

THE DABBLER

Issue 1

September 2009

Calendar

September

- 22nd - Recruitment Night; 7pm at PCC
- 22nd - Troop Camping I-planning session**
- 23rd - Troop Camping II-planning session**
- 28th - New Leader Training; Location TBA, 6:30 pm
- 28th - Troop Camping I-planning session**

October

- 1st - Older Girl Cookie Kickoff: Hot Shots, 6:30
- 2nd - Daisy/Brownie/Junior Cookie Kickoff
- 3rd - Cookie Sale Begins; 10am
- 14th - Service Unit Meeting; 7pm
- 17th - CPR & First Aid Class; 9am-?
- 24th - Daisy/Brownie Fall Fun Fest

November

- 7th - Junior Theater Badge Day
- 11th - Service Unit Meeting; 7pm
- 21st - CPR & First Aid Class; 9am-?
- 21st - Brownie Try-it Day

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

Please note - for all Outdoor Training you **must pre-register through council...see sheet in troop folder for complete details.

Finance News

We want to welcome Sandy Coon as our new Service Unit Finance person. Sandy is taking over for Helene Chmiel, but Helene will still be around to answer questions as needed. Many of you have Helene as a signer on your bank accounts, this is fine...there is no need to change right now. For complete finance details, see the finance handout provided in your troop folder.

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. 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.

Cookie Parent Reminder!!

If you have not done so already, please email Beth & John Werner at fairportcookies@gmail.com with the following information:

- Troop number
- # of girls in troop
- Age level
- Leader Name/s
- Leader phone
- Cookie parent's names
- Cookie parent's phone #

2010 Thinking Day Postcard Exchange

The 2010 Thinking Day Postcard Exchange is ready to begin. This is a wonderful opportunity for Scouts and Guides to learn about their sister and brother scouts around the world. Check out the website and join them for the 13th year of the program.... <http://mythinkingday.com/>

Scouting Links Newsletter

A great resource for leaders...this newsletter has over 4000 subscribers. To subscribe, send an email to Katie Baron, the editor at scoutinglinks@nac.net. Please note in the subject line...Scouting Links Newsletter so she doesn't think it's spam. Lots of resources and ideas!

Troop T-shirt Idea

Need troop t-shirt...for field trips, troop meeting or for camporee? Here's a neat idea: First take a solid color t-shirt. Works best with a darker color like dark blue, purple, dark green or red. Get alphabet fun foam stickers and put the girl's name on the shirt. Then hang up on a line outside and spritz with a solution of 1 part bleach to 2 parts water. Don't saturate. Let dry in the sun, then remove the letter stickers and take home to wash. The effect is to have all shades of the original color depending on how much spritz gets on each area. Plus the name is on the shirt in the original darker color. You could also attach fun foam stickers in different themed shapes depending on when you'll be wearing the shirts.

Shamrock 5K at the Univ. of Rochester

On Saturday, September 26, 2009 Kappa Delta will be hosting the Shamrock 5K at the University of Rochester. Sisters will be volunteering while members from the community, as well as our college, run the race! We would like to extend an invitation to any troops interested in helping us volunteer (cheering runners, handing out drinks, etc.), during which time Kappa Deltas and Girl Scouts can exchange stories about what community service we do and why we love helping our communities. If interested, please contact Katie Mlejnkova kmlejnko@u.rochester.edu for more information.

Registration News

We will NOT be holding an open registration night this year as returning girls should have re-registered in the spring. Please contact the service unit registrar, Laurie Masood at 425-8721 or by emailing her at Imasood1@rochester.rr.com to make an appointment to turn in paperwork for new troops, new girls or returning girls who did not re-register in the spring.

If you need registration forms, you can print them by going to the council website at www.gswny.org and clicking on Adults and then on Forms Library. Registration costs are \$16/girl and \$12/adult.

In order for girls to participate in the door-to-door cookie sale, the SU registrar must have their forms & money by September 30th. Girls registering after that will only be eligible to participate in troop booth sales and goal getter orders.

Council Resources

Here are two great resources for every leader and co-leader!
#1—"We're Listening" is a one page Q & A that gets emailed to leaders. It answers questions frequently asked of GSWNY
#2 - The "Girl Program Guide 2009-2010" titled "If you can dream it...You can do it!". Each troop will be receiving a copy tonight.

Both of these can be also found on-line at www.gswny.org, click on the News tab and then on Publications.

Service Opportunity!

Clare Bridge Living Center on Sully's Trail is looking for Girl Scout troops who would like to have some fun with the seniors who live at their community. Recreation Director Tim Anderson is hoping to get girls who will play bingo or cards, maybe do a simple craft, or just come and keep some of these people company. Tim can be reached at 249-9990 or at tanderson1@brookdaleliving.com

**Fairport Baptist Home + Your Troop =
Fantastic Community Service Opportunity!**

All age levels of Girl Scouts benefit from time spent with Fairport's senior citizens. Girl Scouts can complete activities towards a try-it, badge, interest project, perform for, spend time with or make something for/with our local residents year round! The possibilities are endless...

Please contact Traci Labash at NLabash@aol.com or call before 9pm at 425-2005.

Using our Resources Wisely

The following items are available for your troop to borrow throughout the year. Please contact Kathy Wacienga at kwac@rochester.rr.com or 223-1762 to make arrangements.

- Lemmi Sticks
- Girl Scout Cookie Jeopardy
- Kim's game – recommend 5th grade & up
- Parachute
- Safety glasses
- Spray bottles
- All American Music CD (Star Spangled Banner, Taps & more words)
- Girl Scout Song books
- The Worst-case Scenario Survival Game – board game for ages 8 and up
- Math Whiz badge materials

Tax Exempt Forms

A copy of the GSWNY Council tax exempt form has been provided to you in the finance packet you'll find in your troop folder.

The Girl Scouts is a tax exempt organization, please use your tax exempt form. It will save your troop from having to pay sales tax on purchases.

2010 DESTINATIONS & GETAWAYS

There's a world outside your window, just waiting for you to explore it. Girl Scout *destinations* is your passport to travel!

Destinations travel adventures, which range from two days to three weeks and are for all Girl Scouts ages 11–17, whisk you to the far corners of the Earth. You'll meet remarkable girls, develop leadership skills, gain confidence, and enjoy valuable learning opportunities. You will have the most awesome, outrageous, unforgettable trip of your life! To see the 2010 offerings, go to:

[http://www.studio2b.org/escape/destinations/
event_list.asp?catid=0](http://www.studio2b.org/escape/destinations/event_list.asp?catid=0)

Congratulations!

In case you were unable to attend the Fairport Bridging Ceremony on May 31st, Cindy Odom, CEO of GSWNY attended the event. She congratulated all of the Fairport Girl Scouts that were bridging to the next level and presented Laurie Masood with the council Appreciation Pin. Next time you see Laurie, be sure to thank her for all her hard work for the service unit and wish her congrats!

Volunteers Needed!

Troop need service hours??

Terri McDonald is chairing the JA Hoedown again this year and is looking for Girl Scouts that would like to volunteer to run games or one of the other events at the Hoedown on Friday, Oct. 16th from 5:30-9. The shifts can be shorter if needed, Girl Scout should be in 5th grade or higher.

To volunteer, email Terri at tmc dona5@rochester.rr.com

Troop File Box

If for some reason, you or a parent from your troop cannot make it to a service unit meeting...it happens, we're all busy...and you're looking for the Dabbler and other paperwork you missed...you'll find the box on Laurie Masood's front porch at 31 Kings Lacey Way. Stop by any time the week following the service unit meeting and pick up your stuff!