

Pima Neighborhood Newsletter

Arizona Cactus-Pine Council



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February 2009

Pima Neighborhood Meeting Dates:

February 2, 2009

March 2, 2009

April 6, 2009

May 4, 2009

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Cookie Booth Training

JoEllen Kenney will do a special Cookie Booth training at the February 2, 2009 Pima Neighborhood Leaders meeting. We strongly encourage all leaders and cookie parents from each troop to be there.

As cookie booth time approaches, is your troop prepared? Do you have a marketing plan? Do you know who is going to handle your money (or who can handle the money)? Have you signed up for

your cookie booths on Ebudde? Are you having any problems? Are you ready? If you answered "No" to any of these questions, then you definitely need to be at the meeting.

This will also dramatically decrease the amount of calls and emails that are being made about cookie sale in general. Jo Ellen, Jenny Pfennigs-Adams (our MSE), and the Pima Service Team will answer any questions you have. Our

goal is to make sure no one falls through the cracks, and that everyone is confident with managing the cookie sales. We hope this will also take off the "stress of the unknown" for all the new cookie parents!

2009 Annual Council Meeting

The Annual Council Meeting is just around the corner. As you know, the Girl Scout program is growing, changing, and moving forward. We need to keep our neighborhood in the loop and in the know. Help us keep everyone in our

neighborhood informed by electing delegates to attend the Girl Scouts Arizona Cactus-Pine Annual Council Meeting on April 25, 2009.

The Pima neighborhood is allowed to send 15 delegates to the meeting,

and we have only half those spots filled. Anyone interested, please notify Maxia at the February 2, 2009 neighborhood meeting, or send an email to maxiaw@msn.com. Deadline is February 3, 2009.

2009 Adult Volunteer Recognitions

Please be thinking of any adult in our neighborhood whom you would like to nominate for our outstanding leader and outstanding volunteer for this year in Girl Scouts.

If there is someone in the neighborhood who you think has gone above and beyond, or whom without, you feel this neighborhood would not be as successful, then speak up! Let's not forget to thank those who

are putting in much volunteered time and effort in making your daughter's Girl Scouting experience great.

Ellie Clinger will have the forms at the March and April Pima Neighborhood leader meetings.



Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, can character, who make the world a better place.

2009-2010 Service Team Opportunities

With every new Girl Scout year, our daughters move towards a new level, and in some instances, so do their parents who volunteer!

Pima Neighborhood will have a few openings for Service Team Members. If you are interested or know of someone who you think would be a great addition to our service team, please contact our Member

Service Executive, Jenny Pfenning-Adams, at jennypfenningadams@girlscoutsaz.org.

Service Team members need to be a registered adult member of Girl Scouts. Team members can be leaders, advisors, or a parent from your troop who just wants to get a little more involved.

The following positions will be available:

School Facilitator for Copper Ridge

Financial Manager

Neighborhood Meeting Facilitator

Fall Product Manager

Cookie Manager

(other positions may become available)

Peanut Butter Recall

Girl Scouts—Arizona Cactus-Pine Council assures the public that the peanut butter used in Girl Scout cookies is not affected by the current peanut butter recall. The peanut butter used by Little

Brownie Bakers, the baker of our Girl Scout Cookies, does not use the supplier involved in the peanut butter recall - Peanut Corporation of America. Our bakery has researched their sources of peanut

butter and has assured us that the public can eat our Tagalongs or Do-si-dos cookies with confidence.

Cookie Booths

To Maximize Cookie Booth Sales, consider these proven tips:

- Make an attractive table display to gain customer interest. Bring along your troop goal poster and pictures of activities in which your group has participated.
- Set up a Gift of Caring display/sign that tells/shows where the cookies are going. Troops, Food Bank, your troop charity of choice.
- To encourage multi-box purchases, suggest that girls bundle packages and attach recipes that use the cookies, or offer or "Thank You".
- If some varieties are not selling, open a box (which the troop must purchase), break them

into bite size pieces (use plastic gloves), put on plate and let customers take a sample. This sample could spark interest among customers and increase sales!

- Girls should ALWAYS use their very best manners and say thank you!
- Never have personal items such as food or drinks on the booth table.

Sign up for cookie booths at Ebudde.

<https://ebudde.littlebrownie.com/index.php>



Safety

First!

Cookie Booth SAFETY Guidelines:

- 2 adults must be present at all times when Girl Scouts operates a booth in a store, mall or any other public places.
- Girls should never give out their names, addresses, phone numbers or email addresses to customers. The

Troop Cookie Manager's phone number or email can be provided.

- Do not let girls go up to a car door or window to sell.
- NEVER leave your cash box unattended. Take out the large bills occasionally and let the adult hold them.
- Be cautious when taking large bills.
- Only registered adults can handle troop money.

Thank you JoEllen Kenney for these tips and guidelines!

Cookie Pick Up information will be discussed at the February 2, 2009 Leader meeting.

Pima Neighborhood Service Team Members

Member Service Executive
Jenny Pfennigs-Adams

Registrar
Julie Gregory

Financial Manager
Paula Rupnik

Encampment Manager
Lee Kline

Welcome Trainer
Susan Vargas

Cookie Manager
JoEllen Kenney

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Websites

Pima Neighborhood Website

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East Area Service Team Website

www.girlscoutsazeast.org

Girl Scouts Arizona Cactus-Pine Council Website

www.girlscoutsaz.org

Neighborhood Information

Monthly Leader Meetings:

All of the scheduled meetings will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Shepherd of the Desert Church on the north/west corner of Shea Boulevard and 96th Street. Meetings will begin promptly at 7pm.

Please try to arrive 5-10 minutes early to grab any forms, flyers, and your agenda for the evening. Please remember that one representative (leader or parent) from each troop need to be present at each neighborhood meetings.

PimaGS Yahoo Group:

All Pima Girl Scout leaders and service team members are welcome to join our Yahoo Group. In order to join though, you will need to be invited. If you have not already given your

email contact information to Susan Vargas at your Welcome Training, then you can go to "Lee's Website" and click on the "Join Yahoo Groups" icon.

www.lazyd.com/gs/pimagss.htm

When you are sent an invite for our Yahoo Groups site, you will need to make a free Yahoo account in order to get in. Once you do, here are some step by step instructions on how to get on the page...

Go to www.yahogroups.com

At the very top of page on the right side, click on "sign in." You will be directed to a sign in page that prompts you to enter "Yahoo ID" and Password. Your "Yahoo ID" is your Yahoo email (username@yahoo.com).

Once you enter your Yahoo ID and password, you will be directed to the YahooGroups home page, and on the left, there is a column (mine is green) and it will be titled "MY GROUPS." Below are all the groups you belong to. PimaGS has an icon next to it of 6 Girl Scouts in a Friendship Circle.

Click on "PimaGS"

You will then go into our group. On the left column (mine is blue) you will see a list of links (Messages, Files, Photos, Links, etc). This is where you can look at everything.

On a regular basis, we upload Council flyers, neighborhood flyers, and our newsletters. There is also an archive of all posts to our group.