

# LEADER'S NOTES

January 4, 2010

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**2010 is going to be a great year for Girl Scouts.**

**Cookie sales start January 9, 2010**

## MEMBERSHIP

### Adult Development

Hello and Happy New Year to all!

My name is Rosanne Kelly and I am the new Adult Development Director who is very excited and thrilled to be part of the Girl Scouts – Diamonds TEAM. I have been a Girl Scout Member for 30 years, first as a girl, then a volunteer, and then for 19 years on staff with 3 councils in Rhode Island, Central Florida, and Southeastern Kentucky. I have worked in all of the operational areas of Girl Scouting inclusive of membership, program, camp, training, and product sales. I am truly grateful and humbled by all of the interactions with girls and adults that I have had and look forward to building rapport here with volunteers and staff.

I am a creative thinker and one who “thinks outside the box” and am open to ideas and suggestions to revitalize and reenergize the Adult Development function for the council.

Over the next several weeks I will be assessing the structure of the department, setting up contacts with volunteer trainers, reviewing current training curricula, and planning adult learning opportunities for the 2010 – 2011 season. One of my goals is to streamline and pave the way for a clear Adult Learning Pathway that is user-friendly for both staff and volunteers.

My efforts will be aided by my colleague, Laura Hixson who is the Adult Development Assistant based at the Texarkana office. She has done a magnificent job of keeping the function afloat.

I will be looking for your great ideas and feedback. I am always available to answer any questions you may have regarding Adult Development.

I can be contacted at the Fayetteville Office Ext. 6725 (remember, you can call any local office and ask for this extension to be connected) or by e-mail – [rkelly@girlscoutsdiamonds.org](mailto:rkelly@girlscoutsdiamonds.org). Thank-you for ALL you do for Girl Scouting.



**THINK OUT OF THE BOX!**

### TRAINING

A Venture Out II training is scheduled Saturday, January 16, 2010, at Camp Karlton Kemp in Texarkana. Cost is \$15.00. Trainings are for the entire council and not just a region. To attend this training you must have completed Out and About and submitted your questionnaire, Venture Out I and submitted your completed homework to Laura Hixson at 1811 Arkansas Boulevard, Texarkana, AR 71854. Register for this training by completing the Adult Registration for Training form and mailing it to the Pine Bluff Regional office to the attention of Pam Worrell. At the end of the Venture Out I book is a list of things you should bring to VO II.

### FIRST AID AND CPR

There is a First Aid/CPR class scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2010, at the Texarkana Regional Service Center at 1811 Arkansas Boulevard, Texarkana, Arkansas. The CPR part of the class will be from 9-1 and First Aid from 2-6. You may enroll in one or both sessions. The cost for each session is \$5.00, plus \$10.00 for the book that will be used in both sessions. Remember to send your registration to Pam Worrell at 211 West Third, Suite 245, Pine Bluff, AR 71601. Please bring a beach towel, throw or small blanket to the training.

# PROGRAM UPDATES

**Reminder - Program Update Line:** Council extension 3114 contains the latest updates/cancellation notices for council program events. The recording is updated weekly.

## Special Notes About Upcoming Programs (Listed in *Program Essentials*):

- The service project for the Feb 5 Baby Think-It-Over program in Fort Smith is hair accessories to be donated in the name of Girl Scouts – Diamonds to local women’s shelter. Deadline to register for this event is Jan 20. Complete details on page 64 of the *Program Essentials* book.
- The Dazzling Daisies – Olympics originally scheduled in Crosset for Sept 26 has been **rescheduled** for Feb 27, 2010. Registration fees and deadlines:

Early registration (by Jan 27)	\$6 per girl	\$2 per adult
Regular registration (Jan 28-Feb 3)	\$9 per girl	\$5 per adult
Registration deadline: Feb 3, 2010		

All other information will remain the same as on page 19 of the *Program Essentials* book.

