



## Be Connected - February 2010

### Thinking Day

Ending world poverty and hunger is the theme for this year's World Thinking Day on February 22, 2010. For those who may be new to Girl Scouts, Thinking Day is a day set aside each year for girls to participate in activities, games and projects with global themes to honor their sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in other countries.

World Thinking Day is part of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGS) Global Action Theme based on the UN Millenium Development Goals, which aim to improve the lives of the world's poorest people.

There are many things troops and even service units do to remember Thinking Day. [GSUSA](#) provides a list of resources about the day that includes activity ideas and much more.

GSHPA would love to know what your troop did to celebrate Thinking Day. Please send us your photos and stories about how you celebrated to [communications@gshpa.org](mailto:communications@gshpa.org) and you could see your stories and pictures in the next edition of the Be Connected Newsletter.

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### Getting Ready to Celebrate

March is a big month for Girl Scouts. Next month the Girl Scout organization will celebrate its 98th birthday. The birthday is officially celebrated on March 12 but you can celebrate the entire week with Girl Scout week that is finished off by Girl Scout Sabbath. Do you have big plans to celebrate the big birthday bash? Let us know what your troop is planning on doing by sending us an email at [communications@gshpa.org](mailto:communications@gshpa.org) and we may feature your troop in an edition of the Be Connected newsletter.

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### **Cookie Sale is Going Strong**

The initial order session of the 2010 Cookie Program is wrapping up and the sale is still going strong. Don't forget booth sales start on President's Day Weekend. Please let your friends and family know they can find out where your troop and other troops are setting up booths by going to [www.FindCookiesNow.org](http://www.FindCookiesNow.org).

This year's cookie rallies were a huge success with hundreds of girls taking part and having a great time learning about this year's cookie sale. Here are some pictures from just some of the cookie rallies around the Council.



Girls from SU 225 in York try out their cookies for this year.



Cookie Bingo is a favorite game at the cookie rally for SU 836 in Franklin County.



These Daisies and Brownies from SU 624 in Lycoming County decide which cookies to try.

You can find more cookie information later in this newsletter.

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### **Opportunities for Girls Program Updates**

The Spring edition of PAL is now available online. [Here is a sample of what is coming up.](#) Please refer to the on-line registration system, e-council, or the Spring PAL for more detailed information about any or all the programs below.

Any questions please call Kris Battle 800-692-7816 ext. 1332.

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### **Camping Connection 2010 News! Registration Forms are coming!**

Registration forms for Camping Connection 2010 will be distributed at Service Unit Meetings in January and February in the South and South Central Regions! Forms will also be available throughout the council via email by contacting your Associate. If you do not have your registration forms by February 28, please contact your Associate, Membership Services.

This Cadette / Senior / Ambassador troop camping event will be on Friday, June 18 through Sunday, June 20, 2010 at the South Mountain Fairgrounds in Arendtsville, PA (Adams County). The Theme is "Girl Scouts Go South of the Border!".

Attention All Adults: There are still openings for workshop leaders for Camping Connection 2010. Please indicate on your registration form that you would be willing to lead a "canned" workshop (all materials will be supplied at the event) or that you would like to help out with a workshop.

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### **The Future is Green**

What: The Future is Green destination is an opportunity for Girl Scouts ages 13-18 (entering at least 9th grade at time of event) to explore how green technology in astronomy, environment or robotics can help save the Earth. Astronomy

participants will learn about the night sky, technology that is used to explore the universe, and how astronomers have become instrumental in research regarding global climate change and space debris. Robotics participants will explore the importance of robots in exploration, health care, and helping to make the world "green." They will then design, build, and program their own robot to meet certain challenges. Environment participants will explore the eco-challenges and successes of the San Francisco Bay.

When: July 22-August 1, 2010

For more information:

Visit

[http://www.studio2b.org/escape/destinations/event\\_details.asp?eventid=523](http://www.studio2b.org/escape/destinations/event_details.asp?eventid=523) for a complete description of the event, costs, and application procedures or contact Jean Fahy, [jfahy@girlscoutsnorcal.org](mailto:jfahy@girlscoutsnorcal.org) or 510-562-8470 x246.

Applications are due by February 28, 2010 to:

Jean Fahy  
Girl Scouts of Northern California  
7700 Edgewater Drive, Suite 340  
Oakland, CA 94621  
Attn: The Future is Green

Here's another great opportunity for girls!

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### **GSUSA Leading the Way**

What: GSUSA Leading the Way is a 2-part inclusive destination opportunity for Girl Scouts of all abilities ages 14-18 and girls with disabilities up to age 21 to explore conservation, culture and digital arts. Girls will participate in a weekend training retreat in Colorado in the spring and a 10-day Field Workshop expedition in the summer. During the retreat portion, girls will gain valuable communication skills through a Digital Arts Workshop provided by the Pearson Foundation, learn about inclusion and outdoor adaptations, and gain leadership skills as they explore beautiful Rocky Mountain National Park. During the Field Workshop, she will get the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to spend 10 days exploring the Southwestern US as she rafts the San Juan River in Utah and explores the majestic and historic Canyon de Chelly in Arizona. Through a partnership with the National Parks Service Natural Sounds Program, girls will study and conduct experiments exploring the natural and cultural sounds of the area while learning why these pristine acoustical environments demand restoration and preservation.

