



What Girl Scouts are Doing

November 2009

Scout Day at Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge

December 5th in Nampa

Join us for the final day of the season for this great activity! Brownies and Junior Girl Scouts will complete fun and educational wildlife-related badges. For more details click here:

<http://www.girlscouts-ssc.org/Portals/14/scoutdaysflyer.pdf>.

The “Nutcracker”

December 17th in Eagle

A special full-dress rehearsal performance is reserved for Girl Scouts! Attending this performance will fulfill **Activity #2** of the Girl Scout Brownie “Dancercize” Try-It and **Activity #4** of the Girl Scout Junior “Dance”

Badge. Check out the event flyer: <http://www.girlscouts-ssc.org/Portals/14/Nut%2009%20GS%20Invite%20Flyer%20Oct%2009.pdf>.

Christmas Tree Lighting

December 4th in Idaho Falls

Join your fellow Girl Scouts for a Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting event. Girl Scouts will lead the Encore Caroling through the downtown area. Over 150 girls have already signed up! Check out the event flyer:

<http://www.girlscouts-ssc.org/Portals/14/Christmas%20Tree%20Lighting%202009.pdf>.

Girl Scouts Green Book Cafe - Virtual Book Club

A Council-Wide On-Going Event

The book, **Dreamland**, by Sarah Dessen is about a young girl, Caitlin, who falls in love with an abusive guy and how this unhealthy relationship affects Caitlin and her family. This book club will be a great opportunity to read and learn about how important it is to have the knowledge of what a healthy relationship looks like, feels like, and sounds like. For more information, click here: <http://www.girlscouts-ssc.org/girls/eventsforgirls.aspx#virtual>.

Celebrating 100 Years of Girl Scouting

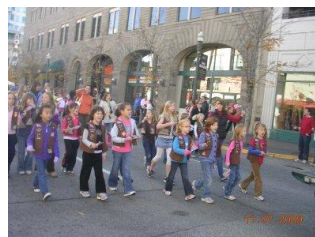
Spectacular events for Girl Guides, Girl Scouts, and volunteers are happening all over the world in 2010 in anticipation of our 100 year anniversary (in 2012). Girls interested in the [Girl Guiding UK Centennial Camp](#) can apply through Destinations at: www.studio2b.com. Groups or troops interested in any of the [2010 Centenary Celebrations](#) can apply directly to the event. For applications that require the International Commissioners stamp or questions, please email globalgirlscouting@girlscouts.org.

Teen Advisory Committee

The Teen Advisory Committee (TAC) is a group of Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors from all over Silver Sage Council who meet monthly to cultivate new ideas and provide a girl's voice for our council. For more information and a great article from TAC co-president Ashton Lupton, visit: <http://girlscouts-ssc.org/girls/tacteenadvisorycommittee.aspx>.

Girl Scouts Participate in a Veteran's Day Parade

Forty Girl Scouts from Service Unit #75 participated in a Veteran's Day Parade in downtown Boise. They received lots of cheers and applause along the route, the weather was nice and it was a fun learning experience for the girls. Brownie Troop #76 included this as one of their activities for the Citizen Near and Far Try-It.



Camp & The Great Outdoors

Outdoor activity inspires youth to not only be more active, both physically and mentally, but also nurtures the development of a sense of place and a respect for the land. One way Girl Scouts of Silver Sage offers this experience is through the camp programs at both of our incredible resident camp properties -- **Camp Alice Pittenger** and **Pine Creek Ranch**. We are in the early stages of putting together our specific programs for the 2010 camp season. For a general preview, click here: <http://www.girlscouts-ssc.org/Portals/14/2010%20Camp.pdf>. And, we would love to hear your ideas for camp programs. Send your ideas to Mary Carlson at: mcarlson@girlscouts-ssc.org.

The 2010 Cookie Program

Cookie season is approaching! We have our seasonal Cookie web page up and running where you will find information on all things cookies! Click here: <http://girlscouts-ssc.org/cookies.aspx>.

We are excited to announce a completely revamped Cookie Training Program for 2010. Training is for Troop Leaders, Troop Cookie Managers, and Service Unit Cookie Managers.

