

THE DABBLER

Issue 3

November 2009

Calendar

November

11th - Service Unit Meeting; 7pm
21st - CPR & First Aid Class; 9am-?
21st - Brownie Try-it Day; 10:15-12:15 or
1-3pm

December

4th/5th - Piperwood by Candlelight; must
pre-register through council
12th - CPR & First Aid Class; 9am-?
14th - Caroling for Cans drop-off; 6:30-8:30
pm

January

9th - YMCA Fun Night; details tba
9th - CPR & First Aid Class; 9am-?
13th - Service Unit Meeting; 7pm
30th - Daisy/Brownie Swap Event; details
tba

February

10th - Service Unit Meeting; 7pm
28th - Chicken Wing Fling for Older Girls;
details tba

March

5th/6th or 6th/7th - Brownie to Junior Pre-
bridging Event at Camp Piperwood
6th - Junior Badge Day
10th - Service Unit Meeting; 7pm
20th - Scouting for Food Bag Drop-off
27th - Scouting for Food Bag Pick-up
27th - Brownie Try-it Day
27th - Powder Puff Derby for Juniors

**Please note - for all Outdoor Training you
must pre-register through council...see
gswny.org website for details.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale Songbook

These are great! Teach the girls some of these
songs to rev up their cookie sale spirits.

<http://www.alamitosmarina.org/ckysngbk.html>

CPR/First Aid Courses

All CPR/First Aid courses listed in the cal-
endar section are taught by Marlene Finkle
and are held at her home at 24 Aconbury.
Cost of the class is \$12 for materials...you
must pre-register by emailing Marlene at
mglende@rochester.rr.com at least two
weeks ahead of time. Pre-payment is also
expected.

Financial Aid

Please remember that financial aid is
available for girls in need. This financial
aid can come from the service unit and/or
from council. Financial aid from the ser-
vice unit is limited to a maximum of \$40/
girl and this can be used for various ex-
penses at the leaders discretion. All that
is needed to request this is an email to the
SU Finance person, currently Sandy
Coon. No names are needed just some
knowledge of the family situation.
Financial aid from council can be re-
quested from the Council Opportunity
Fund in two ways:
* financial aid for the \$12 registration fee
* financial aid to cover uniform, books
etc...
Requests for aid from council must be
accompanied by either Form 2125 or
4210....see the Forms Library on the
gswny.org website.

Useful Website

<http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/>

At this website you can create word searches, cross-
word puzzles, mazes, etc... For the word searches, you
put in a list of words, click submit and they create a
puzzle for you. You can make it with a theme like
Brownies, Camping etc... Or even one that includes all
the girls' names.

*****Important*****

Changes to NYS Car Restraint Law

Effective November 24, 2009 all children under the age of 8 must be restrained in an appropriate child restraint system while riding in a motor vehicle.

- An appropriate child restraint system is one that meets the child's size and weight and the specifications of the manufacturer of such system.
- A child restraint system may be a child safety seat, harness, vest or a booster seat.
- The vehicle's safety belt alone is **NOT** a child restraint system.
- Booster seats **MUST** be used with a lap and shoulder belt.
- Children 12 years and younger should ride in the back seat. The simple task of properly buckling up children in the back seat reduces the risk of being killed in a crash by 33%.

After their 8th birthday, when should you move your child from a booster seat to an adult seat belt?

Your child should stay in a booster seat until the adult seat belt fits him or her properly. Before moving your child from a booster seat to the vehicle seat belt, please make sure that your child meets all of the following requirements for a proper seat belt fit:

- Your child should be able to sit with his or her back straight against the vehicle seat back.
- The knees bent comfortably at the seat's edge without slouching.
- The lap belt should be low across the upper thighs or hips, not across the abdomen.
- The shoulder belt should lie across the chest and shoulder, not touching the neck or face.
- Your child should be able to ride this way for the entire trip.

