

LEADER CONNECTIONS

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LEADER APPRECIATION DAY – APRIL 22

April 22, 2010, is the day we set aside to say thank you to our leaders and volunteers for the service they give to the Girl Scout Program. GSNCA is very thankful for our many volunteers who give so much of themselves.

The Green Angel Poem honors the countless volunteer hours devoted to making Girl Scouting the wonderful program that it is. Thanks to all our Green Angels!

Girl Scouting – Green Angel Poem

I dreamed I went to heaven and saw among the dead,
An angel dressed in green, a halo 'round her head.

And she looked kind of funny, midst all the glaring white.
The others asked her jealously what gave her such a right.

I'm a Girl Scout Leader and I lay no hold to fame,
but being such a person means more than just a name.

My jobs on earth were many, praise and thanks were few.
I did more work in one day than 10 people ought to do.

I was a tin can cooker, a hiker, a pathfinder,
I've also been an artist, a sailor, a bookbinder.

I taught jumping jills to dance, I taught parrots to sing,
I made saints out of hoodlums, while mama had her fling.

I walked the streets 'till my feet felt like a ton of bricks,
Helping sell Girl Scout Cookies 'till the mere thought made me sick.

But still it was a lot of fun, life was never a bore,
See... the role isn't new to me... I've been a Green Angel before!

—Author Unknown

ADULT LEARNING

WHAT ARE GREEN LEAVES AND HOW DO I EARN THEM?

Have you seen a Girl Scout volunteer wearing a gold pin with an owl and little green leaves hanging from it? That's the Leadership Development Pin with Green Leaves. Volunteers may earn the Leadership Development Pin by:

- ▶ completing one successful year in the position of troop leader, assistant troop leader or group coordinator
- ▶ completing required training for the position
- ▶ demonstrating competency in the position
- ▶ demonstrating that you actively recognize, understand and practice the values of inclusive behavior

What are those Green Leaves all about? Think of them as Girl Scout CEUs (Continuing Education Units). Each leaf represents 10 hours of enrichment course work that enhances your leadership skills and can be used directly with the girls to help them develop leadership skills. Silver and Gold Leaves are available for 50

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and 250 CEUs. Courses such as Knots & Orienteering, Ceremonies, Troop Trip Planning and Archery are designated in the Program Planner as Green Leaf courses. And you can count courses you complete outside of Girl Scouting, for example:

- ▶ a photography class at the local camera shop
- ▶ a beading workshop at a craft store
- ▶ a personal finance or Web design course at a community college

All you need to do to receive these recognitions is to provide documentation of completed courses using the Leadership Development application, and submit it to your Service Unit Manager or Community Development Manager who may recommend you for recognition. The application for this recognition is on the Council Web site. Current prices are: \$5.15 for the Leadership Development Pin and \$1.95 for each Green, Silver or Gold Leaf.

GSNCA WAGGGS INTEREST GROUP**World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)**

Many troops learned about WAGGGS while participating in Thinking Day. With 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from 145 countries across the world, the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts is the largest voluntary movement dedicated to girls and young women in the world.

The World Association supports girls and young women to develop their full potential as responsible citizens of the world. We focus on leadership development and active citizenship. These are delivered through our innovative global education and community and advocacy programs.



You might ask, "What do each of the symbols on the pin of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts stand for?"

- ▶ The gold circle around the edge symbolizes the sun that shines on children all over the world.
- ▶ The blue background symbolizes the sky above us, all over the world.
- ▶ The gold trefoil is the sign of Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding around the world. The three parts of the trefoil stand for the three parts of the Promise.
- ▶ The star on the left, the same side as our heart, stands for the pledge that all Girl Scouts and Girl Guides try, on their honor, to keep—the Promise.
- ▶ The right star, on the side of a helping hand, stands for the Girl Guide and Girl Scout code of conduct—the GG/GS Law.
- ▶ We place a compass needle in the center to serve as a guide pointing towards the right way in life.
- ▶ At the base of the trefoil, we place the flame. Its burning represents love for humanity and international friendship.

