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Girl Scouts – Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas
Leader’s Notes
March 2010

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“Scouting rises within you and inspires you to put forth your best. “

-Juliette G. Low

Governance

- **Save the Date!** Please mark your calendars for the Second Annual Inclusion Celebration scheduled for this fall **October 2, 9:30 to 3:30 in the Little Rock Area** (Location to be announced). Be a part of this exciting day which will include training opportunities, programs for older girls, a recognition luncheon for council award winners and Gold Recipients and much, much more! This is a great chance to meet Girl Scout friends from all over the council!
- **Membership Connection Committee Candidates**-Please review the current slate of Membership Connection Committee Candidates **page 11** and approve or disapprove the slate as presented. Mail forms to Krystal Kinsey Little Rock region no later than **April 21**.

Membership Information

- **Early Bird Registration Bonuses!**-Re-registration packets will arrive at the council offices in April, and will be distributed in May. There are some wonderful bonuses for re-registering early this year. Those who register by May 28 will receive an Early Bird Patch, a coupon for \$2.00 that can be used to attend any council event during the 2010/2011 membership year, and an opportunity to purchase a really cool troop t-shirt at only \$7.00 per shirt!
- **On Time Event**-Troops that register by August 27 will be able to participate in a Cardboard Boat Regatta Family Fun Day at locations around the council to be announced.
- **Leader’s Notes Availability** Leader’s Notes will now be available on the Diamonds Website on the 1st of every month.
- **Important Upcoming Girl Scout Dates:**
 - Girl Scout Sunday – **March 7**
 - Girl Scout Week – **March 7-13**
 - 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.

Adult Development Information

- **Leadership Essentials Trainings at Shop & Learn:** Remember that the Shop and Learn originally scheduled for April 3 has been cancelled and rescheduled for April 10. Mark your calendars. Shop & Learn is Leadership Essentials, and will count as Age Level training. It is open to all levels.

➢ Shop and Learn	Jonesboro SC	April 10	9:00am
➢ Shop and Learn	Texarkana SC	April 10	9:00am
➢ Shop and Learn	NLR SC	April 10	9:00am
➢ Shop and Learn	Ft. Smith SC	April 10	9:00am
➢ Shop and Learn	Fayetteville SC	April 10	9:00am

- **Venture Out II**-Cost for all VOII trainings is \$15.00. Cost for the Outdoor Ceremonies Extension at Camp High Point is \$5.00.

➤ VO II	Camp NOARK	March 20	9:00am-6:30pm
➤ VO II	Ft. Smith SC	March 24	9:00am-6:30pm
➤ VO II	Camp High Point	April 17,18	9:00am-6:30pm

Outdoor Ceremonies Extension 6:30pm – 11:30am

➤ VO II	Camp Crossed Arrows	April 17	9:00am-6:30pm
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Venture Out II Training will take place at Camp Crossed Arrows on Saturday March 20. (Those who are interested are welcome to stay the night before the 19th, but it is not a required part of the training.) This is the RESCHEDULING of the previously-scheduled Venture Out II Training for CCA originally planned for April 17.

PLEASE NOTE! The March 20 VOII Training has been scheduled especially to qualify local Leaders to take their troops to the April 8-11 Spring Encampment at Camp Crossed Arrows. At least one adult accompanying each troop is required to have VOII training. DEADLINE to register for the March 20 VOII Training is March 11.

➤ VO II	Radford House	April 24	9:00am-6:30pm
➤ VO II	Camp NOARK	May 8	9:00am-6:30pm

- **Level Trainings:**

➤ Older Girl	Ft. Smith	March 13	1:00 pm-4:00pm
➤ Junior Level	Conway	March 2	5:30 pm-9:00pm
➤ Junior Level	Ft. Smith	March 13	1:00 pm-4:00pm

- **Council Trainer Meetings-** Volunteer Trainer meetings are scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the following locations:

- **March 19**, Camp NOARK in the Troop House
- **March 23**, Texarkana Office
- **March 25**, North Little Rock Office
- **April 5**, Pine Bluff Office
- **April 6**, Jonesboro Office
- **April 8**, Kelley Cabin, Ft. Smith

Volunteer trainers are meeting to update their training materials for the spring and summer. Trainers, please register for one of these trainings using our normal registration process through Pam Worrell in Pine Bluff. **See Registration Form Page 12.** If you are unable to attend any of them, please contact Laura Hixson so that she can make arrangements with you to share the materials. Please notify Laura before the meeting if there is anything you need for your training kit.

