



Girl Scouts.

Girl Scouts – Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas

Leader's Notes

February 2010

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"To the world you may be but one person, but to one person you may be the world."

DEVELOPMENT

Family Partnership Information

- Don't miss out! Participating in the Family Partnership Campaign is a great way for families to give back to the Girl Scout organization. This year girls whose families give a minimum donation of \$25 will receive the 2009-2010 patch. Troops who have 100% family participation (in which \$25.00 is given for each registered Girl Scout in the troop) will be entered into a drawing for \$100 in shop credit. For more information contact Meredith Poland at 800.632.6894 ext. 6224 or by email at mpoland@girlscoutsdiamonds.org.

GOVERNANCE

- **MCC NOMINATIONS:** It is time to place nominations for our Membership Connection Committee. The Application is printed at the end of these notes. If you or someone you know would like to serve on the Membership Connection Committee, please complete the application and return it to Krystal Kinsey by February 10, 2010.

MEMBERSHIP

- **Important Girl Scout Dates:**
Thinking Day – February 22nd Need ideas on how to celebrate or want more information about this Girl Scout tradition? Please visit the following link:
http://www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/global/world_thinking_day/
Girl Scout Sunday – March 7th
Girl Scout Week – March 7-13th
Girl Scout Sunday kicks off Girl Scout Week.
 The Council will have bulletin inserts and information available to be distributed to Churches. Please contact your Membership Specialist if interested in promoting Girl Scout Sunday.
- **The 2010 Adult Recognitions** forms are due to the Adult Development Department by **February 15, 2010**. Please contact Laura Hixson at ext 2015 for questions regarding the 2010 Adult Recognition process. The 2010 forms are available on our website or through your Membership Specialist. Service Units should notify their Membership Specialist if they plan to hold a Service Unit Recognitions event.

ADULT DEVELOPMENT

- **Don't miss this adult opportunity to shop & learn!** The regional Girl Scout Diamonds Shops will be open on the Saturdays of April 3 and May 1 and from 9 a.m. – noon and Adult Training will also be offered. This is a super way to shop for items on your list and take advantage of a learning opportunity at the same time.

Here are the details regarding the Adult Course Offering: We will offer **Leadership Essentials** for new and experienced volunteers. During this course you will learn the nuts and bolts about the Girl Scout Leadership Model that is used in all Girl Scout materials and programs. You will also take a guided tour through the Journey Book Series and learn how to use these materials for age-level troop programming. Lastly, you will discover how to Continue The Excellence with existing age-level resources. *This course will also allow New Leaders to meet their respective age-level training requirement. Come join us for an informative, fun session.

Course Pre-requisite: Completion of Volunteer Essentials Course

WHERE and WHEN:

- **Fayetteville Office - April 3 and May 1, 9:30 a.m. – noon**
- **Texarkana Office - April 3 and May 1, 9:30 a.m. - noon**
- **Little Rock Office - April 3, 9:30 a.m. - noon**
- **Jonesboro Office - May 1, 9:30 a.m.- noon**

***Course Minimum 6 and Maximum 20**

Please register between **February 22 and March 22** by completing an Adult Registration Form in *Training Essentials* or a form may be obtained on the council web site, www.girlscoutsdiamonds.org.

**Send completed registration form to Training Registrar,
Reynolds Center, 211 West 3rd Avenue, Suite 245, Pine Bluff, AR 71601**

*For any questions please contact Laura Hixson, Adult Development Manager
lhixson@girlscoutsdiamonds.org, or call your local office and ask for extension 2015.*

