

# gs Just For Girls

# FALL 2011

## Celebrate **100 years** of Girl Scouting with us!

On **March 12, 1912**, Juliette Gordon Low founded Girl Scouts of the USA. The celebration of our 100th Anniversary officially kicks off this fall with fun activities all year long, so join the fun! Check out these great events described in more detail in the 100th Anniversary section on the council website at [www.gsle.org/100](http://www.gsle.org/100)

**Share artistically** what it means to be a Girl Scout today or reflect on our 100 years of Girl Scouting in our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Art Contest. In partnership with the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, the contest begins now, with the top 10 winning artwork in each category to be displayed at the Ogden Museum at an exhibition, reception, and awards ceremony on Thursday, January 5, 2012. Deadline to participate is December 1, and age categories are 5 – 8, 9 – 12, and 13 – 17.



**Navigate** your way through a giant corn maze design featuring the Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary logo, learning about our 100-year history, and participating in activities to help you earn a patch. The Cajun Country Corn Maze on Highway 16 in Pine Grove is open September 24 - November 27 with family fun and activities for everyone. Special Girl Scout activities are planned for Saturday, November 5, with a service project to benefit the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank and its member agencies. Cajun Country Corn Maze will donate \$1 to the council for every Maze attendee for the entire weekend, so bring the whole family and be a part of our 100th Anniversary kick-off! The fee to participate is \$8 + one non-perishable food item for ages 12 and older, \$6 + one food item for ages 4 – 11, and free for ages 3 and under. All maze participants must bring a non-perishable food item to receive the special Girl Scout admission rate.



**Save the Date** for the Party of the Century! Girl Scouts Louisiana East's Centennial Extravaganza & Carnival will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at the Lamar Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales! Come early, stay late, wear green (it's St. Patrick's Day), as you and your family or troop enjoy a carnival of rides, games, and other hands-on activities! Learn about Girl Scouting across the years, with interactive exhibits, skits, and demonstrations showcasing Girl Scouting and its achievements from the birth of Girl Scouting in 1912 to present day!

Receive a passport to fun as you experience what the international sisterhood of Girl Scouting and its membership in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) is all about! You'll have a blast as you enjoy World Thinking Day activities including a parade of flags!

Tickets will be approximately \$8 per person for the Extravaganza if bought in advance, \$10 per person at the door. Carnival riding bracelet for unlimited riding will cost a separate fee of about \$7 per person, in advance or at the door. Further discounts are available for troops or service unit members who help to develop the interactive historic exhibits or the World Thinking Day displays/activities.

### Flying up to Juniors!

*Girl Scout Brownies bridged to Juniors during a special council bridging ceremony at Camp Whispering Pines.*



## INVESTING IN TODAY = SUCCESS FOR TOMORROW

Is your Girl Scout troop interested in a money earning activity that's easy, provides start up funds for the troop right away, and offers customers a variety of delicious, yet inexpensive items to purchase?

Plan to participate in the council's Fall Product Sale of nuts, candies, magazines, and address booklets being held September 30 – October 23.

The Fall Product Sale is a "Friends and Family Campaign" which means no door-to-door or booth sales. Sixteen different products for sale (ranging from \$5 to \$7) are being offered, including a collectible Girl Scout suitcase tin filled with candy-coated popcorn, cranberries, and cashews. All orders are pre-paid, and the troop earns \$1 for every food item sold, \$2 for every address booklet (only one per girl) completed, and 10 percent of the price of each magazine sold (15 percent for online sales). This year's community service project gives customers the option to purchase honey-roasted peanuts to be shipped overseas to our military troops! If you sell five items for the troops, you'll earn a patch. By participating in the sale, your troop will earn troop proceeds and individual girl sellers will receive incentives ranging from interlocking patches, plush animals, and much more. Visit [www.gsle.org/nutsandcandy/nuts.asp](http://www.gsle.org/nutsandcandy/nuts.asp) to view incentives, products, a link to fun online games for girls of all ages to enjoy, and much more.

# girl scout PATHWAYS

There are more ways for you to participate in Girl Scouts than ever! We call them **Pathways**, and they include **troop, events, camp, virtual, series, and travel**. They were developed

nationally by matching grade-level preferences and availability with flexible options. These Pathways are available to any girl regardless of previous Girl Scout involvement.

The **TROOP PATHWAY** offers the same group of girls the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities, usually over a span of nine to 12 months. Girls may join at any time during the troop year.

The **EVENT PATHWAY** is for girls who like to pick and choose from a menu of events that interest them. The primary difference between events and all other pathways is that different

girls participate in each event, as opposed to one group of girls coming together regularly.

The **CAMP PATHWAY** allows girls to participate in the outdoors and/or focus on environmental education. Day and weekend camping is offered during the school year while resident camp is generally offered during the summer months.