GSNCA is forming a WAGGGS Interest Group to develop Council programs focused on educating our membership about WAGGGS. If you are interested in participating in this group (adults and older girls, grades 9-12), please contact Rhonda Lambert at rlambert@girlscoutsnca.org.

GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTH-CENTRAL ALABAMA CAMPS**Camp Anderel**

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Rogersville, AL 35652
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Camp Gertrude Coleman

4010 Camp Coleman Road
Trussville, AL 35173
T (205) 655-3782 or (866) 882-3572
F (205) 655-5602

Camp Cottaquilla

2500 Cottaquilla Road
Anniston, AL 36207
T (256) 237-2825 or (800) 677-2247 ext. 14

Kanawahala Program Center (KPC)

831 Girl Scout Road
Chelsea, AL 35043
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F (205) 678-8679

Camp Tombigbee

6206 Ala. Hwy. 39
Boligee, AL 35443 (Mt. Hebron)
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Camp Trico

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IT BEGINS WITH ME!

What is Family Giving?

Family Giving is an opportunity for parents and other family members to support Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama. Each Family Giving contribution helps provide the necessary funding to continue the Girl Scout Program in our communities.

Each contribution, however large or small, makes Girl Scout activities and programs available for a family's own Girl Scout, as well as other girls in our communities. The contribution also creates ownership in Girl Scouting and helps families develop greater pride in the success of the program.



What does the money pay for?

Contributions from Family Giving are a key component of our Council's budget. Below are some examples of how Family Giving contributions help our girls:

- ▶ Low cost Council-wide events
- ▶ Scholarships for girls and adults needing assistance
- ▶ Training and materials for adult volunteers
- ▶ Maintenance of our camps and service centers
- ▶ Girl and adult recruitment materials

What is your role as a Girl Scout troop leader?

We ask that you support the Family Giving Campaign by offering your girls' parents and family members the opportunity to support Girl Scouts and our Council with a gift. Please ensure that each family is given the materials. You have the most direct contact with the parents. You set the example, and your enthusiasm for supporting the Council will spread to them.

Please send a Family Giving flyer home with your girls to give their parents to make a donation. Every girl will get a Family Giving patch if her family participates. As an exciting incentive, with 100% participation, the service unit will be entered in a drawing for a free two-night stay at camp (use of facilities not including activities). As you add new girls to your troop, please remember to give their families the opportunity to participate in Family Giving by sending the materials home with the girls.

If you have any questions, contact your Service Unit Manager or GSNCA Family Giving Coordinator, Julie Carter, at (205) 980-4750 or (800) 734-4541 ext. 130 or jcarter@girlscoutsnca.org.

OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

CAMP SPOTLIGHT: KANAWAHALA PROGRAM CENTER

Spring Open House – Sunday, May 2, 2010, 2-4 p.m.

Kanawahala Program Center (KPC) encompasses approximately 600 acres of wooded hills and valleys loaded with hiking and biking trails. With its 45-acre private lake, KPC is perfect for campers who love water activities such as pedal-boating, canoeing, kayaking and pontoon boat rides. Jump into fun on our lake trampoline or catapult and slide! Enjoy a dip in our junior Olympic-sized swimming pool. Our outdoor educational programs include: archery, a 35-foot climbing tower with attached high and low ropes course, orienteering, biking, riflery, educational programming and more.

The modern conference center building overlooks Lake Alice and houses a very large air-conditioned dining room, the camp trading post store, commercial



KPC Spotlight *(continued)*

kitchen facilities, archery and crafts program areas, a covered area for activities and rainy day events, a storm shelter and the camps health-care facilities. Day campers stay at the conference center during the day and overnight campers stay in air-conditioned dorm-style bunk-houses with adjoining bathrooms. KPC is conveniently located just off Highway 280 in Chelsea and is accredited by the American Camp Association® (ACA). We have been serving children for more than 33 years and over 8,500 people attended KPC in 2009.

Our summer camp programs include: Day Camp for boys and girls, ages 5 to 12; as well as Resident/Overnight Camp for girls; Mom & Me/Family Camps and Troop Overnight Adventures. We also host family picnics, church groups, family reunions, wedding receptions, birthday parties and corporate picnics.