- **Venture Out II** sessions with enrichment to be held in the following locations.
 - **Camp High Point** on Saturday and Sunday, April 17 and 18. Training will be from 9:00am Saturday until 11:00am Sunday. For those who do not wish to do the enrichment, the session will end at 6:30 on Saturday. Fee is \$20 for VO II - \$5 additional for enrichment. If you would like to come Friday, please contact Laura Hixson at lhixson@girlscoutsdiamonds.org or call your local office and ask for extension 2015.
 - **NOARK Camp** on Saturday, March 20. Training will be from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm. If you would like to come Friday, please contact Laura Hixson. Fee: \$20.
 - **Camp Crossed Arrows** on April 17 from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm. If you would like to come early, contact Carol Caldwell at ccaldwell@girlscoutsdiamonds.org. or call your local office and ask for extension 3110. Fee: \$20.
- **Save the Date and Bring Your Calendar!** Laura Hixson, Adult Development Manager, has scheduled spring updates to meet with training volunteers in each area. Trainers will receive copies of Leadership Essentials (which replaces current level trainings), training outlines for Leadership Essentials, and will begin putting together the training schedules for the fall. Here are the dates Laura will visit different communities:
 - March 19 – Springdale
 - March 23 – Texarkana
 - March 25 – North Little Rock
 - April 5 – Monticello
 - April 6 – Jonesboro
 - April 8 – Ft. Smith.All trainings will be from 6:30 to 8:30 in the evening.

PRODUCT SALES

- **Cookies 2010** - Congratulations on the great initial orders everyone turned in – thanks to you and your girls for your hard work. Cookie sales are far from over. Please continue to take orders. We will have plenty of cookies to fill all the orders girls take between now and when the cookies come in – and girls will still be able to earn incentives for everything they sell!
- **Delivery/Pick-up** days are fast approaching. Troop leaders stay in contact with your Troop Cookie Managers. This is a busy time and they may need your help. Booth Sales will also be taking place. Put up posters in businesses, if allowed, to let the customers know when the girls will be there.
- **How do I get cookies to fill the orders from the girls' Goal Getter Cards? How do I get cookies for booth sales?** Contact your Service Unit Cookie Manager. For more information see the 2010 Cookie Cupboard flyer in this issue of the Leader's Notes.
- **Cookie Program Activities** All activities in Girl Scouting are designed to encourage girls to develop their self-potential, learn to relate to others, develop values, and contribute to society. Many of the components of the cookie activities help girls build specific assets that both promote positive attitudes and behaviors and protect against problem behaviors and language. Beyond the specific activities that

come with the cookie sale materials there are Try-its, Badges and Interest Project Awards that girls will enjoy earning. Also check out the Girl Scout Cookie Activity Pin. This year its focus is safe ways for girls to use tech savvy and connect with customers. For the requirements log in to the council website – www.girlscoutsdiamonds.org and go to the section “It’s Girl Scout Cookie Time”. Next click on the “Volunteer Section” listed on the left, now click on the title “Cookie Pin Adult Information - (the appropriate level for your troop)”. All of the awards activities will help enhance the learning experience the girls receive from the annual Cookie Activity.

- **2010 Cookie Cupboard Information**

Cookie Cupboard Procedures:

1. All booth sales will be scheduled through the Service Unit Cookie Manager.
2. In order to get cookies from the cupboard, the Leader or Troop Cookie Manager will
 - A. Contact the Service Unit Cookie Manager to see if the SU or a troop has extra cookies.
 - B. Call a local cupboard if cookies are not available through the Service Unit.
 Contact the cupboard 24 hours before the planned cookie pick-up.
3. Cupboards will be open **February 18 – March 12**. Hours are listed below.
4. Cookies will be ordered in full cases and/or split cases (6 boxes of 2 varieties).
5. To protect the safety of our girls and customers, cookies may not be returned once they are checked out.
6. For booth sales after March 12, the Leader or Troop Cookie Manager (no parents) can purchase individual boxes and/or cases of cookies at troop cost at the Regional Offices with a troop check.
7. Cookies purchased after March 17 will not count toward girl awards.
8. For more information about booth sales see pages 13-15 in the blue Volunteer’s Guide.

- **Cookie Cupboards**

Regional Offices

Hours for offices are: Monday-Thursday 8:30-5:30; Friday 8:30-1:30 (See below for Pine Bluff Cupboard hours).