Family Partnership Information

- **Family Partnership Campaign**-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.
- **FAQ related to Family Partnership Campaign**
Why is it important for troops and service units to participate in the family partnership campaign? It promotes philanthropy and encourages girls to support their own organization. It raises awareness of the needs of the organization, and what it takes to provide program opportunities for Girl Scouts council wide.
How do girls receive the Family Partnership Patch? With a minimum gift of \$25.00, each registered girl will receive the Family Partnership Patch. That family will also be recognized as a Family Partner in the newsletter and on the donor recognition board displayed in each regional office.

How can my troop be entered into the drawing for \$100.00 shop credit? Troops who have 100% family participation (in which \$25.00 is given for each girl registered), will be entered into the drawing.

When does the Family Partnership Campaign end? Drawing for the \$100.00 shop credit will take place on Friday, March 12, 2010. We encourage troops to have all of their family partnership campaign information turned in to the corporate office by the close of business on Thursday, March 11, 2010.

Who do I contact if I have additional questions regarding the Family Partnership Campaign? Please contact Meredith Poland at the Council Office if you have any additional questions. Meredith can be reached at 1-800-632-6894 ext. 6224 or by email at mpoland@girlscoutsdiamonds.org.

- **Family Partnership Campaign ideas for Troops and Service Units-Make it Fun!**
 - **Host a penny party**_ Encourage girls to set a goal of collecting 2500 pennies. Once all of the girls have collected 2500 pennies, hold a penny party where the girls can roll their pennies. This not only encourages philanthropy, but will also promote accurate math skills.
 - **Fill a Soup Can** – Have each girl decorate a soup can, and fill it with quarters. Encourage girls to set a goal of collecting 100 quarters.

Product Sale Information

- **Cookies 2010-THE END IS NEAR-Cookie Time 2010** is winding down! There are never enough words to say how much we appreciate you, the volunteer. Please let your cookie managers and moms who do not receive the “Leader’s Notes” also know that they are appreciated. And of course there is the unsung hero of every Cookie Activity, the Dad who hauls cookies, comes home with dozens of sticky notes for orders, deliveries cookies, collects money, picks up or prepares dinner without any recognition and thanks.
- **Thank you ideas for girls:**
 - Thank you notes for each adult that helped the girls’ sale in an effort to help them reach their cookie sale goals successfully.
 - Girls could plan, host a Thank-you party for their adult helpers.
- **Teaching our children**-Remember that lessons in appreciation are so important to teach children. All the fun activities that almost every troop looks forward to would not be possible without all of their adult “helpers” and we are very aware that the helper is not always the parent. There are grandparents, aunts, uncles, sisters and brothers, and many other who in today’s society have taken on the role of “parent” for many of our girls.
- **Badges/Awards**-Check your Program Links and see how many of the girls’ activities have counted toward Try Its, Badges, Older Girls Awards, and the Cookie Activity Pin. It’s amazing how many activities are completed without the girls realizing it. While we all know that recognitions/awards are not our sole purpose parents often view these items as visible evidence that their daughter is learning something while she is having fun.
- **End-of-the-Sale Duties**-For those of you, who have Cookie Moms or Dads, be sure to stay in contact with them as money is collected, accounted for and deposited. The final day for the girls to turn in payment is **March 15**. This money is to be deposited into the troop account immediately. If you need to call an additional meeting time then do so and wherever you collect your money have two more adults with you as witnesses that you received the money. Count it (preferably by two people) and write a receipt in the presence of the person turning it in.
- **Incentives need to be submitted into ebudde between March 7 and March 17.** (See page 18 in the blue Troop Volunteer’s Guide for instructions) If your troop’s per girl average was 200 boxes or more, CONGRATULATIONS!! Your troop will receive a free t-shirt for each girl that participated in the cookie sale, plus a fee adult – t-shirt. Enter the shirt sizes in the troop incentives tab in ebudde. Remember every box counts towards the girls’ incentives so be sure to get those extra cookies transferred to them.
- **Completed Cookie Bucks reports must be turned in to your Service Unit Cookie Manager in order for the girls to receive their Cookie Bucks.** It is the troop’s responsibility to get this done. Other items due to the SUCM by March 17 are: Cool Stuff Purchase Form with payment,

