



TROOP 695 NEWS AND HAPPENINGS – 2008-2009

2008-2009 REGISTRATIONS

Registrations for the new school year are due. Please get them filled out and turned in as soon as possible. The annual fee is \$10.00 and can be paid by check, credit card, cash and cookie dollars. As of August 1st, girls may not continue to participate in Troop functions without being registered.

UNIFORMS

The girls had requested sashes rather than vests. These are available through the Troop for \$21.00. To use cookie dollars, you must visit the Gold Mine/GS Office personally.

New requirements for uniforms state that anytime a girl is representing GS she must wear her sash/vest with a white collared shirt and khaki pants/skirt or shorts. She may also wear the complete green Junior uniform available through the GS offices.

NEW MEETING DATES

We will be changing our meeting day to the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. The meetings will be from 3pm to 5pm. This will allow the Girls more time to enjoy the social aspects and traditions of GS. The regular meeting will be from 3pm to 4:30 followed by Clean UP and then closing

ceremonies. Parents are always welcome and encouraged to attend meetings.

MEETING/ACTIVITY FORMAT

We will be changing the format of our yearly schedule and meeting plans. As Juniors, they will be working on taking over the planning and execution of meetings as well as the management of the Troop. This will be a gradual process with much encouragement and support from Mrs. Otero and Mrs. Bridgeman.

First, the girls will be divided into committees. Each committee will be in charge of planning and preparing the next month's meeting. As our meetings will be on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, on the 2nd Wednesday we will meet with the committee and begin the process.

The girls will begin taking on Troop responsibilities such as Attendance Coordinator, Snack Assistant, Clean Up Managers, Opening Ceremony Leader and Closing Ceremony Leader.

As Leaders one of our goals is to have the girls learn to manage their own Troop. The skills they learn will be ones they will take with them as they grown.

Your support and participation will be greatly appreciated.

SNACK BOX

We will be returning to the Snack Box plan for meeting snacks. Each meeting a girl will be chosen to take home the Snack Box for the next meeting. We ask that parents use non-perishable snacks unless they plan to bring the snacks after school. Drinks are not necessary as we will provide water. The girls will love anything you wish to provide, but do not feel it has to be fancy. It's a snack, not a lunch. Directions will be on the box and you will be reminded several days prior to the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

Along with the format changes we will also be updating communication with our parents. Newsletters will be sent home with the girls on the first meeting of the month. It will also be posted on the school website.

Messages and reminders will be done by a Phone Tree. This is a calling tree that starts with one girl calling two girls and those two girls calling two other girls and so on until everyone has the correct information. The girls will be responsible for the phone tree. Please help them use proper phone skills

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and help them to pass the message correctly and in a timely manner.

Forms and checks will now need to be turned into our Troop folder in the office unless they are passed directly to a Leader. Do not send home in our child's backpacks and do not place cash in the folder. Checks only. Extra forms will also be in the folder if you need a spare for one of our events.

Now for the fun stuff.....

UPCOMING EVENTS

MCGIRL SCOUTS NIGHT

August 13th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Girls and their families are invited to attend the McGirl Scouts Nite at the McDonald's on Willow and Nees. Both Mrs. Otero and myself with our daughters will be there. The cost of this event is purchasing dinner or desserts and a portion of all purchases that evening will go to support your local Girl Scouts. Our girls will receive an event patch for attending. Please call and let us know to expect you. Wear uniform.

UPDATING TROOP GARDEN

August 19th from 9:00 to 10:30am. We will be updating our Troop Garden in front of the school office. Please bring gloves, hat,

gardening tools if you have them and we will bring cold water and a snack. DO NOT wear uniform as this may be dirty work. Girls will receive an event patch for participating at least 1 hour of the activity.

SWIM PARTY AND BACKYARD

SLEEPOVER

September 13th This was an awesome event last year and we expect more fun this year. We will swim from 4pm to 6:30pm and have pizza at Lisa and Rich Jones' home. Afterwards those girls who are staying over for backyard camping will walk 3 houses down to Scott and Abigail Bridgeman's home where the girls will roast marshmallows and sleep outside in tents. In the morning we will have pancakes.

WE NEED 2 FEMALE VOLUNTEERS TO SPEND THE NIGHT WITH THE GIRLS. We have to make sure we stay within girl/adult ratio guidelines required by GS for safety reasons.

Swim Party is 4:00 to 6:30.
Sleepover is 7:00 to 9:00 am

Sleepover and/or Pool Party girls should start at the Bridgeman's by 3:45 pm, so they can drop off beauty cases, flashlights and

sleeping bags. Pool Party girls should start at the Jones. More details will come. Lifeguards will be on duty. No uniforms are required. Girls will earn event patches for they events they attend.

CARNIVAL/RECYCLING

We will be volunteering our time to help Mrs. Gennock recycle at the carnival. Shifts will be 1 -1 ½ hour each depending on how fast the girls work. PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. This counts for Parent Participation Hours. We will provide wagons, trash bags, gloves and sanitizers for the girls. Its easier than you think and the girls are very appreciated. Event patches will be earned for girls who volunteer an hour or more.

MEETING DATES

September 3rd - Meeting
September 10th – 1st Committee Planning Meeting
September 17th – Meeting

Suggestions, ideas, thoughts and comments are always welcome. Please feel free to join us for any and all events.

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