See details on the Cookie Training page at: <http://girlscouts-ssc.org/Portals/14/Cookies/Training.pdf>.



Our new "Volunteer Guide for a Successful Cookie Season", along with Little Brownie Baker Activity Kits and order forms, will be delivered to Service Units by late November.

If you are interested in becoming a Troop Cookie Manager or other cookie helper, talk with your Troop Leader. For information on the Troop Cookie Manager position, have a look at the Troop Cookie Contract which provides a high-level summary of the position. You can find that here: <http://girlscouts-ssc.org/cookies/contractsforms.aspx>.

Girl Scout Program Resources

Outcome Surveys

Outcome Surveys help us stay in touch with how girls are doing in Girl Scouting, providing us valuable information that supports us in ensuring a quality Girl Scout experience as the organization changes and grows. Troop Leaders, please complete the pre-surveys and send them to the Boise office by January 15th. Everything you need is here: <http://www.girlscouts-ssc.org/volunteers/outcomesurveys.aspx>. If you have any questions, contact your Membership Representative. **Thank you for your help with this!**

Interest Project Updates

Requirements have changed for Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Interest Projects. Visit this site http://www.studio2b.org/lounge/gs_stuff/ip_intro_whatabout.asp to browse through the new requirements.

Placement of Journey Awards on Uniforms

Visit this link: <http://store.girlscouts-ssc.org/store/content/73/Girl-Scout-Uniforms/> to see the placement of all awards and emblems for each grade level.

Highest Awards FAQs

By now many of you have checked out the new guidelines for the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards (find the links here <http://www.girlscouts-ssc.org/girls/goldsilverbronze.aspx> that will connect you to the information at Girl Scouts of the USA). For more information, please check out the FAQ's found here: http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_central/insignia/highest_awards/faq.html. If you have additional questions after reviewing the requirements and the FAQs, drop us a line at: programchat@girlscouts-ssc.org.

Destination Promotion Packets

This is the time of year for girls to be planning ahead to go on GSUSA *Destinations* around the country! We have developed a workshop packet that includes applications, dates, planning steps, and preparation ideas for girls who want to travel on *Destinations* this year. This workshop packet was designed to be hosted by troops, Service Units, or other volunteer groups to inform parents, girls, and troop leaders about *Destination* opportunities. Email programchat@girlscouts-ssc.org to request a packet.

Comfort Kits

Comfort Kits is a program where girls collect items each month and then gather them all together into a backpack that goes directly to children in need. This is a great program for any area of our council. So far we have Comfort Kit programs in Boise and new programs starting in Washington, Malheur, and Payette counties. If you are interested in starting a Comfort Kits program in your area, please contact us at programchat@girlscouts-ssc.org.

Program Chat

If you have any questions about Girl Scout Program, send your questions to programchat@girlscouts-ssc.org. Your questions will help us know where to put our efforts in developing program information and resources to support you in your work with girls.

Training Opportunities

Facilitating Journeys and the Girl Scout Leadership Experience

Learn how to use the new journey resources and how to apply the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to everything we do. Great for new and returning leaders. Upcoming training dates are:

- Idaho Falls on November 14th
- Twin Falls on November 14th
- Boise on November 14th
- Boise on December 5th
- Pocatello on December 12th -- TENTATIVE
- Nampa on December 5th -- TENTATIVE

Please review the Course #203 details on the **Training** page of our council website for the latest on training dates and locations: <http://www.girlscouts-ssc.org/volunteers/training.aspx>

Cookie Training

The cookie training team goes on the road to train Troop Leaders, Troop Cookie Managers, and Service Unit Managers throughout council in the following cities:

- Nampa on December 7th
- Twin Falls on December 8th
- Idaho Falls on December 9th
- Pocatello on December 10th
- Meridian on December 11th

For cookie training date, time, location, and agenda details, click here: <http://girlscouts-ssc.org/Portals/14/Cookies/Training.pdf>

Winter Camping (Course #405)

Registration is now open for the **Winter Camping** course scheduled for January 8th through 10th, 2010 at Camp Alice Pittenger. In this course, you will learn the basics of camping in the winter and using our incredible McCall camp facility so that you can plan a winter camping trip with your older girls. If you have any questions or are ready to register, contact us at: adultlearning@girlscouts-ssc.org