For more information, contact Camp Director Terri (Sky) Knowles at (205) 678-8843 or (866) 457-4590, or tknowles@girlscoutsnca.org.

**CAMP TOMBIGBEE IS REOPENING
FOR SERVICE UNITS AND TROOPS – APRIL 2, 2010**

To make a reservation, contact Kay Henderson, Camp Director:
Office (256) 237-2825 or (800) 677-2247 ext. 14 or cell (205) 792-0229,
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PROGRAM UPDATES

April Program Registration Deadline Reminders:

GIRL PROGRAMS	Program Date	Program Planner Page	Grade Level	Location	Registration Deadline
Go Green	April 17	30	ALL	Huntsville, Anniston, Florence, Gadsden	April 7
Kid's Café <i>*NEW*</i>	April 17	<i>(description p. 5)</i>	DB	Birmingham	April 7
Mirror Mirror – Debunking the Beauty Myth	April 18	31	C	Tuscaloosa	April 7
Under the Stars	April 23-24	31	J	Birmingham	April 9
Girl Scouts Shape Up	April 24	31	ALL	Fort Payne, Randolph Co.	April 4
Textiles & Sewing/Colors & Shapes	April 24	31	DB	Gadsden	April 9
Go Green (Environmental)	April 24	31	J	Gadsden	April 9
Go Green! Earth Day Event at Arboretum	April 24	31	BJC	Tuscaloosa	April 14
Daisy Day <i>*NEW*</i>	April 24	<i>(description p. 5)</i>	D	Sylacauga	April 16
Sipsey Wilderness Day Hike <i>*NEW*</i>	April 24	<i>(description p. 5)</i>	SA	Bankhead National Forest	April 14
Earth Day at The Garden <i>*NEW*</i>	April 25	<i>(description p. 5)</i>	ALL	Birmingham	N/A
Birmingham Barons Game	April 30	32 <i>(see March LC)</i>	ALL	Birmingham	April 28
Eco Event <i>*NEW*</i>	May 1	<i>(description p. 5)</i>	ALL	Birmingham	April 14
Growing Up Female	May	*CANCELLED*			

Girl Program Updates *(continued)*

GIRL PROGRAMS	Program Date	Program Planner Page	Grade Level	Location	Registration Deadline
Daisy Day	May 1	32	D	Huntsville, Gadsden, Winston Co.	April 21
Dauphin Island Sea Lab Excursion 2	May 7-8	32 <i>(see note p. 6)</i>	Grades 7 & up	Dauphin Island	April 23
Wetland Neighbors	May 8	32	J	Gadsden	April 23
Pamper Me! You & Me	May 15	32	DBJ	Gadsden, Huntsville, Birmingham, Anniston, Tuscaloosa, Randolph Co.	April 30

NEW OR CHANGED GIRL PROGRAMS**Kid's Café *NEW PROGRAM****Saturday, April 17, 2010**Time:* 10-11:30 a.m., Daisies & Brownies; 12:30-2 p.m., Juniors*Location:* Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, 1114 Oxmoor Rd., Birmingham, Family Recreation Center*Grade level:* Daisies, Brownies, Juniors*Min/max:* 15/15*Cost:* \$13 per girl, includes apron, recipes and tasty treats*Registration deadline:* April 7, 2010

A fun and educational activity led by a registered dietitian. Each girl will be taught kitchen basics that will help her learn to express herself through healthy cooking, learn safe ways to prepare delicious and healthy meals, and learn about nutrition by making wholesome food. Girls will earn badges. Please bring a canned good for the community food drive. Program provided by Element Health, Inc.

Sipsey Wilderness Day Hike *NEW PROGRAM**Saturday, April 24, 2010**Time:* 8 a.m.-4 p.m.*Location:* Bankhead National Forest*Grade level:* Seniors, Ambassadors*Min/max:* 8/16*Cost:* \$15 per girl*Registration deadline:* April 14, 2010

This hike is a progression to an overnight backpacking trip to follow. The University of Alabama Recreation Outdoor Programs will coordinate this program and transport the girls with a guide from the University of Alabama (in Tuscaloosa) to the forest. Participants will hike to a waterfall and have a sack lunch and return to the University late afternoon. For more information, contact Debbie LeBron at (205) 759-5421 or (800) 447-5755 ext. 12, or dlebron@girlscoutsnc.org.