Fayetteville Office

2080 E. Joyce Blvd
 Contact: Trish Woodward
 (479) 695-1818
 (800) 632-6894

Fort Smith Office

5705 Gordon Lane
 Contact: Kathy Cole
 (479) 452-1290
 (800) 632-6894

Jonesboro Office

4803 East Johnson
 Contact: Erika Clark
 (870) 932-2833
 (800) 632-6894

Little Rock Office

615 West 29th St
 North Little Rock
 Contact Chassity Jordan
 (501) 758-1020 ext
 (800) 632-6894

Pine Bluff Office

211 West 3rd Street
 Contact: Ollie Merritt
 (870) 534-8563
 (800) 632-6894
Pine Bluff Cupboard Hours
**Open 8 to 5pm*
Monday-Thursday
**Open 8 to 1pm*
Fridays

Texarkana Office

1811 Arkansas Blvd
 Contact: Jani Ceasear
 (870) 773- 2151
 (800) 632-6894

Other Cupboard

Call for cupboard hours and ordering information.

Mountain Home Cupboard
 Contact: Tonya Slaughter
 (870) 656-3721

PROGRAM

- **Event Fees:** Payment for event fees must be included with event registration. This includes adult fees as noted in the event description. ALL adults (leaders, parents) should pay the adult fee unless otherwise noted. Refer to page 5 of *Program Essentials* for complete information regarding fees charged and refund/transfer policy.

- **Tagalongs:** In Girl Scouting, a “tagalong” is defined as any child and/or adult other than the specific age/grade level being served by an event or activity. (i.e., a registered Junior GS is a “tagalong” at an event hosted for Brownie GS) Unless otherwise noted in event descriptions, tagalongs are not allowed at council events due to liability issues and limited space at many venues. Leaders should inform their troop parents of this regulation. There are various events throughout the year that families can register to attend.
- **Adult Supervision & Girl/Adult Ratios at Events:** Adults accompanying girls to council events should follow current *Safety-Wise* guidelines for proper girl/adult ratios. These guidelines can be found in Chapter 5 of *Program Essentials*. At council events, leaders/adults should be responsible for the supervision of their own troop. **Juliette GS:** Unless otherwise noted, Daisy, Brownie and Junior Juliettes should be accompanied by a supervising adult (parent/guardian) to events. Cadette, Senior and Ambassador Juliettes will not need a supervising adult at events unless otherwise noted.
- **Program Update Line Reminder:** Volunteers can now call the council number, 1-800-632-6894 then extension 3114 to check for the latest updates or cancellations of council events. Keep in mind that this is an information-only line, and messages left on this extension will not be returned. The recorded message will be updated weekly, or as needed.
- **Special Notes About Upcoming Programs:**
Remember to check the *Program Essentials* book and the Diamonds website for exciting opportunities each month. As new events are scheduled throughout the year, they will be added to the website and in the following “Additional Program Opportunities” section of monthly *Leaders’ Notes*.

February 20 & 27 - CONWAY - Program Aide/LIT Training has been re-structured. They will both be overnight sessions. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO February 5, 2010.** The Program Aide Training will be Friday, February 19, 2010, 7:00 pm through Saturday, February 20, 2010, 4 pm. Girls should eat dinner before they arrive Friday evening. LIT Training will be the following weekend, February 26-27, with the same times. Adult attendance for both trainings should be limited to what is required to meet the adult/girl ratio. Adults should bring a book, laptop, etc., as they will not be participating in the sessions with the girls. Girls will be allowed to bring electronics, at their own risk, but there will be restrictions on usage. For additional information, contact Mindy Baird, 1-800-632-6894, ext. 6225 or mbaird@girlscoutsdiamonds.org.