**Madeline's Christmas
Girl Scout Weekend at the Theater**

December 18-20, 2009

Special Girl Scout Pricing- \$10/ticket

FRIDAY 12/18 @ 7 PM

SATURDAY 12/19 @ 10AM, 2PM, & 7 PM

SUNDAY 12/20 @ 2 PM & 7PM

MCC Brighton Campus Theatre

1000 East Henrietta Rd.

Rochester, NY

For more info call 585-690-1947

Caroling For Cans Reminder

Caroling for Cans, an annual Fairport Girl Scout tradition is coming up!! Fairport Girl Scouts visit homes in a neighborhood of their choosing, sing seasonal songs and ask for donations of non-perishable food items for the Perinton Food Shelf. Make sure that you reserve the street you will be caroling on by signing up at the October or November Service Unit meeting. Cadette Girl Scout Troop 24/247 as well as Admiral Lord and his truck will be in the parking lot of Assumption Church in the village on the night of December 14th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm for food drop-offs. If you are caroling after this date, please drop the food off at the Lord's house at 37 East Avenue and they will arrange to deliver it. Please NO donations of soup...they have too much!! They are especially looking for:

canned carrots & peas, cereal, coffee, cranberry sauce, deodorant, flour & sugar, canned fruit cocktail, fruit juices, gravy, hot chocolate mixes, Jell-O, paper towels, peanut butter, shampoo, spaghetti sauces, tomato products (canned), and toothbrushes.

All non-perishables accepted....please NO glass jars!! Thank you for participating!

Last Chance for Photos of Camporee 2007

If you would still like to have photos from Camporee 2007, now is your chance. Since Kodak changed their EasyShare process, there is no way to gain access to the Kodak EasyShare site without entering everyone's email address individually. So... Sue Skivington has all of the pictures and is willing to download them to a disc for you.

Here's what to do:

Get a blank **DVD-RW** computer disc in a jewel case with your name and troop number noted. (please note: it must be a DVD-RW disc; not a CD) Either give it to her directly, or place in the Troop 340/390 Troop folder at a Service Unit meeting, or drop in the blue bin at her house: 6 Highpoint Trail.

Your disc will be returned and placed in your troop's mail folder at the next FSU meeting. It's that simple!

Additions to Troop Roster List

New Kindergarten Daisy Troop 441

- 01 Kim Thompson 377-4329
- 02 Kristi LaBarge 598-3114

New 2nd Grade Brownie Troop 518

- 01 Rachel Kennedy 223-6291
- 02 Tammie Kelly 388-7606

Service Team Positions OPEN!

The service team is looking for new members, next year several positions may be open including Outdoor Program Consultant, Cookie Manager, and Training Liaison . Addition positions will be opening up as many current service team members have older girls in the program and won't be around forever! New help is welcomed at any position!! Please see Carol for a description of the positions. We'd love to see new faces!

Journeys Books to Lend

The Fairport Service Unit has purchased copies of the following Journeys books to be lent out:

- Daisy - 1st girl book
- 1st Daisy Leader book
- Browne - 1st girl book
- 1st Brownie Leader book
- Junior - 1st girl book
- 1st Junior Leader book
- Cadette - 1st girl book
- 1st Cadette Leader book

If you would like to borrow a book, contact Kathy Wacienga at kwac@rochester.rr.com

Welcome to New Leaders

<u>Name</u>	<u>Troop#</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Troop#</u>	<u>Level</u>
Candace Bush	149	D	Erica Motzer	980	Br/Jr
Doug Canham	658	D	Lisa Murphy	134	D
Caroline Dignan	967	C	Sherri O'Brocta	497	C
Chris Fredette	27	J	Elissa Ostrander	134	D
Rob Fredette	27	J	Mike Radell	239	D
Tammie Kelly	518	B	Kelly Steamer	149	D
Rachel Kennedy	518	B	Melissa Streber	658	D
Kristi LaBarge	441	D	Karen Sutton	239	D
Val McGrath	62	C	Kim Thompson	441	D

Six meeting plans - Easy to follow plans for leaders planning the first six meetings for Daisy, Brownie and Junior level Girl Scouts. They can be followed exactly or you can pick and choose pieces or even use them as a guideline to see how a leader might plan a meeting.

- Daisy six-meeting plan (September 2009, pdf)
- Brownie six-meeting plan (September 2009, pdf)
- Junior six-meeting plan (September 2009, pdf)

<http://www.girlscoutsofcolorado.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/content.home/iPageContentCategoryID/365>



"Share the Season" Holiday Patch Program 2009

To earn the patch, troops must do the following: Participate in a Discover, a Connect and a Take Action activity relating to the holidays. Suggestions for activities follow, or you may come up with your own based on the Girl Scout outcomes. Patch Orders must be received by Monday, Dec. 7 - NO EXCEPTIONS! Orders may be placed before activities are completed. Out-of-council orders will be shipped late-January.