Parent Debt form (if necessary) with required paperwork, correct bank information for the draft, Money order or Cashier check if not using bank draft and the Troop Cookie Manager evaluation

Program Information

- **Bronze, Silver and Gold Awardees**-Remember the deadline for submitting your final reports to the Girl Scout Service Center! All final reports must be in the office by March 15. Nothing will be accepted after this deadline!!!! **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- **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 after office hours, at 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.
- **Program Opportunities-MARCH AT A GLANCE:**
 - 6 Scouting University (J-A) 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Fayetteville
 - 6 Dazzling Daisies - Olympics (D) 9:00 am – 1:00 pm –Second Baptist Church-Jacksonville
 - 7 Walk In My Shoes - **SEE ADDITIONAL EVENT INFORMATION BELOW**
 - 13 Car Care & Car Sense Workshops - **SEE ADDITIONAL EVENT INFORMATION BELOW**
 - 13 Camp Crossed Arrows Naturalist (J-A) 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Floral
 - 13 Junior Jewels ~ CSI: Diamonds* (J) **RESCHEDULED for April 24th** – Bono Church of Christ
 - 13 Water Everywhere (B) 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Crossett
 - 13 Toltec Rocker Daze: Tools, Weapons, Crafts, Culture (B-A) 9:30 am – 1:00 pm Scott
 - 13 All About Birds (C-A) 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Russellville
 - 17 Eco-Explorer - **SEE ADDITIONAL EVENT INFORMATION BELOW**
 - 20 NASA Event - **SEE ADDITIONAL EVENT INFORMATION BELOW**
 - 20 Brilliant Brownies ~ Holidays* (B) 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Pine Bluff
 - 20 Plant Life (C-A) 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Texarkana
 - 22-23 Red Cross Babysitting Course - **SEE ADDITIONAL EVENT INFORMATION BELOW**
 - 24 Red Cross Masters of Disaster - **SEE ADDITIONAL EVENT INFORMATION BELOW**
 - 25 Red Cross Masters of Disaster - **SEE ADDITIONAL EVENT INFORMATION BELOW**
 - 27 **New date** for Jonesboro Dazzling Daisies – Olympics event originally scheduled for Sept
 - 27 Parkin Rocker Day: Casqui Rediscovered (All) 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Parkin
 - 27 Give and Get! (J-A) 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Booneville
 - 27 Spring Fling (D) 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Harrison
 - 27 Bronze Award Workshop (J) 9:00 am – 10:00 am Harrison
 - 27 Silver Award Workshop (C) 10:15 am – 11:45 am Harrison

- 27 Gold Award Workshop (S-A) 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Harrison
- 27 Rocks/Rock (J) 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Murfreesboro
- 27 Brilliant Brownies ~ Holidays* (B) 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Texarkana

Program Opportunities – APRIL AT A GLANCE:

- 3 Eco-Explorer (B) 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Murfreesboro
- 3 Science Discovery (J) 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Texarkana
- 10 CCA – Grand Re-Opening Bash! (Families) 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Floral
- 10 Teen Treasures ~ Outdoor Cooking* (C-A) 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm Huntsville
- 10 Water Wonders (J) 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Crossett
- 10 Outdoor Adventurer (B) 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Russellville
- 10 Teen Treasures ~ Outdoor Cooking* (C-A) 11:00 am – 4:00 pm Texarkana Region
- 10 Earth Connections (J) 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Russellville
- 10 Science of Make-up (C-A) 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Rock
- 10 Rocks/Rock (J) 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Murfreesboro
- 10 Scout-O-Rama (All) Time TBA Texarkana
- 17 Nature's Gems* (D-A) 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Fayetteville Region
- 17 Nature's Gems* (D-A) 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Jonesboro Region
- 17 Nature's Gems* (D-A) 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Little Rock
- 17 Digging Through the Past (C-A) 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Murfreesboro
- 17-18 Family Day/Weekend at Camp Cahinnio 10:00 am Booneville
- 19 Tea at Ace of Clubs House (J) 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Texarkana
- 20 Junior Archeologist (J) 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Texarkana
- 21 Building our Past (J-A) 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Texarkana
- 22 Victorian Games & Pastimes (B) 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Texarkana
- 23 Crocheting Workshop (J) 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Texarkana
- 23-25 Eco-Actioneers (B-A Troops) 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Mena
- 25 Camp High Point Open House (Families) 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Mena
- 24 Nature's Gems* (D-A) 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Fort Smith
- 24 Nature's Gems* (D-A) 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Crossett
- 24 Girl Scout Day at Toltec Mounds (B-A) 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Scott
- 24 Ready, Set, Go Camping (B) 9:00 am – 11:00 am Morrilton

- **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*.
 - **March 13, 2010 – NEW date** – Car Care & Car Sense Workshops – Originally scheduled for January 30 in North Little Rock. For complete information, contact Mindy Baird, 800-632-6894 ext. 6225 or mbaird@girlscoutsdiamonds.org
 - **March 27, 2010 - NEW date** for Jonesboro Dazzling Daisies – Olympics event originally scheduled for Sept 26. For complete information, contact Tracy Howard, 800-632-6894, ext 3102 or thoward@girlscoutsdiamonds.org.
 - **April 24, 2010** - New date for Jonesboro Jr Jewels – CSI: Diamonds event originally scheduled for March 13 and relocated to the Bono Church of Christ. For complete information, contact Tracy Howard, 800-632-6894, ext 3102 or thoward@girlscoutsdiamonds.org.
 - **May 7-8 - NEW date** - Program Aide Training originally scheduled for February 19-20. The location has been moved to Radford House in Hot Springs. **Registration Deadline is April 14, 2010.** Adult attendance for training 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.