March 6, 2010 – JACKSONVILLE - Dazzling Daisies Olympics event location has been confirmed. It will be held at the Second Baptist Church; 1117 North James Street; Jacksonville AR 72076. The Service Project for this event is Books & Bears for Police Departments to give to kids involved in traffic accidents or crime situations. All other information for this event can be found on page 70 of the Program Essentials book.

- **Additional Program Opportunities** (Not listed in *Program Essentials*):

Sunday, March 7, 2010 – FORT SMITH - Walk In My Shoes – Juliette Low

This event is for all levels. Come learn about the history of Juliette Low, as well as local history and how they fit together.

Time – 2:00p to 4:00p

Place – Fort Smith Museum of History

Cost: - \$5.00 per person (girl or adult)

Registration Deadline: February 24, 2010

For complete information, contact Linda Archer, 476-452-1290, ext 4022, 800-632-6894, ext 4022 or larcher@girlscoutsdiamonds.org.

March 17, 2010 – Eco-Explorer – FORT SMITH - 9 am-12:30 pm

Brownies will learn about how plants and animals live together in the environment through fun activities. Girls should dress for the weather and be prepared to get dirty!

Early Registration: Deadline March 3, 2010

\$4/girl; \$1/adult

Regular Registration: March 4-10, 2010 \$5/girl; \$2/adult

(Cost includes activity supplies & Eco-Explorer Try-It)

For complete information, contact Linda Archer, 476-452-1290, ext 4022, 800-632-6894, ext 4022 or larcher@girlscoutsdiamonds.org.

Saturday, March 20, 2010 - NASA Girl Scout Day – HOT SPRINGS - 9:30 am-4:30 pm
Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts (4th-8th Grade) This event focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics all related to NASA's mission.

Location: Cutter Morning Star Elementary School in Hot Springs.

Registration \$5 per girl \$2 per adult

Minimum – 50 Maximum - 100

Registration deadline: February 24, 2010

*Participants should bring a sack lunch; drink & snack will be provided. Dress for weather, rocket launching will be outdoors. Service Project: Books & Bears for police to give to kids who are involved in car accidents/crimes.

**March 22 AND 23, 2010 (Two Day Course) – American Red Cross Babysitter's Training
FORT SMITH – Kelly Cabin, Fort Smith Regional Office**

Time: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. (Each Day)

For- Cadette, Senior & Ambassador Girl Scouts

Registration Deadline – March 10, 2010

Cost - \$65 (Includes materials, CPR & First Aid Training and Babysitter's Certificate)

Lunch will be provided, and girls will complete most of the Child Care IP requirements.

For complete information, contact Linda Archer, 476-452-1290, ext 4022, 800-632-6894, ext 4022 or larcher@girlscoutsdiamonds.org.

March 24, 2010 – American Red Cross Masters of Disaster – FORT SMITH

Time - 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Cost - \$1 per girl (Girls need to bring a sack lunch)

For – Daisy & Brownie Girl Scouts

Location – Kelley Cabin, Fort Smith Regional Office

Registration Deadline – March 17, 2010

Learn about disaster preparedness, how to stay safe in a natural disaster, how to prepare for natural disasters, and understand the science behind natural disasters, and what causes them. For complete information, contact Linda Archer, 476-452-1290, ext 4022, 800-632-6894, ext 4022 or larcher@girlscoutsdiamonds.org.

March 25, 2010 – American Red Cross Masters of Disaster – FORT SMITH

Time - 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Cost - \$1 per girl (Girls need to bring a sack lunch)

For – Junior Girl Scouts

Location – Kelley Cabin, Fort Smith Regional Office

Registration Deadline – March 17, 2010

Learn about disaster preparedness, how to stay safe in a natural disaster, how to prepare for natural disasters, and understand the science behind natural disasters, and what causes them. For complete information, contact Linda Archer, 476-452-1290, ext 4022, 800-632-6894, ext 4022 or larcher@girlscoutsdiamonds.org.