Daisy Day *NEW PROGRAM**Saturday, April 24, 2010**Time:* 9 a.m.-Noon*Location:* First Presbyterian Church, Sylacauga*Grade level:* Daisies

Daisy Day *(continued)***Min/max:** 10/25**Cost:** \$6 per girl; adults free; includes snack**Registration deadline:** April 16, 2010

Have fun learning about Girl Scouts. Activities include making a Girl Scout Law bracelet, Daisy paper dolls, Daisy yarn bug, and more to help girls learn about being a Daisy Girl Scout. Games, songs and a snack will be included in the program event.

Earth Day at The Garden *NEW PROGRAM***Sunday, April 25, 2010****Time:** 1-5 p.m.**Location:** Birmingham Botanical Gardens**Grade level:** ALL**Cost:** Free

This April, the world celebrates 40 years of Earth Day and The Gardens plans to be a part of the festivities. Activities include the Roaming Dome (a traveling planetarium from Huntsville's Sci-Quest Hands-on Science Center), local environmental groups, music, food and more. Girl Scouts can also volunteer for this event; contact Mary-Bestor Tickle, volunteer coordinator, at (205) 414-3962 or mtickle@bbgardens.org. See Web site: www.bbgardens.org/earth-day.

Eco Event *NEW PROGRAM***Saturday, May 1, 2010****Time:** 9:30 a.m.-Noon**Location:** Southern Environmental Center, Birmingham-Southern College**Grade level:** All**Min/max:** 20/50**Cost:** \$5 per participant**Registration deadline:** April 14, 2010

Visit The Interactive Museum (TIM) with hands-on exhibits such as EcoScape, which provides a unique focus on water issues, and make jewelry from recycled items.

Council's destinations Trip: Cadettes – Savannah *NEW PROGRAM***Monday, May 31-Thursday, June 3, 2010****Time:** TBA**Grade level:** Cadettes only**Min/max:** 30/47**Cost:** \$185 per girl; adult leaders \$190 with 4 to a room or \$250 semi-private room**Registration deadline:** May 14, 2010. Full cost required at that time.

***If registering early, deposit of one-half of the fees is required with registration paperwork. A \$25 administrative fee will be charged for cancellations made after registration deadline.**

Travel by motor coach from Birmingham to Savannah. Cost includes: transportation, accommodations for three nights at the Quality Inn, continental breakfasts at hotel, four lunches, pizza party at pool, historic Savannah carriage tour, Tybee Island, Dolphin Cruise, Lighthouse Tour, Juliette Gordon Low's Birthplace, Creepy Stroll haunted tour, visit to Laurel Grove Cemetery and more. Bring extra money for souvenirs and other activities. Contact Debbie LeBron for more information at (205) 759-5421 or (800) 447-5755 ext. 12, or dlebron@girlscoutsnc.org.

NEW OR CHANGED GIRL PROGRAMS *(continued)***Council's destinations Trip: Pier 2 *NEW PROGRAM*
(Pier 2 Sleepover, Cruise on the Southern Belle Riverboat, Visit Tennessee Aquarium)***Sunday-Monday, June 6-7, 2010**Location:* Chattanooga, Tennessee*Grade level:* Juniors & Cadettes*Min/max:* 45/90

Cost: \$100 per participant, includes: overnight on the Pier 2, dinner, snack, breakfast; riverboat cruise; Tennessee Aquarium, lunch, snack and a T-shirt; transportation provided by GSNCA

Registration deadline: May 14, 2010.

Don't be a swashbuckler! Sleepover on Pier 2 dockside boat. Before boarding the Southern Belle Riverboat for a moonlight cruise, we will have dinner in the Texas Room. After dinner we will store our gear, then settle in for a movie and a snack. Lights out at midnight! After breakfast we're off to the Tennessee Aquarium, the highest-rated aquarium in the USA. Bring a sleeping bag, pillow and change of clothes (no showers). You will receive a packet of information after registering. For more information, contact Beth Gable at (256) 543-8033 or (800) 243-1526 ext. 104, or bgable@girlscoutsnca.org.