- **Additional Program Opportunities** (Not listed in *Program Essentials*):
 - **Important Info for 2010 Girl Scout Gold Award Recipients:** As hosts of the 2010 GirlLeadership Conference to be held in Austin, TX on Monday, **June 14, 2010**, Girl Scouts of Central Texas has graciously included Girl Scouts – Diamonds Gold Award Recipients to participate. Girls who have submitted their Gold Award Final Reports will be receiving invitations sometime in late April or early May. Complete details are pending, but this much we do know: The theme of this year’s conference is “Create, Define and Be YOURSELF” – a conference about self-respect. There will be workshops, exhibits, speakers, panel discussions and more. There will be a fee to attend this conference. The fee has not yet been confirmed, but is usually around \$25 per person.
 - **Sunday, March 7, 2010 - 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.
Location: Fort Smith Museum of History
Time: 2:00p to 4:00pm
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** – Service project will be providing a service for the park and wildlife. 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! Cost of program includes activity supplies & EcoExplorer Try-It).
Location: Lake Wister State Park
Time: 9:00 am-12:30pm
Cost: \$4/girl; \$1/adult (EARLY REGISTRATION)
Cost: \$5/girl; \$2/adult (REGULAR REGISTRATION)
Early Registration Deadline: March 3, 2010
Regular Registration Deadline: March 4-10, 2010
Deadline to register: March 10
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-** Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts (4th-8th Grade). This event focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics all related to NASA’s mission. Participants should bring a sack lunch, drinks & snacks 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.
Location: Cutter Morning Star Elementary School (Hot Springs)
Time: 9:30am – 4:30pm
Cost: \$5/girl; \$2/adult
Registration deadline: February 24, 2010
Minimum registration 50; Maximum registration 100
 - **March 22 AND 23, 2010 (Two Day Course) – American Red Cross Babysitter’s Training-** Cadette, Senior & Ambassador levels. Lunch will be provide, girls will complete most of the Child Care IP requirements. Service Project is a canned food item to be donated to a local food bank.
Location: Kelley Cabin, Fort Smith Regional Office
Time: 9:00am – 5:00pm (Each Day)
Cost: \$65 (Materials include CPR & First Aid Training and Babysitter’s Certificate)
Registration Deadline – March 17, 2010
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** – Daisy & Brownie levels 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. Service Project is a canned food item to be donated to a local food bank.
Location: Kelly Cabin, Fort Smith Regional Office
Time: 9:00am – 2:00pm
Cost: \$1/girl (girls need to bring a sack lunch)
Registration Deadline – March 17, 2010
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** – Juniors level Girl Scouts 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.
Location: Kelley Cabin, Fort Smith Regional Office
Time: 9:00am – 2:00pm
Cost: \$1/girl (girls need to bring a sack lunch)
Registration Deadline – March 17, 2010
For complete information, contact Linda Archer, 476-452-1290, ext 4022, 800-632-6894, ext 4022 or larcher@girlscoutsdiamonds.org.
- **April 3, 2010 – Bull Shoals State Park** – Junior Level – Girls will earn the “Your Outdoor Surroundings” Badge. For complete information, contact Jessica Piel, 800-632-6894, ext 5813
Or jpiel@girlscoutsdiamonds.org
- **April 17, 2010 – New Date for CSI Diamonds-** Junior Jewels –Service project for local food bank-canned food items for local food bank. Location will be Pine Bluff Reynolds Center.
Early Registration Deadline – March 17 - \$10 per girl - \$2 per adult
Final Registration Deadline – March 24 - \$12 per girl - \$4 per adult
For complete information, contact Autumn Crowwell – 870-364-9667 or acrowwell@girlscoutsdiamonds.org
- **April 24, 2010 - Nature’s Gems-** Fort Smith Region - Location has been changed. Location to be announced. For complete information, contact Linda Archer, 476-452-1290, ext 4022, 800-632-6894, ext 4022 or larcher@girlscoutsdiamonds.org.
- **May 8, 2010 - Dazzling Daisies** at Camp Cahinnio, for Daisy Girl Scouts
For complete information, contact Linda Archer, 476-452-1290, ext 4022, 800-632-6894, ext 4022
or larcher@girlscoutsdiamonds.org.
- **May 8, 2010 – New Date Feb 29** - Junior Jewel: *CSI Diamonds event originally scheduled for Feb. 20* – Event location - Camp NOARK, Huntsville.For complete information, contact Jessica Piel, 800-632-6894, ext 5813 or jpiel@girlscoutsdiamonds.org
- **May 15, 2010 - Explore the Nature of Arkansas** at the Janet Huckabee Arkansas River Valley Nature Center – Fort Smith Region. This program is for Junior and Brownie Girl Scouts at different times during the day. See flyer for more information. For complete information, contact Linda Archer, 476-452-1290, ext 4022, 800-632-6894, ext 4022 or larcher@girlscoutsdiamonds.org.
- **Peg Brazelton nature Center Summer program-**More information coming soon. Once a week summer program for kids 2nd through 6th.
- **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.
 - **Camp High Point-**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 Amber Jiminez at extension 4014 or ajiminez@girlscoutsdiamonds.org.

