

Takoma Park Daisy Troop 5384 2010-2011

Parent Orientation Agenda

Introduction of Families

Why are you and/or your daughter interested in her becoming a girl scout?

Introduction to the Girl Scouts

Mission Statement and Basic Goals

- Girl-led
- Service oriented
- ALL girls are welcome
- Age-divisions (Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors, Adults)

Hierarchy

World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)

Western Hemisphere Area

Girl Scouts of the United States (GSUSA)

Council of the Nation's Capital (GSCNC)

Area B

Association 34

Service Unit 8

Troop 5384 – That's us!



Girl Scout Promise and Girl Scout Law

Promise:

On my honor, I will try
To serve <God> and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout law.

Law:

I will do my best to be
Honest and fair,
Friendly and helpful,
Considerate and caring,
Courageous and strong, and
Responsible for what I say and do,
And to
Respect myself and others,
Respect authority,
Use resources wisely
Make the world a better place, and
Be a sister to every Girl Scout.

Uniform/Insignia/Badges

Uniform elements: Vest or Tabard
USA patch
Council patch set
Troop number
Insignia Tab
WAGGGS Pin

UNIFORM IS NOT REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION! HOWEVER, UNIFORM SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE AND ENCOURAGED IF NEEDED.

Official Daisy Earned Elements:

- Daisy Pin
- Daisy Petals
- Journey Patches

Earned Badges:

- WAGGGS-level (Right to Food, Global Action Theme, World Thinking Day, Climate Change)
- Country-level (GSUSA or other country: Ms. President Patch, Asthma Awareness, In the Zone)
- Council's Own (GSCNC or other council: No Bullies, Roots and Shoots, Including all Girls, Nutcracker, Sing America, Working it Out, Zink the Zebra, Zoo Animal Safari, etc.)

Fun Badges:

- Earned by "rules of the troop"
- Anyone can purchase
- Examples: field-trip related (visiting a police station), activity related (apple picking)

ALL EARNED AND FUN BADGES, PATCHES, AND PINS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE TROOP TO GIRLS. TROOP DUES SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE.

Troop-Specific "Rules"

Girl Scout Promise

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To serve a higher cause and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout law.

Family Participation

Except for in extreme circumstances, family participation is required as described in the "Calendar, Job Descriptions, and Family Responsibilities" handout.

Cookie Sale

All girls must either participate in the cookie sale, or participate in a money-earning activity within their family, with the proceeds given to the Troop.

The purpose is goal-setting and accomplishment, not the particular amount of money raised. However, it should be a meaningful amount to the girl and her family.

Troop Dues

Real costs per Daisy: approx \$12 for GSUSA membership, \$73 for basic program (including end-of-year camping trip), \$33 for enrichment program, \$32 for field trips, and \$42 for uniform (for a total of \$180 per Daisy!). Taking out expenses that are considered individual/family (GSUSA membership, uniform) that is **\$138** per Daisy. Ouch!

Scholarships from GSCNC are available for GSUSA membership, uniform, and up to \$25 in Troop dues. Therefore, **Troop Dues are officially \$25**, so that an equivalent amount of money is collected for each Daisy!

Missing money = \$113 per Daisy. Where will that money come from?

POTENTIAL SUBSIDY METHODS	Amount Raised:	Basic Cost per Daisy (minus Troop Dues) Becomes:	Basic + Enrichment Cost per Daisy (minus Troop Dues) Becomes:
Sponsorship by local business for \$200	\$200.00	\$37.76	\$70.26
Sale of 500 boxes of cookies during spring cookie sale (25 boxes per Daisy)	\$325.00	\$31.51	\$64.01
Sale of 1,000 boxes of cookies (50 boxes per daisy) + \$200 sponsorship from local businesses/individuals	\$850.00	\$5.26	\$37.76
Sale of 1,000 boxes of cookies (50 boxes per daisy) + \$306 in sponsorships from local businesses/individuals	\$956.00	\$(0.04)	\$32.46
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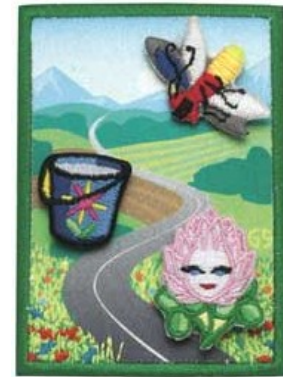
Note: Daisies are not allowed to raise funds in any way outside of the official GSCNC sales (Fall Product Sales, Cookie Sales). Troops are also not allowed to just ask for cash as a general fundraiser. HOWEVER, we are allowed to have corporate sponsors (there is an associated contract), and donations can be made to the troop (in order for those donations to be tax deductible, they need to be made to GSCNC with "for Troop 5384" in the notes line).

Troop Meetings (Regular and Enrichment)

The regular meetings (19 over the academic year) will occur on a (somewhat) bi-weekly basis and will be used to complete the core Daisy curriculum: i.e., Daisy Center and Petals and one Journey. There will be a bit of time to complete 1 or more additional earned patches as well. The girls will be given the opportunity to choose which additional badges they will earn.

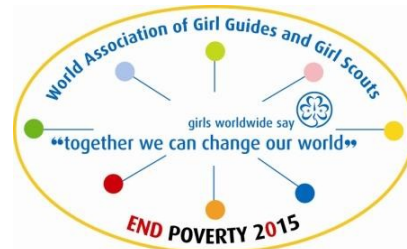
The core Daisy curriculum focuses on character and skills development. Girls earn their petals as they learn about the components of the Girl Scout Law: being friendly, honest, courageous, and so on. The additional earned patches focus on health-related topics and awareness (e.g., Asthma Awareness, In the Zone, Emergency Preparedness), conflict resolution, inclusive society and ethnic pride (e.g., Including all Girls, No Bullies, Zoo Animal Safari, Common Threads, Open Houses of Faith, Chicas!), environmental awareness (e.g., Roots and Shoots, Potomac Riverwalk), and the Arts (e.g., Nutcracker Patch). Actually, there is probably a patch out there for any topic you could imagine, but the girls will be given a list of topics from which to choose. I will be creating a web page that lists the different possible patch programs as the year progresses, for our future use.

The Promise Center and Learning Petals



The enrichment meetings (14 over the academic year) will also occur on a (somewhat) bi-weekly basis and will be used to complete an international component. The first part of the year will be used to learn about the Girl Guides in Canada. We have a sister Unit of Sparks in Canada with which we will correspond and exchange pictures and information; they are located in Penticon, British Columbia, Canada. Through the process of learning about our sisters in Canada, the girls will earn the Sparks Flower Crest, which is remarkably similar to our Daisy Petals (see first set of badges on left, below).

Although we intend to continue communicating with our sister Unit throughout the year, after earning the Spark Flower Crest the girls will begin to prepare for World Thinking Day, to occur in February 2011. World Thinking Day is celebrated internationally by Girl Scouts and Girl Guides as a time to learn more about the Girl Scout movement in another country. We will spend at least two meetings learning about the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which is one of the focus countries for World Thinking Day. The last part of the enrichment program will be focused on learning about a world-wide issue through a patch program available directly from WAGGGS. The girls will choose from learning about climate change or the Millennium Development Goals and the right to food.



The purpose of the enrichment program is to expose girls to the world outside the United States, both in terms of the rich variety of cultures throughout the world, as well as the types of social issues that are more world-wide in context than those explored by the USA-based patch programs. It is my hope that exposure to the experiences and cultures of children outside of the United States will help our girls better navigate our increasingly inter-connected world as they grow up.