The **SERIES PATHWAY** gives girls the opportunity to explore a specific theme or topic without making a long-term commitment or joining a troop. Series offerings may be short term (for example, six days of two-hour daily meetings) or longer term (meeting every two weeks for 12 weeks) but always is shorter than a school year. One example of a Series Pathway is participation in the council's First Lego League robotic team competition.

Every girl deserves a chance to see the world! The **TRAVEL PATHWAY** presents girls with opportunities to prepare, plan, money-earn, and participate in travel opportunities through group travel, council-sponsored trips, or nationally sponsored excursions.

The **VIRTUAL PATHWAY**, still in development, is an online Girl Scout community that provides girls with the opportunity to participate in Girl Scouting without regard to where you live. Participation will be through a web-based platform developed by GSUSA and includes interactive and high-quality program activities in a safe, secure online environment.

## What a treat!

After an exciting Girl Scouting year and many hours of hard work earning the Girl Scout Bronze Award, members of Prairieville Girl Scout Junior Troop 10040 were treated to a "Spa Slumber Party" by their adult leaders. Manicures, facials, relaxing massages, crafts, games, pizza, nachos, ice cream sundaes, and a movie were enjoyed throughout the evening.



## Locks of Love

Newly bridged Girl Scout Cadette Erynn of Baton Rouge Troop 10303 volunteered at the 12th Annual Locks of Love Cut-A-Thon at Lakeside Mall in Metairie. Erynn earned her Girl Scout Bronze Award for creating awareness of alopecia areata, which she was diagnosed with at age 3.



## Visiting Pax Lodge in London

Meghan from Girl Scout Cadette Troop 31031 of Mandeville stands outside Pax Lodge in London, England, run by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). Meghan and her parents toured the Lodge, learning the history of the Girl Guides, followed by a special Pinning Ceremony.



## Baton Rouge Symphony 101

Have you ever wondered what happens behind the music? Girl Scout Brownies – Juniors are invited to experience *Symphony 101* and gain an appreciation for symphonic music, like never before. On Tuesday evening, October 18, you'll participate in a behind-the-scenes discussion with Baton Rouge symphony members about the production of events, the composers and the music, followed by a rehearsal. You might even be one of 20 girls selected to sit on stage next to the orchestra musicians! Then on Thursday, October 20, you'll be treated to the Masterworks concert! Visit the calendar section at [www.gsle.org](http://www.gsle.org) for more information, including fee.

## A Night at the Opera

Enjoy the magical world of opera! The New Orleans Opera Association invites Girl Scout Cadettes - Ambassadors to attend certain dress rehearsals for the 2011-2012 opera season for free: *Turandot* on October 14, *Masked Ball* on November 14, *Salome* on February 29, and *Pagliacci/Carmina Burana* on April 25. The council offers a mandatory opera orientation on Saturday, October 1, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the council headquarters in New Orleans so you and your leaders can know what to expect when attending any performance. We cover proper dress, etiquette, and a synopsis of the opera you will be attending. If you have attended a previous council-sponsored orientation, it is not necessary for you to repeat it. You may review the synopsis with your leader or parent/guardian instead. Deadline to register for each performance is three weeks prior to the performance. Check the website calendar for times and location.

## Red Cross First Aid Workshop

The Girl Scout Motto says, "Be Prepared!" As a Girl Scout Junior, you can make that happen when you participate in this workshop to earn your *First Aid Badge* with the expert guidance of American Red Cross staff. By learning the three emergency action steps and basic first aid skills, you'll be able to recognize and respond to any emergency. The Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross in Baton Rouge will host this workshop on Saturday, November 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$7 per girl and the deadline to register is October 14. Bring a brown bag lunch and water bottle.

A two-day American Red Cross Emergency Preparedness Workshop for Cadettes-Ambassadors is being held January 14 and February 4 in Baton Rouge. Cost is \$90 per girl, which includes Babysitter Training Mini Camp, and Child, Infant, Adult CPR/Standard First Aid Certifications. Adult chaperones may participate the first day at no charge.



## Safety Circus

These Girl Scout Daisies enjoy a Safety Circus at the Cut Off Youth Center.



# CAMP **PATHWAY**

## Fall Festival Camporee Weekend at CWP

Get ready for a fun weekend in the wild, where you and your team (team assigned at the event) will participate in survival games to include canoeing, building both a fire and a shelter, ropes course, and much more! This weekend for Girl Scout Juniors-Ambassadors begins 6 p.m. Friday, November 11, and ends 12 p.m. Sunday, November 13, with camporee activities on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bake your own special birthday cake or other goodies beforehand to bring and share with all your sisters at dinner on Saturday night as we celebrate Girl Scout founder Juliette Low's birthday. The fee to attend is \$40 per person including adults, which includes Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner and all camping and presenter fees. Deadline to register is October 21.