Camping Services

- **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.
- **Camp Crossed Arrows is having a BOOT SHOWER!**-At the Camp Crossed Arrows Grand Reopening Bash on May 1st, come SHOWER camp with your gift...of gently used boots for horseback riding! These boots will be used in Girl Scout horse programming throughout the year and throughout the council, providing girls with “loaner” boots for horseback riding during summer resident camp and in fall and spring horseback riding! Boots or shoes should have a smooth side (no tread) and a half inch heel. Your gift will make a real difference!
- **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.

➤ Encampment Dates:	Camp-Sites:	City:
March 23-25	Yale Camp	Crossett
April 9-11	Camp Crossed Arrows	Floral
April 9-11	Camp Cahinnio	Booneville
May 14-16	Camp NOARK	Huntsville

Cost: Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors & Ambassadors Weekend price: \$8 per person
Daisies or Brownies Saturday-only price: \$5 per person.

April 23-25 Camp High Point Mena
Cost: See Program Essentials “Eco-Actioneers”, page 89.

- **Archery with your troop or service unit!** You are now 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!
- **Give and Get Event-Camp Cahinnio March 27-** Registration has been extended to March 10.
 - Hands-on GPS and Compass for Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors
 - Different hunts for different age groups-it won't be boring!
 - Learn how to use a compass...A Great skill when your GPS batteries go dead or if it is a rainy day!
 - An amazing lunch...who has been to a Girl Scout potluck that wasn't GREAT?!
 - For more info contact: Linda Archer, Program Specialist.
- **CCA Naturalist event**-March 13 at Camp Crossed Arrows! For more information please contact Amber Jimenez, Camping Services Director or Tracy Howard Program Specialist.
 - Hands-on wildlife study in Salado Creek with Arkansas Game and Fish!
 - Give back to Camp Crossed Arrows-and make a real difference getting camp ready for this summer's campers!
 - Educational games and wildflower planting for juniors-it will be too fun to seem like learning!
 - Older girls will be the first architects in a plan to preserve camp trails being lost to erosion!
 - Activities are designed especially for Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors.
 - Lunch will be provided
- **Camp High Point Eco-Actioners**-April 23-25. Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors weekend price: \$8 per person. Daisies or Brownies Saturday only price: \$5 per person. For details please see the Program Essentials guide.
- **Resident camp registration now open!**-Camp brochures went out a few weeks ago. If you have yet to receive one, please contact the council office or check out the camp brochure on-line at www.girlscoutsdiamonds.org. NEW THIS YEAR ONLINE, you will find different size

downloads of the camp brochure is available so you can have a quicker download with dial-up, links to frequently used camp forms, descriptions of the camps, and more. Please check back often, we are updating the site frequently. Take advantage of the many ways to learn more about resident camp!

- Camp open houses listed in the Program Essentials guide, on the website and in the camp brochure.
- Schedule a “Meet the Camp Director-Parent Meeting” with your Service Unit or Troop where the Camp Director will come to your meeting!
- Check out the FAQs pages and the session information in the Camp Brochure.
- Sign up your Troop to attend one of the many Spring Troop Encampments!
- Attend one of the other several events going on at camp this spring.
- Contact your council office for more info!

Property

- **Property Reservation Procedural Changes:** Property reservations are now being taken by Vanessa Owens at the Fort Smith Regional Office, Extension 4010. To reserve a property or facility the RESERVATION FORM and HOLDING FEE must be received in the Fort Smith office. You may still call to see if the site and dates you want are available but NO reservations will be taken by phone. Non-winterized facilities are available March 15 – Nov 1 weather and resident camp activities permitting.
- **Bronze, Silver property service projects-**We have plenty of opportunities at the properties for girls interested in working on Bronze, Silver or other service projects. The property department would be happy to assist a group in finding an appropriate project for skill and interest level. Please call extension 4024 or email jvance@girlscoutsdiamonds.org with “property service project” in the subject line.
- **Property Maintenance Donations:** We are doing our best in the property department to take care of the council properties. To work more efficiently we really could use some additional tools, supplies and help. If you or someone you know might be able to donate any of the following items please contact Jaima Vance at extension 4024 or jvance@girlscoutsdiamonds.org. Donated items will be used at the property where the need is the greatest. If you have something not on the list that you think might be useful for helping maintain our property, please ask.
 - 16’ double axle trailer with minimum 4000 lb weight capacity.
 - 6-8’ trailer.
 - Fencing posts, wire.
 - Hand tools – pliers, wrenches, socket sets, screw drivers, etc.
 - Roofing shingles – we have a lot of small buildings in need of reroofing and we are not picky on color or quantity just need to be in good shape.
 - Plumbers – CCA has a lot exposed plumbing lines that need to be replaced. If you know plumber who would be willing to donate some time to help at camp please contact Jaima.
 - Chest Freezer – 24 CF or larger – used is fine if it works.
 - Person with skills and equipment to help seed new pasture at Camp Crossed Arrows