- The Junior Jewels – CSI: Diamonds originally scheduled in Texarkana for Sept 26 has been **rescheduled** for Feb 13, 2010. Registration fees and deadlines:

Early registration (by Jan 27)	\$10 per girl	\$2 per adult
Regular registration (Jan 28-Feb 3)	\$12 per girl	\$4 per adult
Registration deadline: Feb 3, 2010		

All other information will remain the same as on page 20 of the *Program Essentials* book

- The Dazzling Daisies – Olympics originally scheduled in Jonesboro for Sept 26 has been **rescheduled** for March 27, 2010. Registration fees and deadlines:

Early registration (by Feb 24)	\$6 per girl	\$2 per adult
Regular registration (Feb 25-March 3)	\$9 per girl	\$5 per adult
Registration deadline: March 3, 2010		

All other information will remain the same as on page 18 of the *Program Essentials* book

- The Junior Jewels – CSI: Diamonds originally scheduled in Wynne for March 13 has rescheduled for April 24 and relocated to the Bono Church of Christ in Bono. Registration fees and deadlines:

Early registration (by March 24)	\$10 per girl	\$2 per adult
Regular registration (March 25-31)	\$12 per girl	\$4 per adult
Registration deadline: March 21, 2010		

All other information will remain the same as on page 71 of the *Program Essentials* book.

- Remember to check the *Program Essentials* book and the Diamonds website for exciting opportunities each month and/or updates/cancellations of existing programs. 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*.

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

- Badge/IPA **Car Care** workshops will be offered in the Little Rock area to Junior – Ambassador Girl Scouts on **Saturday, January 30, 2010**. The workshop for Cadettes – Ambassadors will be from 9:30-11:30 to earn the Car Sense IPA; workshop for Juniors to earn the Car Care badge will be from 1:30-3:00. Refer to flyer in NLR regional handouts or contact Mindy Baird, 501-758-1020 ext 6225, 800-632-6894, ext 6225 or [mbaird@girlscoutsdiamonds.org](mailto:mbaird@girlscoutsdiamonds.org) for complete details.
- The Jonesboro Garden Club will host a workshop for all Girl Scout levels on **Saturday, February 6, 2010** from 10 am to noon. From Master Gardeners, participants will *discover* – learn about native plants, *connect* – partner with a local garden club and *take action* – participate in a planting project! Through the activities planned for the day, girls will earn the National Garden Club Girl Scout Patch. Please note: Registrations for this event will not go through Girl Scouts – Diamonds. Refer to the flyer in the Jonesboro regional handouts or contact Sandy Risi (Jonesboro Garden Club) at 870-802-0080 or [sjrisix@aol.com](mailto:sjrisix@aol.com) for complete details.

- Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts are invited to a fun-filled day gone to the dogs at **K-9 Can Do!** You'll learn how to become a responsible pet owner, how to stay safe around animals, meet the Southwest Service Dogs, see a demonstration by a Sebastian County Deputy and his four-legged partner and MORE! This event will be held on **Saturday, February 13, 2010** at Kelley Cabin in Fort Smith.

Registration Information:

Early registration (by Jan 13)	\$7 per girl	\$2 per adult
Regular registration (Jan 14-20)	\$10 per girl	\$3 per adult
Registration deadline: January 20, 2010		

Participants are asked to bring a roll of paper towels to be donated to local animal organizations as a service project. For complete information, contact Linda Archer, 476-452-1290, ext 4022, 800-632-6894, ext 4022 or [larcher@girlscoutsdiamonds.org](mailto:larcher@girlscoutsdiamonds.org).

**ROTARY LUNCHEON:** The Rotary Club in Downtown Little Rock is hosting a Scout Day on **Tuesday, February 16, 2010**, honoring Girl Scouts who have earned the Silver or Gold Award and Boy Scout Eagle Award recipients. Girl Scouts eligible to attend will soon receive an invitation in the mail with further details. Contact Mindy Baird, 1-800-632-6894, ext 6225 or [mbaird@girlscoutsdiamonds.org](mailto:mbaird@girlscoutsdiamonds.org) for further information

- **SAVE THE DATE!** Saturday, March 20, 2010 is the date for Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts to attend **NASA Girl Scout Day** focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics all related to NASA's mission. The event will be held at Cutter Morning Star Elementary School in Hot Springs. Fees, registration deadlines, etc will be announced later.