**Council's destinations Trip: Savannah, Here We Come
*GRADE LEVEL CHANGE & DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS****Wednesday-Saturday, June 9-12, 2010**Time:* TBA*Grade level:* Seniors & Ambassadors only*Min/max:* 14/47

Cost: \$185 per girl, adult leaders \$190 with 4 to a room or \$250 semi-private room

Registration deadline: May 19, 2010. Full cost required at that time.

****If registering early, deposit of one-half of the fees is required with registration paperwork. A \$25 administrative fee will be charged for cancellations made after registration deadline.***

Travel by motor coach from Birmingham to Savannah. Cost includes: transportation, accommodations for three nights at the **Quality Inn**, continental breakfasts at hotel, four lunches, pizza party at pool, historic Savannah carriage tour, Tybee Island, Dolphin Cruise, Lighthouse Tour, Juliette Gordon Low's Birthplace, Creepy Stroll haunted tour, visit to Laurel Grove Cemetery and more. Bring extra money for souvenirs and other activities. Contact Debbie LeBron for more information at (205) 759-5421 or (800) 447-5755 ext. 12, or dlebron@girlscoutsnca.org.

Ocoee Whitewater Rafting Trip *UPDATED INFORMATION**Thursday-Saturday, June 17-19, 2010*

Time: 8 a.m., Thursday (leave the Birmingham Service Center) and return late afternoon Saturday

Grade level: Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors*Min/max:* 12/30

Cost: \$120 each participant, includes lodging, rafting, tubing and food

Registration deadline: May 12, 2010

Outdoor Adventure Rafting on the Ocoee River in Tennessee offers adventures from whitewater rafting excitement to the relaxing drift of river-tubing float trips. Each person will have their own bunk with a comfy mattress, so bring a sleeping bag and pillow, and enjoy.

OUTDOOR PROGRAM UPDATES

OUTDOOR PROGRAMS	Program Date	Program Planner Page	Grade Level	Location	Registration Deadline
Camp Coleman Open House	April 11	38	ALL	Camp Coleman	N/A
Paddle, Pole & Role IP/ Small Watercraft Badge Workshop	April 17	44	J & up	KPC	April 2
Father/Daughter Fishing Tournament	April 18	44	ALL	KPC	April 2
Camp Trico Open House	April 18 *DATE & TIME CHANGE*	46	ALL	Camp Trico	N/A
Small Craft Adventure	April 24 *DATE CHANGE*	38	J & up	Camp Cottaquilla	April 8
Camp Cottaquilla Open House	April 25 *DATE & TIME CHANGE*	39	ALL	Camp Cottaquilla	N/A
Me & My Guy Adventures	May 1	36	J & up	Camp Anderel	April 7
May Day Madness <i>*NEW*</i>	May 1	<i>(description below)</i>	ALL	Camp Tombigbee	April 23
KPC Open House	May 2	44	ALL	KPC	N/A
Princess Party	May 7-8 *DATE & TIME CHANGE*	46	DB	Camp Trico	April 16
Pajama Jam	May 7-8 *DATE & TIME CHANGE*	46	J & up	Camp Trico	April 16
Camp Anderel Open House	May 16 *DATE & TIME CHANGE*	36	ALL	Camp Anderel	N/A
Father/Daughter Camp	May 21-22 *DATE CHANGE*	38	ALL	Camp Coleman	<i>Registration began March 6</i>
Girl's Night Out	May 21-22	<i>(description p.9)</i>	Ages 5 & up	Camp Cottaquilla *LOCATION CHANGE*	<i>May 1</i>

NEW OR CHANGED OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

Small Craft Adventure **DATE CHANGE**

Saturday, April 24, 2010 (rescheduled from September 19)

Time: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Location: Camp Cottaquilla

Grade level: Juniors & up

Min/max: 12/50

Cost: \$15 per girl, includes badge

Registration deadline: April 8, 2010

Spend the day improving your canoe/kayak skills. Juniors will earn the Small Craft badge, while Cadettes and up work on the Paddle, Pole & Roll IP. Girls will need swimsuit and water shoes. Bring your own lunch and snacks.