Shop News

- **Change of date for Saturday shop opening!** Our first Saturday to open this spring was to be the first weekend in April. However this is Easter weekend and as our shop policies states if the first weekend is a holiday weekend we will move to a 2nd Saturday opening. Therefore we will be open **Saturday April 10, 2010 from 9 am to 12 noon**. Our May Saturday opening will be May 1, 2010 from 9 am to 12 noon.
- **What does shopping, adult training & journeys have in common? DISCOUNTS!** Discounts on Diamonds shop merchandise. The Diamonds Shop has teamed up with our Adult Development department to hold Saturday Shop Openings with Adult Training Dates. Our first two ventures will be on April 10, 2010 and May 1, 2010. All participants will have time to shop prior to training and during your scheduled break/s. The first 10 to register in each regional office

for the April training will receive a free recyclable tote bag. All training participants will receive 10% off the leader journey set and 20% if they purchase the leader set and girl books for their troop that day. In addition all training participants will be entered into a drawing for Diamonds merchandise at the end of the day.

- **New cookie incentives in your GS shop?** Yes you read it right! The shop has new items perfect for enticing your girls to sell more cookies or a nice thank you to your adult cookie teams/helpers. ***We have new cookie socks, cookie coin purses, cookie Tees for girls and adults , Smart Cookie Hoodies, cookie pens, patches, watches in either pink or blue and a few items from last year*** all just for the cookie sellers in your life. So if your service unit doesn't do extra incentives or if you need an extra item in between selling points we have what you need. These items will also be great for girls to purchase with their up-coming cookie credits. So encourage your girls to continue to sell, sell, sell.
- **Price slashed on discount merchandise-** Rock bottom prices on discontinued item. If you are a new troop, a bridging troop or you may need a uniform for ceremonies or your last cookie booths now is the time to buy. Please remember once a uniform, always a uniform. So, even if the component is discontinued it is still acceptable and cost effective. ***We do have a 3 month layaway plan*** if you need it. All sales will be final on discontinued items, exchanges for correct sizes only, no refunds or credits. We will also be marking down newer items this month to help with outfitting our troops and adults taking trip and going on outings.
- **2010 Thinking Day patches-**Please remember if you haven't ordered your patches you need to do so quickly. Time and patches are going fast.
- **Leadership Appreciation April 22, 2010-**To all service units as you know Leader Appreciation is fast approaching and you need to start thinking of how you want to say "***Thank You***" to those in the ***Trenches***. Whether you write them a note of thanks, give them a certificate, or give them a gift from the heart. The Diamond shops can help you with all your needs. We have ***several Items*** ranging in price from \$1.00 and up. Please remember if you have several to buy for to give plenty of notice to insure time for ordering. ***We would love to help you with honoring your leaders on their special day.***
- **Cadette/Senior/Ambassador Interest Project Patches-**Please call or go by your local Diamonds regional shop to let them know what Interest Project Patches and other Cadette/Senior/Ambassador awards you're currently working on. This information is needed to ensure that the items you will need will be available for your award ceremonies.
- **Bronze, Silver and Gold Awardees-**First let me say congratulations on completing and earning the highest honor and award in your age level. The Diamonds shops have several gift items just for these Awardees as well as official pins for their ceremonies. The Diamonds Council currently pays for the Silver and Gold Award pins. ***That means that the Bronze Award Pin and Gold Award Parent pin are the responsibility of parent, troop or service unit.*** Our Diamonds shops will order Gold Award Parent Pins and Bronze Award pins for awardees as they are ordered and paid for. Most orders take between 7-14 business days to come in. To ensure your Bronze Award pin/s and Gold Award parent pin/s are here in time for your Ceremony please order early. Troop leaders with girls earning one of these awards and the parents of the awardees will be receiving letters and more information on what the shop has to offer them in the way of certificates, emblems and gifts. You may also contact your local shop manager for items available.

