

THE DABBLER

Issue 2

October 2008

Calendar

October

15th - Service Unit Meeting; 7pm
25th - Daisy/Brownie Fall Fun Fest

November

8th - CPR & First Aid Class; 10am-3pm
9th - Jr. Beach Party; Webster Aquatic Center; 2-5 pm

12th - Service Unit Meeting; 7pm

13th - SCOOP Meeting; 7pm

15th - Basic Outdoor Training; 9-1pm

December

8th - Caroling for Cans; 6:00-8:30

11th - SCOOP Meeting; 7pm

January

8th - SCOOP Meeting

10th - CPR & First Aid Class; 10am-3pm

11th - Daisy Teddy Bear Party

14th - Service Unit Meeting; 7pm

30th - Junior Dance Party; 7-9pm

31st - Program Aide Training for Older Girls

**Please note - for all Basic Outdoor Training you must pre-register through council

Piperwood by Candlelight

Girls can experience Piperwood by candlelight as they follow hundreds of candles along trails that wind through the meadows and woods. They will enjoy the quiet of the night while listening for nocturnal animals. After the walk, there will be singing at the lodge, a roaring fire and hot cocoa with toasted marshmallows. Families are welcome. Patch included. Choice of dates: Thursday, December 4, 2008 or Friday, December 5, 2008 or Sunday, December 7, 2008

Time: 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Location: Camp Piperwood

Cost: \$5 per person

Registration: Open now - Friday, November 21, 2008

Must register through council!!

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 8th from 6 - 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: applesauce, canned fruit & fruit juices, crackers, flour, hot cocoa mix, oatmeal, paper towels, rice & rice mixes, 1-lb boxes of sugar. All non-perishables accepted....please NO glass jars!! Thank you for participating!

CPR/First Aid Courses

All CPR/First Aid courses listed in the calendar section are taught by Marlene Finkle and are held at her home at 24 Aconbury unless notified otherwise. Cost of the class is \$12 for materials.....you must pre-register by emailing her at mglende@rochester.rr.com **You need to sign up 2 weeks in advance and payment is due 2 weeks prior so she can order adequate supplies!**

Cookie Kickoff

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make both cookie kickoffs such a great success...special thanks to Gina Lord, Kathy Wacienga and Jackie Ray!!!

Older Girl Volunteer Opportunities

#1 What: Work at Celebrate Her-Story 2008
Where: Genesee Country Village & Museum
Number of Hours: 7 Service Hours
When: Saturday, October 25th, 2008
Arrival/Departure: 9:00 AM/4:00 PM
Appropriate Age Levels: **8th grade and up**

Opportunities:

Mad Hatter Tea Party - 3-5 girls
Ice House Race - 1-2 girls
Write a Letter - 1-2 girls
Craft Center - 1-3 girls
Games - 1-2 girls
Event Assistants - 4-8 girls
Campfire Program Leaders - 2-6 girls (late night Friday the 24th; could stay overnight)

Leaders' Responsibilities:

Accompany your girls to the event in appropriate Safety-Wise ratios
If your girls are in more than one location as volunteers, check on each of them periodically
Contact Necole if there are emergency situations, but allow the girls to advocate for themselves if non-emergency

What to Bring:

Dress for the weather, this is a rain-or-shine event
Bagged lunch - please use brown paper bags or baskets with covers since the museum is still open to the public

Contact: Necole Hurley 585-294-5055
caelasenvy@yahoo.com

#2 What: Helping finish baby quilts for the NICU at Strong made by a local quilting club
Where: St. Luke's Episcopal Church
When: November 8th; with Feb and May dates tba
Time: 2pm - ?

For more information/details etc...contact: Arika Reilly (a new Fairport Daisy leader!) at 425-3749 or by email at apecpper@rochester.rr.com

Email Address Changes

If you change your email address, be sure to notify Carol O'Donnell at fairportgirlscouts@frontiernet.net so you stay on the Fairport Service Unit mailing list. We email meeting reminders and other useful information from time to time.

Service Opportunity

Foodlink serves over 550 different programs throughout a ten-county area, distributing 6 million pounds of food each year. It takes a lot of work and they depend on volunteers to get it done. It's really a lot of fun...my troop has made it an annual tradition to spend a morning helping at Foodlink and then going out to lunch.

Hours they need volunteers are: Monday - Friday, from 8 am to 5 pm and on Saturdays from 9 am to noon. Groups generally come in for 2 to 3 hours. All groups need to be scheduled well in advance, esp. for Saturdays. If you have an especially large group, you may end up working on a variety of tasks.

Work opportunities for groups include:

Sorting Donated Product - Groups interested in working on the assembly line need to have at least 6 people, with at maximum of 14. Anyone age 12 and above can participate. This job involves standing and some lifting (up to 40 pounds). As long as your group has at least a few people who can lift, you can work on the assembly line. Groups may also end up sorting through fresh produce, if that's what we have at the time.

Sorting Crackers, Cookies, and Munchies - Groups of any size and any age can work on this. You will be sorting donated product into three categories. Some lifting (up to 15 pounds) and standing (you'll be moving around). This is a good activity for groups with children; there does need to be a proportionate number of adults involved to supervise and direct (at least one adult for every 6 children under the age of 12). This job is dependent on having an inventory of donated crackers and cookies.

Emptying Bottles of Water - Wegmans donated truckloads of past-date carbonated water to us, and we are emptying them for the nickel deposit (it adds up!). Kids love doing this (and many adults), and every group comes up with their own system for getting the work done. Groups of up to 15, age 5 and up, are welcome.

