

GIRL SCOUT GAZETTE

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Editor's Notes:

In the future, I would like to get articles from each troop regarding what you have been doing or planning to do.

This would be a great opportunity to solicit help in upcoming events. Our group of ladies encompasses a great deal of talent and ideas. Also, if any of your girls want to contribute to this publication, please encourage this activity. This is my first newsletter and I hope to add clip-art to the next issue. If Katie's scanner is working well, we will also add photos of troop events.

Monthly Events:

Calendar Sales and Lock-ins

November 1: Leader's Meeting

November 11-12: Junior Lock-in

November 13: LTC Meeting

November 17-18: Cadette-Senior Lock-in

Common Threads Patch

Kuwait has just received the requirements booklet for this patch. It is designated to help develop cultural acceptance and understanding. What better place to earn this patch! It deals with common stereo-types and prejudices and how to break these barriers. Katie has a copy of the requirements and the patch is from the Washington, DC council. Inform Sarah if your troop is going to participate in this program and when you would need the patches.

CYBERSPACE WITH GSUSA

CHECK OUT THIS WEB SITE:

www.girlsown.net- proceed to Regular Links and then Scouting Links Web-Site. You can then sign up for AllAdvantage and I have made arrangements with Mr. Reese to send patches to Sarah (I will need the account information). Continue on to Table of Contents and look at each troop level. The Junior Puzzler Badge is on this web-site and has some challenging mazes. You can also see other council events and news. When getting ready to go home for the long summer, check to see what a council in your area is doing.

Pen pal and Thinking Day Exchange Coordinator:

Our web-site is about to be linked to the GSUSA web-site and I've been informed by them that as soon as it happens, we will be swamped with requests for pen pals and various Thinking Day Exchanges and information about Kuwait. We will need someone to handle all e-mail of this type. Your e-mail address would be posted on the web-page along with your first name and last initial. (No address or phone numbers.)

THINKING DAY 2000 PARTICIPATE IN PENPAL PROGRAM

Troop 17 (Juniors) is exchanging letters, postcards and information with a troop in Alaska.

Troop 13 (Juniors) is starting a pen pal program with a troop in South Carolina.

GET YOUR TROOP INVOLVED IN A PEN PAL EXCHANGE FOR THE YEAR 2000 AND SWAP SOME PATCHES.

HELP WANTED

Wider Opportunities Coordinator:

Applicant would work with older girls and their families to prepare the girls to attend Wider Opportunities outside of Kuwait and to share their experiences with others upon their return. Among the tasks that would need to be done are as follows:

- **recruit an interviewing team (already done for this year);**
- **collect the applications and check for completeness and eligibility;**
- **schedule interviews with the team;**
- **act as the contact point with the GSUSA office in New York to distribute information from New York and councils to the girls and back (via mail, e-mail, and fax);**
- **advise girls about the coordination of fundraisers;**
- **keep LTC informed of girls' Wider Ops status**
- **help girls and their families apply for financial aid;**
- **advise girls about sharing their Wider Ops with other troops and with the community**

Events Coordinator:

Applicant will come up with a variety of ideas to present as possible LTC events; Survey troops to determine how many and what types of events they would like to have this year; Recruit event chairpersons for LTC events; help schedule multi-troop events (keep a master calendar of troop and LTC events).

Scout Buck Coordinator:

We need someone who will keep track of all the scout bucks on a spreadsheet that is already set up and get the "bucks" (beads, really) ready for everyone each month - EASY JOB!

One Shot Volunteer Coordinator: We have quite a few women already signed up to help with this program. Helping Girl Scouts "do one thing" for a few hours, just once during the school year. We need someone to keep all of the information about these ladies on a computer list, update it, contact all of the women personally to make sure it is understood how they would like to help, and then distribute the list to all the leaders, maintaining it as needed.