Discover - Do a troop activity to learn about holiday customs of other cultures, countries or religions. Reflect on the activity and your own personal experiences in an age-appropriate discussion that may include feelings, the way that the Girl Scout Promise and Law can be part of you holiday spirit, effect of media/retailers/others on the holidays, or healthy attitudes or choices at holiday times.

Connect - Participate in a community holiday activity or event. Community Activity Ideas: Participate in local holiday parades; chamber of commerce offices have information. Some deadlines are early so check soon! Attend a holiday play or concert in your community. Attend a community holiday lighting ceremony. Check your local paper for many other holiday activities.

Take Action - Girls look for needs in their community and find a way to make a difference. For girls ages 5-11, adults may offer several choices or suggestions for giving service during the holidays in their local community. Girls choose a project and plan for how they want to do it. Girls ages 11-17 should search for community needs on their own by bringing in ideas, brainstorming, Internet searches, or calling agencies for ideas. Girls make a decision and plan for the group service project.

Service Project Ideas - Adopt a family through your local Salvation Army, church, school, or other social service agency. Adopt a child from one of the many "Giving Trees" in our communities: Paddock Mall, McDonald's, Kmart, Wal-Mart and others. Make favors, visit residents or sing carols at nursing and retirement homes. Collect canned goods for donation to food banks. Provide gifts for children staying in local abuse or homeless shelters. Deliver "Meals on Wheels" during the holidays. Volunteer at a senior activity center. Stuff stockings for the Salvation Army or other agency. Wrap gifts for shut-ins through your local senior service agency.

Questions? E-mail marioncountygirlscouts@yahoo.com or call Monica: (352) 624-3616

"Share The Season" Holiday Patch Program 2009

Troop # _____ Grade Level: _____ Service Unit Name _____

Troop Leader: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

e-mail (all orders will be confirmed) : _____

Patches X \$1.25 = enclosed (If outside of GSWCF, please e-mail for shipping cost)

Orders are by mail only. No debit or credit cards. Make checks payable to GSWCF Marion County. All checks must include street address and two phone numbers; any troop check must have the required two signatures. Mail To: Monica Cobine, 5141 SE 18th St., Ocala, FL 34480 also online at <http://www.gswcf.org/files/df1b4a4d-d5c5-4bca-b.pdf>

SISTER TROOPS 2009 - 2010

We assign each Daisy Troop a Brownie Troop for their sister troop and each Brownie Troop is assigned a Junior Troop for their sister troop. Because there are more troops at some levels than others, you may have 2 sister troops. Cadette, Senior & Ambassador troops will be sisters to every troop and happy to help out anyone who needs them. Also, please don't feel that you need to limit activities with other troops to your sister troop. We encourage troops of all age levels to do things together.....please plan events, parties and camping trips with other troops...it makes the Girl Scout experience even more fun for the girls.

Daisy

134
149
239
441
6
35
41
80
658



Brownie

214
325
2
511
374
207
355
29
336
333
483
518
800
980

Junior

571
148
862
105
981
121
593
938
27
97
981
726
114
980

Sister Troop Ideas

- Go Caroling for Cans together
- Older troop hosts a party for the younger troop
- Winter Fun Day - sledding, skating...
- Picnic with Juniors showing off outdoor cooking skills
- Older troop helps at meeting
- Song & Game Day
- Overnight at Piperwood
- 8 Outdoor Skills Day
- Help with Bridging
- Service Project together
- Work on Jr. Aide
- Go on a Field Trip

Service Opportunity

Wanted: Volunteers to help with baby quilts. Need people to cut, iron, sew, or tie....any and all talents welcome...or none at all and we'll teach you! St. Luke's Saturday quilters invite you to join us for a day of quilting. We make baby quilts for the NICU at Strong Memorial Hospital. Our next event is **Saturday, February 6th** from 9-4 pm at St. Luke's Episcopal Church 77 Country Corner Lane. Come for an hour, the afternoon, or all day! We would be happy to supply your troop with quilting patches as a Thank You! For more details or questions please contact Arika Reilly 319-7571 or email at apepper@rochester.rr.com.

New Photo Website

[http://
fairportgirlscoutsphotos.shutterfly.com/](http://fairportgirlscoutsphotos.shutterfly.com/)

Looking for photos from various service unit events?? Helene, our SU photographer will be putting them up on this website so all can view and order prints. Currently, there are photos from both Cookie Kickoffs and from the Junior "We're Off to See The Wizard" program. Let us know how you like this...