To volunteer, email John Baldanza at jbaldanza@foodlinkny.org or call him at 328-3380 ext. 149

Girl Scout National Convention

The 2008 Girl Scout Convention and National Council Session will take place in Indianapolis, Indiana at the Indiana Convention Center, 100 South Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46225 from **October 30 to November 2**, with more than 11,000 adult and girl members and nearly 200 exhibitors expected to attend. The National Council Session brings together individuals responsible for governance of the Girl Scout Movement: more than 1,800 voting members elected by Girl Scout councils and selected by USA Girl Scouts Overseas, members of the National Board of Directors and the National Nominating Committee, past presidents of GSUSA, and other persons elected by the National Council. They will review progress on the implementation of the core business strategy and make important policy decisions vital to the continued success of the Girl Scout Movement.

There are six proposals to be voted on. Every council is sending voting delegates and ours would like your opinions. To download the proposals, go to:

<http://www.gswny.org:80/nationalconv.html>

Click on download, review the proposals and then email your opinions to

fairportgirlscouts@frontiernet.net

Service Project Idea

Athletes at the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Idaho will be wrapped in a little handmade love, courtesy of knitters and crocheters across the country. Coats & Clark is sponsoring a project to provide each athlete with a scarf created in white (331) and delft blue (885) Red Heart® Super Saver® yarns.

The World Winter Games aim to give a scarf to each athlete, the delegates supporting them and various dignitaries who will be visiting the Games—and they need help to meet that mark. This is where Coats & Clark comes into the picture.

"We're thrilled to sponsor this project. Our goal is to see 5,000 scarves donated. It's a big number, but I'm confident we can do it," says Vicki Blizzard, media relations and special promotions director for Coats & Clark. "Knitters and crocheters are dedicated and generous and are known for rising to this type of challenge."

No special patterns or skills are required to create a scarf. Beginners, schools, scout troops and other local groups are actively encouraged to participate. "Our only rule," says Blizzard, "is that the scarves are knitted or crocheted by hand using delft blue (885) and white (311) Red Heart Super Saver yarn, because these colors perfectly match the Special Olympics logo and were chosen specifically by the World Winter Games organizers."

Coats is providing a knitted pattern and a crochet pattern but any pattern from basic stitches to complicated color-work and stitch patterns may be used. Personal notes from knitters and crocheters who want to send their best wishes to the athletes are encouraged and should be firmly attached to the scarves, which will be handed out before the Opening Ceremony.

The Special Olympics Scarf pattern can be found at:

<http://www.coatsandclark.com/Crafts/Crochet/Projects/Accessories/WR1704+Knit+and+Crochet+Special+Olympic+Scarves.htm>

Completed scarves must arrive by January 15, 2009, and should be sent to:

2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games Scarf Project
3150 West Main Street
Boise, Idaho 83702

Things to do on or near Founder's Day (Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday)

October 31st

1. Read a story about the life of our founder Juliette Gordon Low. Information is in the level handbooks. Younger girls can do the suggested activities in their handbooks. There are also several biographies available including "The Lady from Savannah" that are available for sale. Check your local library for other books.
2. Put on a play about Juliette Low's life. Work as a group to create the script, costumes, and props. Put the play on for a sister troop or another group.
3. Hold a party in Juliette Low's memory on or near her birthday, October 31.
4. Learn about the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund. For what purpose is it used? Make a donation to the fund in her memory.
5. Older Girl Scouts could view the video, "An Interview in Time." "Juliette Low" relates a fascinating story about how Girl Scouting started and why our organization is structured like it is. (Check with your council to see if they have a copy of the video available for loan.)
6. Play the Juliette Low Story activity below.
7. All age levels would enjoy watching the video "The Golden Eaglet", the first commercial movie produced for the Girl Scouts. It is introduced by Juliette Low and shows how the program provided valuable skills for girls. The video is available for loan from our council library. Because it is a silent movie with background music, adults working with younger girls might need to read the script pages for their girls.
8. Join GreenBlood Traditions Yahoo Group. Go to the files section and open the folders about JGL and the JL World Friendship Fund...lots of ideas there, too

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/greenbloodtraditions>

THE STORY OF JULIETTE LOW

Divide your girls into eight groups.

Sound Effects:

LITTLE GIRLS _____ Stand and giggle
JULIETTE LOW _____ Curtsy and say, "Be my friend."
GEORGIA (STATE OF) _____ Say, "Hi, ya'll!"
HORSES _____ Say, "Neigh-h-h."
LORD BADEN-POWELL _____ Bow formally and say, "How do you do?"
LONDON _____ Sing "London Bridge is Falling Down"
BOY SCOUTS _____ Make the Girl Scout sign, say, "Be prepared."
GIRL SCOUTS _____ Sing the first line of "Girl Scouts Together"

As the story is read, each time one of the words listed above is said, the girls should stand up and make the sound effect assigned to their section.

Once upon a time there was a girl named **JULIETTE LOW** who lived in **GEORGIA** and loved to ride **HORSES**. After she grew up, she went to **LONDON** where she met **LORD BADEN-POWELL** who founded the **BOY SCOUTS**. She was fascinated by the work he was doing. She studied with him awhile and decided to make a group of **GIRL SCOUTS** in **GEORGIA** for her little friends who liked to ride **HORSES** and do other useful and fun things. So **JULIETTE LOW** said goodbye to the **BOY SCOUTS** in **LONDON** and came home to America with the idea that **LORD BADEN-POWELL** gave her. She formed a group of **LITTLE GIRLS** into a troop of **GIRL SCOUTS**. They loved it so much that the idea spread and now there are troops all over the world.

Aren't we glad that a (speed it up here) **LITTLE GIRL** named **JULIETTE LOW** from **GEORGIA** who liked **HORSES**, grew up and went to **LONDON** and met **LORD BADEN-POWELL**, founder of the **BOY SCOUTS**, came home to start the wonderful world of **GIRL SCOUTS**!

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