- **CALLING ALL GOLD & SILVER GIRLS: DOWNTOWN LITTLE ROCK** - All girls who have received, or are currently working on, either the Gold Award or Silver Award are invited to a special event. The Rotary Club in Downtown Little Rock is hosting a Scout Day on **Tuesday, February 16, 2010**. This meeting is centered around Scouting and the leadership opportunities offered to girls and boys who participate in the Scouting Program. All Scouts will be recognized at this event.

Girls will meet at the North Little Rock office at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning, February 16, 2010. for a short “meet and greet” program, then caravan to the Double Tree Hotel in Downtown Little Rock for the meeting.

This is an opportunity to recognize Award recipients and future recipients for their hard work and dedication. We want to take the opportunity to also let them know how proud we are of them! It promises to be a very special day for our girls.

Girls should wear full uniform, if they have it, or Khaki slacks, a white collared shirt and their vest. They will be the center of attention, and need to look SHARP!

PLEASE R.S.V.P by February 1st to:
Mindy Baird 1-800-632-6894 ext. 6225 (or)mbaird@girlscoutsdiamonds.org

● **Continuing Service Opportunities:**

- Runnin’ WJ Ranch in Texarkana is seeking volunteers to assist as Horse Leaders/Side Walkers with their Therapeutic Horse Program. Needed are adults and/or mature 9th – 12th graders who can volunteer Monday – Saturday, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. For more information, contact Beth Corbin at 800-632-6894, ext 2016 or bcorbin@girlscoutsdiamonds.org.
- Like to **sew**? The headquarters building at Camp High Point is in need of new curtains. If you have the talent and time to provide this service, please let us know. Window measurements will be given to a suitable seamstress once identified. For more information, contact Beth Corbin at 800-632-6894, ext 2016 or bcorbin@girlscoutsdiamonds.org.

Camping Services Information:

- **CAMP CROSSED ARROWS GRAND OPENING DATE CHANGE:** Please Note –Camp **Crossed Arrows Grand Reopening Bash has been rescheduled to May 1!** Bring the whole family for a fun day of camp activities and to see all of the new improvements at camp! Please contact the Jonesboro Regional office/program department for more details.
- **SPRING TROOP ENCAMPMENTS SET FOR OUTDOOR FUN:** SAVE THE DATE for a Troop Encampment this Spring! Troop encampments will be held across the council. Overnight camping will be available for Brownie through Ambassador troops, and Daisies are welcome to join the fun on Saturday during the day. More info will be coming soon via Leader’s Notes, Membership Specialists, and www.girlscoutsdiamonds.org.

<u>Encampment Dates:</u>	<u>Camp-Site:</u>	<u>City:</u>	<u>Region:</u>
March 23-25	Yale Camp	Crossett	Pine Bluff
April 9-11	Camp Crossed Arrows	Floral	Jonesboro
April 9-11	Camp Cahinnio	Booneville	Fort Smith
April 23-25	Camp High Point	Mena	Texarkana
May 14-16	Camp NOARK	Huntsville	Fayetteville

- **ARCHERY WITH YOUR TROOP OR SERVICE UNIT!** After the holidays, you will be able to sign up your Junior and above troop to do archery with a certified instructor at Camp Cahinnio, Camp Kemp, or Camp NOARK. There will also be an opportunity in early summer for Troop Leaders and other Adult Volunteers to become certified as archery instructors. Be on the lookout for more info and have some dates picked out when your troop might want to do archery in 2010! Cost is only \$5 per girl!

Shop News

- **THINKING DAY – FEBRUARY 22, 2010 EVERYONE WEAR YOUR GIRL SCOUT T-SHIRT!**
 All Girl Scout adults and girls are encouraged to promote Girl Scouting throughout their communities by wearing a Girl Scout T-Shirt on **February 21 and February 22, 2010**. The purpose is to bring awareness for the need of adult volunteers in Girl Scouting. We hope those that are interested in Girl Scouting will ask the adult Girl Scout they see some questions. We need adults to volunteer not just in leadership positions but also in other capacities. If all our volunteers wear a T-Shirt on these two days

when they are out and about in their communities it will be like walking billboards. If we all do it, it could make an impact. Please help us promote World Thinking Day, a day of universal awareness and recognition of Girl Scouting. We can't do it without you!! THANK YOU.