When: May 13-16 – Retreat; July 28-August 6, 2010 – Field Workshop

For more information: Visit

[http://www.studio2b.org/escape/destinations/event\\_details.asp?eventid=521](http://www.studio2b.org/escape/destinations/event_details.asp?eventid=521) for a complete description of the event, costs, and application procedures or contact Shannon Smiley, [shannon@globalexplorers.org](mailto:shannon@globalexplorers.org) or (877) 627-1425.

Applications are due by February 28 to:

Shannon Smiley  
Global Explorers  
420 S. Howes, Suite B300  
Fort Collins, CO 80521  
Attn: GSUSA Leading the Way

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**Family Extravaganza – Memorial Day Weekend – Camp Furnace Hills**



We're looking for a few volunteers to plan and carry out our second Family Extravaganza at Camp Furnace Hills, May 28-31, 2010. This is great opportunity to enjoy a weekend with our Girl Scout families. A tentative schedule is already developed, a lifeguard is in place for Saturday afternoon at the pool, and strong volunteer support for many activities is already in place. Mika House is available for lodging. GSHPA staff will be on-call for the entire weekend. If you are interested in a relaxing weekend with time to get to know some of our families who love to camp, contact Vicky Miley, [vmiley@gshpa.org](mailto:vmiley@gshpa.org) or 1-800-692-7816 ext. 1504.

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**Why Support Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania Through This Year's Family Partnership Program?**

You, our volunteers, are on the front line every day – you see first-hand the good our programming does throughout the region. When you work with your troops you get to watch the girls glow as they realize their individual beauty and special qualities. You get to see the light bulbs go off as they realize they have the power to make a difference in the world around them. You get to help empower girls to take control of their physical and mental well being – and you get to see how the courage and self esteem that you have helped girls build over the years has made them better capable of handling challenging situations.

In short, why should someone donate to Girl Scouts? You know better than

anyone.

Through this year's Family Partnership fundraising campaign, we're asking you to share your passion for Girl Scouting with your community and the families you interact with. You volunteer for a reason and you make a difference with every girl whose life you touch. Tell people. Share with them the story of the shy little girl who you've watch blossom because of Girl Scouting. Or the remarkable service project your troop designed and carried out – and the difference it made to your community.

Funding for GSHPA and all of the services our organization provides annually to more than 27,000 girls comes from cookie and fall product sales revenue, grants, United Ways – and, very importantly, from donations from families and individuals – this is where you come in. This year's Family Partnership will give Service Units the opportunity to tell their stories and raise funds in support of Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania between April 15 – May 15, 2010.

More information about how your Service Unit can participate will be shared at upcoming Service Unit meetings throughout February and March. Want to get an early start on planning? Call or email Beth Beyer in Fund Development at [bbeyer@gshpa.org](mailto:bbeyer@gshpa.org) or 1-800-692-7816.

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### **The 2010 Cookie Sale is Well Underway!**

Order taking for cookie has wrapped up – but don't worry – girls will soon have cookies in hand to sell at Cookie Booths, Walkabouts and Caravans! Enthusiasm is building for the President's Weekend Booth Sales (February 12-15th)! And we are pleased to announce that the booth sale has been extended the weekend of February 20th and 21st!

Not sure if you want a package of Thin Mints or Tagalongs? Try our Chocolate Lovers Bundle! Bundles make great gifts to say "Happy Birthday", "Thank you", and "Congratulations!" Chocolate Lovers' Bundles include the Samoas, Thin Mints and Tagalongs. The Timeless Bundle includes the classics of Samoas, Trefoils, and Thin Mints. Be sure to ask what type of bundles your local Girl Scout is offering. Cookies are \$3.50 per package, so a 3 bundle package costs you \$10.50 and a 5 bundle package is \$17.50.

Didn't order enough Thin Mints? Don't worry...you can buy more cookies at the Cookie Booth Sales! Beginning on February 12th, girls will be holding Booth Sales throughout our 30 counties! In search of a location near you? Go to [www.findcookiesnow.org](http://www.findcookiesnow.org) and plug in your zip code and our Cookie Locator will find cookies for you!

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### **Free Shipping on Retail Purchases Extended thru February 28, 2010**

Free shipping on all retail purchases has been extended and will be applied to all orders placed through February 28, 2010. Shipping rates for future orders are still under consideration and will be announced later next month.

As always, your opinion continues to be important to us and we encourage you to share your feedback at <http://www.gshpa.org/feedback.html>.

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