



Girl Scout Gazette

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Merry Christmas From
Our Families to Yours

As we begin the holiday seasons - Christmas and Ramadan, - let us not forget those less privileged than we are and those spending the holidays away from loved ones.

Remember to keep them in your prayers. Also remember those who will be travelling across the globe that they will have safe journeys and pleasant memories.



News from Katie:

The LTCC has announced a service project to make cards for servicemembers stationed in Kuwait. The deadline is December 13 and drop-off is at ASK Girl Scout Box. The cards will be sent with goodie baskets.

Troop 13: We have had a busy fall despite the pitfalls of having all new leaders at the helm. We completed the Jeweler's badge in Nov. by going to visit a jeweler's workshop in the basement of an unmarked building in Hawally. We deserve the Finding Your Way badge for finding the place! But, it was an informative trip where the girls and leaders learned some things about jewelry design. Everyone attended the lock-in on Nov 11-12 and especially enjoyed the skit time after the barbeque dinner. We held our Investiture-Rededication Ceremony on Nov. 28 welcoming four girls into Girl Scouts for the first time. We're looking forward to going ice skating on 12/2.

Troop 1 Lock-in News

Troop 1 has been busy this year and just finished their lock-in. They completed the try-its: Music, Outdoor Adventure and Play. On November 27 they will have their Rededication and Investiture Ceremony. Then they will retire for the year and start fresh in January. Sounds like a successful first half of the scout year.

Troop 17 has had a successful first half of the year. We have installed our patrol leaders and already been camping. We celebrated Juliette Low's birthday with Troop 13 and enjoyed our singing time together. We managed to squeeze in two calendar booth sales and (with luck) have almost finished selling all calendars. We thoroughly enjoyed our sisters in Juniors at the November Lock-in.

Super Troop Award



The LTC has a new award for us. The Super Troop Award. Now, we need a patch to go along with the award. Get your girls working on a design that shows girls enjoying many activities. In order to earn the Super Troop award, girls will have accomplished many things this scout year. Our design should represent all these aspects of teamwork and togetherness. Entries are due to LTCC no later than February 1, 2000.

Thinking Day 2000 Patch Contest

We want to celebrate Thinking Day 2000 in a special way and we also want a new patch for the new millennium. We are sponsoring a Thinking Day Patch Design Contest. All entries due by December 15, 1999.



Don't forget to sign up to do a postcard exchange with a troop. Visit the websites: www.angelfire.com/co2/tdswaps/ or www.geocities.com/polarscout or [mailto:HREF="mailto:McKinneyZoo@WORLDNET.ATT.NET">McKinneyZoo@WORLDNET](mailto:HREF="mailto:McKinneyZoo@WORLDNET.ATT.NET>McKinneyZoo@WORLDNET) to get connected. This is a Thinking Day activity.

A Trip in Kuwait

December 1999

VOLUNTEERS

Gertrude Gomez has signed on to take over the One Shot Volunteer Coordinator. Thanks Gertrude. Also, Adriene Bean has taken over the NES Library and we thank her for her help.

Where do I Get in Kuwait?

Katie has decided to stump us every month with this question. This month she wants to know where to get felt and jingle bells. Just e-mail her with the answer as soon as you can and she will add beads to your necklace.



Katie has been asking and asking where to get Plaster of Paris. Well, Tracy told her you can find it at the Art Store off Canada Dry Street (now where is that) just behind McDonald's. As Ms. Frizzle says, "I think we need a

field trip."

Dear Gertie.....I have a problem

Dear Gertie will answer your questions about Girl Scouting. If you have a question for Gertie, please give it to your LTCC (Katie Cox ScoutKatie@hotmail.com) and she will pass it along for Gertie's answer.

Dear Gertie: Where can I get some more blank permission slips and a "troop travel form"? Can someone leave it in the Girl Scout box for me? Lorraine Leader

Dear Lorraine: Your LTCC or another leader can definitely leave you copies of any form you need, but you can also get them off of our Kuwait Girl Scout website. The address is: <http://members.xoom.com/usagskuwait/>. The LTCC could probably e-mail or fax you forms as well.

What do Cadettes do?

by Katie Cox



Cadettes and Seniors earn Interest Project Patches (IPPs) which are more difficult and time-consuming than badges. To earn one, a girl must do "skill building" activities: one "technology" activity, one "service" activity, one "career exploration" activity, and two activities from any area of the girl's choosing. They have several other specialized awards and can earn the "Silver Award" which has several parts and ends with the girl planning and carrying out a big project using the things she has learned along the way.

But, Cadettes also have lots of other kinds of things they do. They can become "Program Aides" and help out at troop meetings and activities with younger girls. They do more "career exploration" activities to help them learn about different kinds of jobs. They plan more of their own activities. They are allowed to have more fundraisers and travel further away for longer times, if they wish. They continue to do a lot of service projects, go camping, and have sleepovers. Cadettes often start meeting on a different schedule. For example, the Cadette/Senior troop has meetings every week of the month, but for various purposes. First week, Executive Board training and planning; second week, General troop meeting; third meeting, Silver Award work and fourth meeting, Interest Patch work or a field trip. Some troops even hold an occasional meeting over the internet!

One really fun thing that Cadettes and Seniors do is apply to go to "Wider Opportunities" where girls from all over the U.S. (a few from overseas!) travel somewhere and do activities together. Some interesting examples: one Cadette is about to go to Minnesota and go dog-sledding, another will leave soon to learn various winter sports in Michigan, and other girls from Kuwait have gone to sports events, sightseeing events, canoeing and bicycling events, etc. Next year there will be events to learn backpacking, video production (in Hollywood!), a Marine Biology expedition, rock climbing, scuba diving, and many others.

Cadettes and Seniors do a lot of fun things, do a lot of the planning themselves and love it!!!!