- **2010 THINKING DAY PATCHES**

Get your orders in to insure your troop receives their patch in a timely manor. The council was notified that the patches will be available through the end of April. However, after that GSM has stated that they may have difficulty filling orders. The order form was in your January leaders notes. If you need an additional copy please check our website under forms. You may also email us or come by the shop for an additional copy. Please remember you can mail, phone, fax, email or come to the shop to order your patches. Patches must be paid for at the time you place your order. The patches are dated and can not be returned. Contact your local shop manager for more details.

- **SHOP INFO**

The shops are ever changing and we appreciate your business and patience. It is time to start gearing up for spring events such as Cookie Incentives, Thinking Day, Court of Awards and Bridging Ceremonies. To help troops with these special events we are continuing to discount discontinued uniform components. Please remember once an official uniform, always an official uniform. These discounts include all seasonal merchandise as well as Daisy thru Adult uniforms. Check it out. Do you need cold weather items for next year or to finish this year? Are your girls starting to outgrow some of their components? Are you waiting for rock bottom prices? This is the time to visit your local shop, **especially those of you needing an official uniform if you are having pictures made for/ or attending the Bronze, Silver or Gold Award Ceremony.** We can try and order discontinued items from NES, but some items are already gone for good.

- **BRIDGING KITS FOR LEADERS**

In our quest to make your job as leader easier, we are again offering individual **"Bridging Kits"** for your girls. The individual girl kits will have everything in it that your girls need to bridge. All you will need to do is put her name on the label and you are done. **Once you complete the requirements to bridge to the next age level, complete the attached form. Starting this month you will also be able to find the form on our website under forms.** Please remember due to storage space we will not have many kits pre-made and will require three business days notice. Payment is required upon ordering. We will offer the kits through next fall for all your bridging needs. You can order one of 5 ways; bring the form to our shop, mail it, fax it in, email or phone in your order. We will continue to keep our **"Basics in a Bag"** available year round for both new, bridging and flying up Girl Scouts.

- **NEW COOKIE SHOP MERCHANDISE ANNOUNCED!!!! ☺**

Diamond's Shop is very excited to announce the creation of the **GS Cookie Collection for 2010** cookie sale. The collection contains New **GS Coin Purses** two designs; **GS Cookie Crew Socks** 2-pairs; **GS "Smile" Cookie Tees** in two colors girl sizes; **Adult "Smart" Cookie Sweatshirt**; **Save the World Adult Tee**; **GS Cookie Headwrap & Button Pin Set**; **GS Cookie Magnet Set**; **6 New Cookie Patches** one you can have embroidered with the amount of cookies sold; **GS Cookie Charm**; **GS Cookie Pens & Pencils** and a **Cookie Keepsake Box**. **New items start at \$.80 - \$35.00.**

- Last years cookie items will make another appearance in all shops. Old 3-D Contemporary I Love G S Cookies, cookie jar, and mugs in black and white are **now 50% off original prices**. We also have **Cookie Fun Charms with Carabineer** as well as two **GS Cookie Watches** with either a light blue or pink band from last year. We still have some of the **"I Hit My Target & Smart Cookie"** that will add character to the back of any girl's sash or vest. Last years **GS Cookie Coin Purses and Socks** complete with our traditional and most popular cookies ever are limited in style, size and quantities. Any of these items would make great additional Cookie incentive prizes for your girls. They would also make great gifts for your cookie managers or volunteers who help at your cookie booths and during the cookie season. To see the new products please go to our website. These items will be available starting NOW. We hope to send them out for viewing either in February or March during your leaders meeting. Please contact your local shop for more information.