May Day Madness **NEW PROGRAM**

Saturday, May 1, 2010

Time: 1-4:30 p.m.

Location: Camp Tombigbee

Grade level: All

Min/max: 25/100

Cost: \$5 per girl; adults free

Registration deadline: April 23, 2010

SPRING OPEN HOUSES

Enjoy an afternoon getting acquainted with camp! Tour the campsite, meet the camp staff and get answers to your questions about summer camp programs. These events are intended for the families of children who are considering attending summer camp. Pre-registration is not necessary.

- ▶ **Camp Coleman** – Sunday, April 11, 2010, 2-4 p.m.
- ▶ **Camp Trico** – Sunday, April 18, 2010, 2-4 p.m.
- ▶ **Camp Cottaquilla** – Sunday, April 25, 2010, 2-4 p.m.
- ▶ **Kanawahala Program Center (KPC)** – Sunday, May 2, 2010, 2-4 p.m.
- ▶ **Camp Anderel** – Sunday, May 16, 2010, 2-4 p.m.

Contact information and addresses for each of the camps may be found on page 2.

May Day Madness *(continued)*

Spend the afternoon challenging yourself with crazy activities. Can you canoe backwards, follow a mixed-up trail, and be the first to finish an obstacle course or name the most birds? Come spend a fun afternoon, activities will be age-appropriate. Please bring your own snacks.

Princess Party *DATE & TIME CHANGE*

Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, 2010

Time: 5:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Location: Camp Trico

Grade level: Daisies, Brownies

Min/max: 25/50

Cost: \$25 per person

Registration deadline: April 16, 2010

Pajama Jam *DATE & TIME CHANGE*

Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, 2010

Time: 5:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Location: Camp Trico

Grade level: Juniors & up

Min/max: 25/50

Cost: \$25 per person

Registration deadline: April 16, 2010

Girl's Night Out *LOCATION CHANGE*

Friday-Saturday, May 21-22, 2010

Time: 5:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Location: Camp Cottaquilla *(originally scheduled for Camp Tombigbee)*

Grade level: Ages 5 & up

Min/max: 40+ participants

Cost: \$45 per person

Registration deadline: May 1, 2010

Bring your Mom (or other adult female) to an overnight of fun and games. Explore Camp Cottaquilla while the two of you enjoy swimming, crafts, boating, games and team challenges. A Friday-night campfire will have songs, s'mores and making new friends. You and your Mom will be housed in a cabin (there are 20 cabins available). If you know of a buddy and her Mom coming, you may request to be housed with them. Friday supper, Saturday breakfast and lunch included.

GIRL LEADERSHIP/AWARDS PROGRAM UPDATES

Program Aide Core Workshops with Day Camp Specialty Training *NEW PROGRAMS*

Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, 2010

Time: 5:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

Location: Camp Anderel

Registration deadline: April 2, 2010

Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, 2010

Time: 5:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

Location: Camp Cottaquilla

Registration deadline: April 17, 2010

Program Aide Workshops *(continued)**Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, 2010**Time:* TBD*Location:* TBD*Registration deadline:* April 23, 2010*Grade level:* Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors (Girls must have completed the 6th grade.)*Min/max:* 10/20*Cost:* \$20 per girl

This leadership workshop is designed to enable girls to become proficient in an area of interest and to develop leadership skills by sharing their knowledge with younger girls in a troop or group setting, such as Council program events, day camps, multi-troop activities and service unit special events. Upon completion of Program Aide (PA) Core Training, the girl must attend a specialization workshop of her choice to earn the PA pin. Specialty courses develop the girl's interest in a particular topic, area or activity, and provide resources to aid her in planning and carrying out activities with younger girls. She then completes at least 25 hours working with a troop or group to earn the PA patch. *NOTE: Seniors and Ambassadors who have completed PA Core Training as Cadettes are not required to repeat this program, but may select additional specialty programs.*