**GIRL SCOUTS – DIAMONDS OF ARKANSAS, OKLAHOMA AND TEXAS
MEMBERSHIP CONNECTION COMMITTEE SLATE
(April 2010)**

EXCERPT FROM GIRL SCOUT BYLAWS:

Section 7.3 MEMBERSHIP CONNECTION COMMITTEE:

(a) There shall be a standing Membership Connection Committee (“MCC”) elected by the Regional membership composed of registered adults and girls age 14 and older and chaired by the Second Vice Chairperson with the responsibility of facilitating strategic and operational input to the Council, and providing the stakeholders of the Council with access to the Council’s decision makers. The MCC shall serve as the connection to the members of the Girl Scout Movement.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please vote either “yes” or “no” for the proposed slate of Membership Connection Committee (MCC) candidates.
- If voting by paper ballot, return to either:
 - Membership Staff, or
 - Mail to:
 - Girl Scouts – Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas
ATTN: Krystal Kinsey
615 W. 29th Street
North Little Rock, AR 72114
- Deadline for voting is April 21st.

NAME	REGION	COMMUNITY	CURRENT GS POSITION/GRADE	CLASSIFICATION/TERM
ADULT CANDIDATES				
Sarah Brozynski	2	Mountain Home, AR	Cadette Troop Leader	Member At Large / 3 Year
LaQuita Foster	2	Mountain Home, AR	Leader	Member at Large / 2 years
Tina Hoffman	2	Walnut Ridge, AR	Brownie, Asst. Leader	Member at Large / 2 years
Suzanne Peterson	4	Cabot, AR	Troop Ldr, Trainer, Product Sales Mgr, Compass Team	Member at Large / 2 years
Sherry Smith	5	Magnolia, AR	Troop Leader	Member at Large / 1 year
Jackie Turner	5	Magnolia, AR	Troop Leader	Member at Large / 3 years
Madeline Tucker	2	Cotter, AR	Leader, Registrar for SU	Member At Large / 3 years
Linda Nickell	4	Cabot, AR	Volunteer, Parent	Member At Large / 3 years
Rosanne Sampson	4	Little Rock, AR	Troop Leader, Council Trainer	Member At Large / 3 years
Colleen Lund	5	Hot Springs, AR	Life Member (50+ years)	Member At Large / 3 year
Crystal Lambert	6	Hampton, AR	Troop Leader, SU Manger	Member At Large/ 3 year
TEEN CANDIDATES				
Molly Bennett	2	Judsonia, AR	Senior GS/ 10 th grade	Member At Large 1 year
Samantha Bressler	2	Jonesboro, AR	Cadette/8 th grade	Member At Large 1 year
Kathryn Risi	2	Jonesboro, AR	Member of Troop 3265/ 10 th grade	Member At Large 1 year
Desiree Masterson	3	Spiro, OK	Junior / 8 th grade	Member At Large 1 year
Courtney Silcox	3	Ft. Smith	Ambassador/11 th grade	Member At Large 1 year
Ashley Carr	4	Cabot, AR	Cadette/9 th grade	Member At Large 1 year
Ashley Pratt	5	El Dorado, AR	Cadette/9 th grade	Member At Large 1 year

_____ **YES, I vote for slate as presented**

_____ **NO, I do not vote for slate as presented**