- **2010 COOKIE PINS**

The council shop is now taking orders for the 2010 cookie pins. The pin can be viewed on page 28 of the Official 09-10 Girl Scout Catalog. This is an **earned recognition** and can be worn on the front of

the girls sash or vest. Requirements for the pin are on the official GSUSA website by age level. Order form is attached.

- **ORDERS FOR BRONZE PINS & BRONZE, SILVER & GOLD GIFT ITEMS**

If your troop is working on their Bronze Award please make sure your girls have their pins before their reception. All Silver and Gold pins will be ordered and paid for by the council. You may pick up a form listing the specific merchandise available for all three awards from your SUD, Field Director or in your local Diamonds shop. Please fill out the form and return it, with payment, **no later than April 16, 2010** to your local Girl Scout Office/Shop to ensure that all merchandise is ordered in time for the girl's special night. If your service unit pays for the Bronze pins please have them send a check with the form/s. Forms will also be on the web page and in the shop. For more information, contact your local shop sales associate.

MEMBERSHIP CONNECTION COMMITTEE APPLICATION

DEADLINE TO APPLY: FEBRUARY 10, 2010

WHAT IS THE MEMBERSHIP CONNECTION COMMITTEE (MCC)?

The Membership Connection Committee is the entity within the Girls Scouts—Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas governance system that connects Council governance and operations to members of the Girl Scout Movement throughout the council's jurisdiction. Marcella Dalla Rosa, Second Vice-chair of the Board of Directors will facilitate the work of this group. Nineteen members represent the six regional areas comprising the new council. Two to six girls also represent the regional areas. Five board members serve on the MCC as well as the current National Council Delegates.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE MCC?

The purpose of the Membership Connection Committee ("MCC") is to provide input, direction and influence over major policy issues of Girl Scouts—Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. The MCC will provide annual forums for girls and adults to give input on strategic plans, celebrate achievement, and participate in program events. The MCC will also provide input to the Board Development Committee on the nominating process.

NEEDED QUALITIES FOR MCC MEMBERS:

- Open mindedness
- Appreciation of and ability to work with diverse groups – rural/urban, racial/ethnic, social/economic status, profession/skills, physical or developmental abilities – for the benefit of the Council as a whole.
- Values volunteerism and/or has demonstrated stewardship of Girl Scouts
- Honest and understandable communication style
- Collaboration skills

REQUIREMENTS FOR MCC MEMBERSHIP:

- Acceptance of the principles, beliefs, and purpose of Girl Scouting, and its statements of values found in the Girl Scout Promise and Law, and register as a member.
- Understanding of cultural, social, and economic trends within our council jurisdiction and your governance area that might affect Girl Scouting and its activities.
- Availability to attend/participate in the MCC Annual Forum, varying local events, occasional conference calls and to act as a conduit between the membership and the Board of Directors.
- Willingness to make an annual financial contribution to the Girl Scouts.
- A girl or adult 14 years of age or older

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marcella Dalla Rosa (mdr1@me.com)
Denise Stewart (dstewart@girlscoutsdiamonds.org)

Please fill out the application on page 12 if you are interesting in applying for MCC

MEMBERSHIP CONNECTION COMMITTEE APPLICATION

NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____
STREET: _____ EMAIL: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ COUNTY: _____

SIGNATURE

DATE

CURRENT GIRL SCOUT POSITION(S):

CURRENT OCCUPATION OR GRADE IN SCHOOL:

PERSONAL QUALITIES AND STRENGTHS YOU WILL BRING TO THE MCC:

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF THE MCC:

WHAT ISSUES FACING THE NEW COUNCIL DO YOU FEEL ARE MOST CRITICAL:

REFERENCES:

NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____
PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____
PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

APPLICATIONS MAY BE SUBMITTED BY:

MAIL: Girl Scouts—Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas
Attn: Krystal Kinsey
615 W. 29th Street
North Little Rock, AR, 72114

EMAIL: kkinsey@girlscoutsdiamonds.org

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Thank you for your interest in volunteering for Girl Scouts!