Members of Troop 40821 prepare to head out for a hike in the woods.

## Me & My Pal Overnight at Camp Marydale

Show your dad, grandfather, or uncle\* what a terrific camper you are as the two of you enjoy canoeing, archery, the low ropes course, and hiking during Me & My Pal Weekend from 6 p.m. Friday, October 14 – 6 p.m. Saturday, October 15. Take a barn tour and watch the Wranglers put on a rodeo. A hot dog dinner will be provided Friday night. Deadline to register individually is October 9 and cost is \$35 per participant and includes three meals, snacks, all fees, and one patch per girl. For Brownies – Ambassadors. \*appropriate adult male 21 or older



## DAISY DAY at Camp Covington

Each council camp is hosting a Daisy Day for our youngest Girl Scouts this year and Camp Covington's will be Saturday, October 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. You'll learn some camp songs, play some games, go for a hike, and make S'mores around a camp fire. Come as a troop or on your own with a parent. It'll be a lot of fun. Bring a bag lunch; we will provide supplies for S'mores and lemonade. (Bring a cup with a handle.) Cost \$8/girl, \$2/adult.



## Older Girl Weekend at Camp Marydale

Come enjoy what Camp Marydale has to offer during this fun filled, older girl campout from 6 p.m. Friday, December 2 – 12 p.m. Sunday, December 4. Choose from activities such as canoeing, low ropes course, outdoor cooking, letterboxing, jewelry making, and more! You'll be part of the planning with a planning session a month before the weekend, date, time and place TBA. Come prepared to share your ideas. Cost is \$55/girl, and \$20/adult volunteer (for meals).

# CRAZY ABOUT OUR HORSES



## Love, Hug and Groom

Girl Scouts of all ages love the horses at Camp Marydale, but we're rounding up Girl Scout Brownies to learn the basics of horse care and hands-on grooming from our Wranglers and Spurs. Join us for a guided tour of the barn and a pony ride. Sessions are being offered on Saturday, October 8, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.; and on Sunday, October 9, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Cost is \$10 per girl and registration closes soon. Bring a brown bag lunch and drinks for a picnic while at camp. The Love, Hug & Groom patch will be provided.



## Holiday Horse Rider Core Camp

Get ready to saddle up for a weekend of riding, grooming, and learning all about your favorite creatures from the Wranglers. If you're a Girl Scout Junior at least 9 years old and in 4th grade, you'll have time to improve your riding skills, take a trail ride (weather permitting), and enjoy some fun horse crafts and games with other girls who love horses from Sunday, November 20 through Tuesday, November 22! Cost is \$60 per girl and includes room and board, all activities and program supplies, and six meals; \$35 per adult and includes room and board, and six meals. Check in Sunday at 2 p.m. and check out Tuesday at 4 p.m. Registration opens October 8 and closes November 8. When you're not "back at the barn," be prepared for an entire weekend of cowgirl fun. A horse rider core camp for Cadettes-Ambassadors is being held January 14-16.

## Wrangler/Spur Training Weekend

Are you 12 years of age or older and interested in learning about the care of horses? Do you have some experience with horseback riding and want to learn how to teach it? Join the Wrangler program where you'll attend 2-3 weekends at Camp Marydale per semester to assist the riding staff with the horse program. Adult volunteers are encouraged to attend as adults must also attend all work weekends. The next Wrangler/Spur Training Weekend is January 14 – January 16 (Martin Luther King Holiday), and registration opens December 16. Fee is \$30 per person (includes five meals).

## Scare Away Hunger!

Please join Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana during the month of October to "Scare Away Hunger!" Items needed are: canned meats, fish, vegetables, hot and cold cereals, rice, beans, canned fruits and juices, and other nonperishable items. Troops are encouraged to collect donations throughout the month of October. All donations need to be delivered to Second Harvest Food Bank, 700 Edwards Ave., New Orleans, LA 70123.

Volunteer service projects are available year round. Call Catie Quinn at 504-729-2849 to schedule times for your troops to volunteer.



At left, members of Girl Scout Junior Troop 42110 of St. Philip Neri School in Metairie help Second Harvest at a "gleaning" in Braithwaite. Local Louisiana farmers donate their citrus crop to Second Harvest,

and volunteers are needed to pick the fresh citrus fruit, box it up, and load it onto the trucks for distribution.

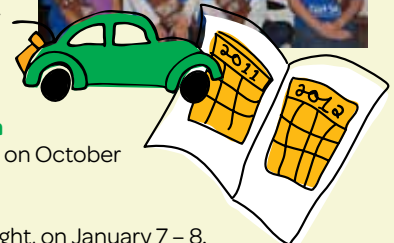
## Take a trip to....

