop Registrations
- Carlos Committee Needed
- TLC Conference
- Education GO GET IT TV Opportunity
- Program Calendar

What to Do - Event Registration Review

There's been a lot of confusion lately regarding registering for programs and classes sponsored by the Girl Scout Council. The following important information can save everyone, especially you, from stress and aggravation.

⇒You must send in an Event Registration form to be able to attend ANY event. For additional forms, visit www.girlscoutsnwga.org and click on "Events."

⇒It is almost impossible to confirm space since forms are processed through several departments so that an event can fill suddenly but to check on your registrations & payments you can contact the Girl Program Registrar at 404-527-7520 or girlprogramregistrar@girlscoutsnwga.org.

⇒The contact persons listed for each event can provide details and information about the program but to register you should follow the listed guidelines.

⇒A Confirmation letter, with all of the event's important information, is sent out at least two weeks prior to an event, usually to the email listed on the registration form. Emailed invoices are payable upon receipt.

⇒**If you do not receive a confirmation letter two weeks before an event, please contact the registrar ASAP to check your registration status.**

⇒Follow the event's description for payment instructions. If an event requires payment sent with your registration, you must mail it or bring it in order to reserve your spot. Credit cards are not accepted. If you do not cancel appropriately and do not attend you WILL still owe the fee for that event and may not be able to attend other events till your bill is settled.

⇒If you want to attend an event please send in the reg-

istration form and refrain from calling to check space availability - 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.

Many events get cancelled because there aren't any registrations by the event's deadlines and then there is a flood of calls asking if there is space available after the deadline. At that point we have given up the space or cancelled the resources and we have a hard time getting them back, if we are able to at all. Right now is the time to review the Program Event Catalog, the Lime Green Giraffe or Events at www.girlscoutsnwga.org and decide which ones you are interested in. Check out the registration deadlines and fill out your forms to be ready for the opportunities coming up.

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The FYI - News You Gotta Know - Workshop Registration Procedures

The Nutcracker
 presented by the Rotaru
International Ballet at the Rialto
Center for the Performing Arts
December 17 & 18th 3 p.m.
\$15/ticket for Scouts
"Going Nuts" party afterward to
meet performers \$5 each
Call 404-651-4727 for tickets or see
flyer/ticket order form.

There has also been confusion regarding registering for Learning Opportunity workshops. These workshops are processed through the Adult Education Dept. Classes and workshops can be found online and in some circumstances you can register for them online as well. (You CAN NOT register for Girl Program Events online) However, each person must register for each workshop individually.

The workshops for girls and adults (Silver, Gold, Dream Chasers and Patrol Workshops) also must have each girl registered individually. This is to be sure that there are enough supplies packed for each person.

Due to the high cost of the Silver and Gold trainings, we are now

charging \$5.00 for these workshops. The \$5.00 covers the expense of the workbook, a valuable tool for girls. Payments should be made at the time you send in the registration form and therefore it is advisable to print the form and send it in rather than registering online. Adults may also pay \$5.00 to purchase a workbook but you must send the money in with your registration in order to receive these workbooks at the workshop you are attending. If you decide to purchase one later you will need to do this through the council office. The trainers of these workshops cannot collect money at the workshops and do not

carry extra supplies for late registrations. So please be sure that you are registering properly and prior to the deadline in order for these workshops to happen as they should. If there are not enough registrations for a particular workshop (girl workshops need a minimum of 15 girls in order to be held) registrants will be contacted with other options. You should receive a confirmation letter 8-10 days prior to any workshop you are registered for. For questions regarding your workshop registrations please call 404-527-7523 or email trainingregistrar@girlscoutsnwga.org.