ADULT LEARNING PROGRAM UPDATES

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES	Program Date	Program Planner Page	Location	Registration Deadline
Take Action – Leadership Essentials	May 1	59-60	Camp Coleman	April 16
CPR	April 20 May 1	60	Gadsden Camp Coleman	April 6 April 16
First Aid	April 27	60	Gadsden	April 13
Basic Troop Camping – Council Property	April 17	60	Tuscaloosa	April 2
Basic Orienteering & Knots	May 15	61	Alexandria	April 30
Basic Water Rescue & Small Craft Safety	May 1	61	KPC	April 16
Canoeing (Very Basic)	April 30	61	KPC	April 16
Lifeguard Today/ Waterfront Guard/ CPR for the Professional Rescuer	May 21-23	61	Camp Coleman	May 7
Great Get-Away Weekend	April 30-May 2	62	Camp Coleman	April 24

2010 Great Get-Away Weekend*Friday-Sunday, April 30-May 2, 2010**Location:* Camp Coleman*Grade level:* Registered adult Girl Scout members*Registration deadline:* April 24, 2010

The Great Get-Away Weekend Wagon Train is fast approachin'. So, saddle up and sign up for the roundup at Camp Coleman. Lasso a friend and bring them along. This annual Wayfarer-sponsored event offers multiple learning opportunities—fun and friendship guaranteed! More details and the Registration Form can be found on the GSNCA Web site at:

<http://www.girlscoutsna.org/form-and-resources.php>.

BULLETIN BOARD

PROGRAMS IN A BOX

The following will be available on the Council Web site by April 1:

- ▶ **Hoppin' and Boppin'** – Games of the '50s
- ▶ **Daisy** – For new leaders to learn more about Juliette Gordon Low
- ▶ **Princess Party** – Learn about manners

78 WEST 4TH ANNUAL FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

Dads, come dance with your daughter(s) Mardi Gras-style on June 12, 2010, from 7 to 10 p.m., for an evening you will not forget! The cost of the event will be \$25 per couple and \$10 for each additional girl, which includes food, beverages and a patch for your Girl Scout. Please contact LaQuita Collins at (205) 915-3253, Yolanda Jones at (205) 915-3154 or Stephanie Larkin at (205) 901-2458 for more information.



EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

Early Bird Registration begins in April and will be accepted through May 31, 2010.

Troops who participate in Early Bird Registration will receive:

- ▶ A patch for every girl who registers
- ▶ A dollar shop credit for each girl in the troop who registers and for two adults.

Service units who participate in Early Bird Registration and register 75% of their troops that are currently registered will receive:

- ▶ A 15% (up to \$150) discount on a one-time purchase from the shop. Service units will receive their discount after May 31, 2010, and it will not expire until May 31, 2011.

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday, May 15, 2010

Location: Alabama Power Company, 600 North 18th Street, Birmingham, AL 35291

Agenda

Girl Congress	9:30-11:30 a.m.
Registration	12:30-1:15 p.m.
Delegates Only Meeting	1:30-2 p.m.
Business Meeting.....	2-3 p.m.
New Board Members & Honorees Reception.....	3-4 p.m.

Girl Congress

The first meeting of the GSNCA Girl Congress will take place from 9:30 to 11:30 the morning before the Annual Council Meeting. Girls, grades 9-12, are invited to attend. Lunch will be provided before the Annual Council Meeting begins. The first meeting of the GSNCA Girl Congress will focus on issues older girls are interested in within our own Council.

If you are interested in participating in this meeting, please RSVP to Rhonda Lambert at rlambert@girlscoutsnca.org no later than May 10, 2010. If you are interested in participating in future meetings, please also notify Rhonda.

COUNCIL SHOPS**▶ Leader/Volunteer Appreciation Day – April 22, 2010**

The Girl Scout Shops will be having a Leader/Volunteer Appreciation Sale on Thursday, April 22, and Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Come celebrate with us and save 15% off your entire order (limit of \$100 discount) and enjoy punch and cookies while you shop.

▶ Buy One – Get One Free Sale

Visit your local Girl Scout Shop and purchase any Klutz Book or Three Cheers item and get the second one free!

▶ Cookie merchandise still available!

Come and check out the new Cookie totes with flip-flops, just \$6.95. We also have new Cookies socks and coin purses that make great gifts for your favorite Girl Scout!