**The Fast Food Farm** in Gramercy for It's Your Planet – Love It Day, on Saturday, October 8. \$7 per participant.

**The Audubon State Historic Site – Oakley Plantation** in St. Francisville, on October 8 or January 14 (Juniors), or November 19 or April 21 (Brownies). \$3 per girl.

**The Southern Food and Beverage Museum** in New Orleans for Edible Legacies (Trail Mix), on October 22. \$5 per participant.

**The U.S.S. Kidd** in Baton Rouge for an Overnight, on January 7 – 8. Girls age 6 and above. \$22 per participant (including adults).



## Simple Cooking with Heart

On Saturday, October 29, discover new cooking skills, connect with other girls your age, and take action preparing nutritious and budget-friendly meals at the American Heart Association's simple cooking workshop in the council's Program Center in Baton Rouge. You'll learn how simple heart-healthy cooking can be a great way to inspire others. An American Heart Association representative will be at this Walmart-sponsored event to answer any questions you have about heart health. Take home nutritious recipes to share with your family and friends.

The Brownie session is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Juniors meet from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Fee to participate is \$5 per girl.

## girl scouts louisiana east

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## Fall Product theme: Investing in Today = Success for Tomorrow

What better way to pay for troop activities happening this fall than with the money you earn through the Fall Product Sale!

### Pre-paid order taking:

September 30 – October 23

**Delivery:** The week of November 16

This year's patches are interlocking! Send 12 emails and receive the Online patch. Sell three magazines and earn the Success for Tomorrow Patch. Complete an Address Booklet and earn the Together to the Top Patch. Sell 15 items and earn the Investing in Today Patch. Visit [www.gsle.org/nutsandcandy/incentives.asp](http://www.gsle.org/nutsandcandy/incentives.asp) to see all of the incentives.



## Cookie Program theme: What Can a Cookie Do – More than You See

This year's theme encourages girls to use their cookie money to lead Take Action projects that have more impact than ever before. These are sustainable projects that will benefit the community long after Cookie Season is over.

**Sale dates:** January 20 – March 18.

## Smart Cookie U

Become a "smart cookie" and learn financial literacy through a fun and interactive all day session on Saturday, January 7, at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond. Girl Scout Junior – Ambassador participants will earn some of Girl Scouts NEW Financial Literacy and Cookie Business Badges: Business Owner, Cookie CEO, Budgeting, Consumer Insights, Business Plan, Marketing, Think Big (badges are based on age level). You'll even have the opportunity to work one-on-one with successful businesswomen from the community. Fee is \$5 per girl which covers materials, theme t-shirt, and lunch. Smart Cookie U is underwritten by a grant from the Credit Bureau of Baton Rouge Foundation, and administered through the Baton Rouge Area Foundation. Deadline to register is December 2.



## Sports Shorts

**Cheer** with the Tulane Cheerleaders during a cheer clinic and half time performance in the Superdome on Saturday, October 15. Clinic is from 12 - 1 p.m.; kickoff at 2:30 p.m. Clinic is \$15 and includes game ticket; \$10 for football game ticket only.

**Strike Up Some Fun** at Circle Bowl in Baton Rouge on Saturday, October 22, from 3 – 6 p.m. Enjoy bowling, including galactic bowling with the lights out and glow in the dark fun. Learn bowling history dating back to 5,200 BC and other trivia, how to keep score without a computer, sportsmanship skills, and how to be a team player. Music, DJ, and a dance contest too! Fee: \$20 per person, which includes 3 hours of bowling, shoe rental, one slice of pizza and a small soft drink, and bowling work sheets and cake.

**Join** the Loyola Wolfpack Women's Volleyball team for a 1½ hour, special skills clinic on Sunday, October 23, and then come cheer on the team the following Tuesday as they host the University of West Florida! Fee: \$2 per Girl Scout to be paid at the clinic where you'll receive a ticket to the October 25 game. Game tickets are \$6 per adult and can be purchased at the clinic or on game day.

**Round out** the season at the New Orleans Bowl in the Louisiana Superdome on December 17 with pre-game activities and kick-off at 8 p.m. Tickets are free to Girl Scouts and their leaders and \$10 for family and friends. Order by December 3.

**Other sports fun** includes St. Tammany Arena Fun and Fit Skate Day on October 1, Ivanov's Gymnastics Friday Night Fun Nights on October 14, Fitness Fun with Bally Total Fitness on October 15 and November 5, and Elmwood Cheerleading Academy Cheer & Pizza Night on December 2.



## Roller Derby!

Girl Scout Juniors in Troop 20522 from Schriever have fun dressing up for the Cajun Roller Girls' first home game. The troop opened the game with a flag ceremony, which they first began planning last fall following a visit from the Cajun Roller Girls. During the visit, the troop learned about the sport of roller derby and the importance of teamwork.