## PRODUCT SALES

### Thank you volunteers!

It is said that it takes a village to raise a child, and we at Girl Scouts-Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas know that it takes a dedicated and hardworking community of adult volunteers to help our girls achieve their goals. It takes the support of parents, family members, troop leaders, troop cookie managers and service unit cookie managers to make the annual Cookie Sale Activity a success.

Each year the girls experience many fun and educational activities that are paid for with "Cookie Money". Most of the time the girls do not realize that "the cookies" provide much more than money. In that colorful box of delicious cookies one can find friendship, excitement, fun, hope and confidence.

Many years into the future the smell of Thin Mints will still evoke memories of a special time when their world seemed to revolve around Girl Scout Cookies and the skills they have learned will help get them down the road of life.

**Reminder:** If you should have any questions or concerns about the annual cookie activity be sure and contact your council product sale staff. If your service area is Jonesboro, Little Rock or Pine Bluff areas contact Chassity Jordan; if your service area is Fayetteville, Fort Smith or Texarkana contact Kathy Cole. You may call your local office and ask to be transferred, or call Chassity or Kathy at 1-800-632-6894. We are here to help in any way we can.

Cookie Dates to Remember:

January 9-24	Girls take orders
Week of Feb 14	Cookies delivered to Service Units to disperse to troops
March 14	Last day for girl delivery and booth sales

## SHOP NEWS

The Girl Scout **Shops** will start taking your troop orders for the **2010 Thinking Day** patch as well as the **2010 Cookie Pin**. Please keep in mind that both of these are earned recognitions and we will need leaders to buy and place the orders as we do not keep these items in large quantities within our shops. The shop is excited to announce the arrival of **NEW GS Cookie Merchandise including "COOKIE MOM" items** (pre-orders only on Cookie Mom merchandise). Come see us for all your Girl Scout **cookie incentives needs**. Go by any of your local service center shops to see all the new merchandise along with all the other wonderful changes in our shops. Forms attached.

**SHOP CLOSING**

All council shops will be closed January 4-6 for inventory. We will reopen on January 7, 2010. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

**SHOP SATURDAY OPENINGS!**

Saturday openings are coming back starting in April and May. We will be open the 1st Saturday from 9:00-12:00 in both April and May. Just in time for your bridging, court of awards, Bronze, Silver and Gold Ceremonies needs.



**2010 Girl Scout Thinking Day Patch  
Order form**

Every year on February 22nd, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides all over the world take a moment to send symbolic messages of friendship to their sisters in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. It is a special day in the Girl Scout year when we remember we are part of an international movement. This patch is an UNOFFICIAL recognition and therefore may only be worn on the back of the sash or vest, or on a patch jacket. UPC 26632

**COST OF EACH PATCH \$1.00**  
Money must accompany order  
**No returns on DATED Items**

**ORDERS SHOULD BE PLACED BY  
March 26, 2010**

Orders accepted until May, 2010, however they may run out before May. So order early to ensure you get what you need.

**Regional Service Center Shop Location** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Troop #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Service Unit** \_\_\_\_\_

**Leader Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #'s** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Number of 2010 Thinking Day Patches Ordered** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$1.00 = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Methods of Payment:** Cash \_\_\_ Check \_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

**Name as it Appears on Card** \_\_\_\_\_

**Card Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expiration Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Card** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Card Holder** \_\_\_\_\_

2010 COOKIE SALE PIN  
ORDER FORM



YES, MY TROOP WILL EARN THE 2010 COOKIE SALE PIN

COST OF EACH PIN \$1.15  
Money must accompany order  
No returns on DATED Items

(As with all dated items we will only order exact amounts no extras will be kept in stock)

THIS IS A NES PRODUCT FOUND IN THE 09-10 GIRL SCOUT CATALOG  
The first orders will be placed on February 8, 2010

Regional Service Center Shop Location \_\_\_\_\_

Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ Service Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Leader Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #'s \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number of 2010 Cookie Pins Ordered \_\_\_\_\_ X \$1.15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Methods of Payment Cash \_\_\_ Check \_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it Appears on Card \_\_\_\_\_

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