The Metro 3 Studio - news for 11-17s



WANTED: Girls 13+ or in High School to complete a new patch module and plan a premier event for the Carlos Museum at Emory University. Girls will meet periodically at the Museum and complete assigned projects between meetings. This is an excellent opportunity for girls to gain leadership hours that can apply to their GS awards and gain experience working with other adults outside of their troop. This group will be writing the patch requirements for a new module that will help Girl

Scouts explore the cultures and artifacts contained in the Museum. The committee will design the new patch and then the girls will plan and carry out an event for all age levels to come to the Museum and earn the patch. Girls for this committee MUST be responsible to follow thru in communicating with their adult advisors and completing their work assignments. In addition to the leadership hours, girls will be acknowledged on all the patch module copies for all to know of their accomplishment. If interested, please contact Terry ASAP at 404-527-7448 or totto@girlscoutsnwga.org so that

we can re-create a timeline for this committee before the holidays.

Another great opportunity comes from **Education GO GET IT**, an organization focused on keeping kids in school. They are asking individuals or teams of up to 5 students to submit broadcast scripts and storyboards for a 30-second television commercial about the importance of staying in school by Dec 2, 2005. The winning ad will be aired throughout the state. For more information call 866-464-GRAD or visit www.georgiaGO.org.

Don't forget to check out the LIME GREEN GIRAFFE, your "by girls-for girls" magazine. It has articles especially for you and lists the programs that Girl Scouts will host for you this year. Be sure to send in your registrations asap so you don't miss out! Many events have been cancelled due to a lack of registrations.

TLC CORNER . . .

It's time to register for the **TLC Conference on Jan 14.** This is a special day planned just to celebrate you! We offer exciting workshops, craft ideas, new games, resources, and tons of opportunities to network with others who do the same task throughout our entire council! See the Program and Events Catalog for more details and to register

for this exciting event for Adults only!

Lately I have been getting a lot of calls regarding registrations from new leaders that are confused by our forms and procedures. I wish that these leaders had the support of a more experienced leader in their area and didn't miss out due to not knowing.



The TLC focus now should be to check up on how things are going for your new leaders. Have they been able to get the trainings that they need? Do they know what special events are going on in your area? Have they been experiencing any problems? Don't forget that the spring camping registration date is coming up. Do

new leaders know what to do if their troops want to go camping this Spring? This is a very busy time for all of us and it is especially important that you reach out to the leaders that are depending on you to help them figure out everything and not get left out in the cold.

Metro 3 Girl Program Dept's. 2006-7 Survey - return by Dec. 1, 2005

Please return your surveys to the Atlanta Volunteer Service Center (see address on page 4) Attn:Metro 3 Program Specialist or email survey answers to PSMetro3@girlscoutsnwg.org. by December 1st.

Surveys received after then may not be useful for the coming year (but may be utilized for the 2007-8 Girl Scout year.

Metro 3's 2006 Program Survey from _____(troop/name optional) girls / adult (circle 1)

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

Realistically, how soon in the school year would you be ready to register for Council Programs? _____

For your area, what are BAD dates for holding Council Programs (please consider school holidays and established area event dates that would limit your participation at a Council event)? _____

What things do you consider when deciding what events to attend? For events outside of your area what makes the program "worth it" for your girls to attend? _____

Would you area support an annual date for Girl-Adult workshops such as Gold, Silver, Dream Chasers or Patrol Leaders? When would be the best month/date for all the appropriate girls in your area to attend these special workshops? _____

Considering that Council events should require a large minimum of girls in order to serve our area properly. What Council events would you like to see offered in your area and where would they possibly be held? _____

What events and activities for smaller groups would you like to see in your area and do you think there would be volunteers in the area willing to help run these programs? _____

Rank the following in regard to your preferences for programs for you/your girls (1=best, 5=worse):

___ Earn an Try-It, Badge or Patch ___ Work on award requirements ___ Learn new things

___ Visit interesting places ___ Have fun and meet new people ___ Gain new skills

What specific awards, activities, skills, programs and events would your girls like to see? For each suggestion please provide us with the why? Suggested dates Location possibilities Possible staff and or resources that you think should be used:

Other suggestions:

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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. 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!)

Nov 10th 11-17's Advisor Training - Rockdale

Nov. 15 - GGT - 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 Wksp - 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