CPR/First Aid

Although CPR/First Aid is required for all travel and camping trips, it is recommended that the leader or co-leader be CPR/FA-certified for troop meetings as well, especially if girls will be engaging in any activities with the potential for injury. Many great resources exist in every community for CPR/FA certification, including Red Cross, American Heart Association, as well as wellness centers, universities, and fire stations. We have some of these resources listed on our **Training** page under Course #501 at: <http://www.girlscouts-ssc.org/volunteers/training.aspx>. We would love your help in continuing to build our list of options, so let us know of good CPR/FA class resources in your area: adultlearning@girlscouts-ssc.org.

Council Activities

Association Meetings

We want to thank all of you who attended the Association Meetings in October. We know that your time is precious and we really appreciate your participation!

Dollar Per Girl

For every girl registered by December 1st, your Service Unit earns a dollar. Assist your Service Unit by getting all of your girls registered. Registration forms must be in the Boise Office by December 1st to qualify. Talk with your Service Unit Director or Membership Representative if you have any questions.

Adult Recognitions

December 15th is the deadline to submit nominations for Council Recognitions. A description of these awards and details on the nomination process can be found in the **Adult Recognitions Handbook** here:

<http://www.girlscouts-ssc.org/volunteers/adultrecognitions.aspx>.

Women of Today and Tomorrow

On November 2, 2009, twelve women were celebrated as the 2009 Women of Today and Tomorrow honorees at the awards luncheon in Boise. The honorees represented women who have made a difference in our community through volunteerism, public relations, education, the arts, environmentalism, and philanthropy across the state of Idaho. It was a well attended event, helping to raise money to benefit Girl Scout programs throughout Silver Sage Council. To see a beautiful picture of the honorees, visit:

<http://www.girlscouts-ssc.org/womenoftodayandtomorrow.aspx>

Volunteer Partnership

We will be mailing our annual giving letter to all members, parents, and caregivers to give everyone who is able the opportunity to contribute financially to assist us in continuing our service to girls. We are so fortunate to have the most precious gift already – your time. With the economic downturn, we are seeing an increased need to subsidize our programs and provide more financial aid to those in need. With the contributions of time, treasure, and talent, we can serve every girl who comes our way! Click here to visit our online donation page:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=599003

Annual Council Meeting 2010

Our Annual Council Meeting is returning to Sun Valley! The meeting will take place at the beautiful Sun Valley Resort April 30th through May 1st. We are working on the details, and will have more to say in the December newsletter. Save the date!

Phifanella's* Corner (the Girl Scout Store)

Inventory Blow-Out Sale

When: Saturday, December 12th, noon to 4 pm

Where: Boise and Idaho Falls locations

What: Special discounts on regularly priced in-stock items. Discounts will not be available on backorders

Birthday Club

Join “Phifanella’s Corner Birthday Club” and let us help you celebrate your birthday! Girls will receive a coupon for 10% off of one regularly priced item during their birthday month beginning this Girl Scout year, (October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010) . Coupons can be used in either Boise or Idaho Falls locations. This coupon will arrive to birthday recipients via e-mail, so make sure to include girl’s e-mail address when filling out the form. Stop by either location and fill out a Birthday Club card, or e-mail Jeannie Pattan at jpattan@girlscouts-ssc.org (with the girl’s name, address, e-mail address, and birth date). Phifanella’s Corner Birthday Club is open to current Girl Scouts, age 18 and younger.

Holiday Shopping

Need some Holiday shopping ideas? We have some great gift items for girls and adults: sweatshirts, water bottles, Klutz craft books, bags, jewelry and much more. Visit our store at: <http://store.girlscouts-ssc.org/store/>. And, we have Gift Certificates! Gift Certificates can be purchased online or in our stores and are great not only for Christmas gifts, but also for Birthdays and Leader Thank You’s, or to support your favorite girl in going to camp in the summer.

** Phifanella is the camp fairy who lives in the big rock at Camp Alice Pittenger. She helps girls when they are homesick and teaches them manners.*

Happy Thanksgiving!



See you next month!