

## January 2009 Pima Neighborhood Newsletter

### Happy New Year!!!

Before we jump into the new year, on behalf of the Pima Neighborhood Service team, I would like to thank all of the Girl Scouts, leaders, and parents who have volunteered their time and services to our neighborhood and community. Since the school year began, our neighborhood has sent cards to our local seniors in 12 group homes for Grandparents Day, collected food for our local food banks, collected holiday gifts for Vista del Camino, collected money to purchase new flags for our Girl Scout camp, caroled to the seniors, walked in parades, worked at rest stations in walk-a-thons and marathons, and many other services to our community from individual troops.

As this New Year begins, let us challenge ourselves to continue to encourage our girls to help others on an individual, local and global level. Let us also challenge ourselves to lead by example. We have 5 months until the end of the school year... let's see what else we can do for our community! ☺

### Cookie Season has arrived!

First, a HUGE THANK YOU to JoEllen Kenney, and her Cadette helpers Breanna Neely and Madison Webb, for the cookie training at last December's meeting.

By now, all troop financial agreements should have been turned in to JoEllen. The first round of cookie booth sign ups started online on January 2<sup>nd</sup> at <https://ebudde.littlebrownie.com/>. The second round for booth sign ups will be January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Cookie sales begin at 9am on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Troop order deadline is January 28<sup>th</sup> by 11:59pm. Troop initial incentive deadline is January 28<sup>th</sup>. The final incentive deadline is March 18<sup>th</sup>. The sale close deadline is March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Remember that these dates are also on the Ebudde website and your cookie manual.

### 2009 Annual Council Meeting

The Annual Council Meeting will take place on April 25, 2009 at the Glendale Civic Center. The Arizona Cactus Pine Council is requesting that every neighborhood provide their full number of delegates to this event. Each neighborhood in ACPC elects a minimum of 2 delegates or one delegate for every 50 girls registered as of September 30, 2008, whichever is higher, plus 2 alternate delegates. The Pima neighborhood had 758 girls registered by this date, therefore rendering us 15 delegates to send to the meeting.

**Why go to the Annual Council Meeting?** Because it's great! First you are able to meet with everyone who runs ACPC. Have you ever read the Listening Post, or looked at the contact names in your Program-at-a-Glance? Guess what! These people exist, and you'll probably find them at the Meeting. It's a great way to find new contacts and resources. There are many, many GS-related items on display or resources to be obtained. The Council shop is even there. There's usually some kind of beverage and simple hors d'oeuvres, and always many people to meet and chat with.

Then, you actually start the meeting. You are brought up to date on what GSACPC and GSUSA have been up to, and their plans for the future. You discuss in small groups certain issues about the direction our Council is going, and your voice is heard. The Meeting is wrapped up with a few topics that are voted on, and then, if you choose to stay, there is a luncheon where people are given Council awards and recognitions (I think Lee Kline is getting her 40-year pin this year??? Sorry Lee, didn't mean to date you!!!) Last year's Mistress of Ceremony was Olivia Fierro from Arizona's Family KTVA 3TV News.

If I haven't sold you on becoming a delegate, the bottom line is that if you're real about Girl Scouts, you should attend this at least one time in your life!

Oh, and don't forget to nominate me! ☺

### **Websites**

Pima Neighborhood Website  
<http://www.pimags.com>

East Service Area Team Website  
<http://www.girlscoutsazeast.org>

### **Service Opportunities:**

We are still hoping to find some amazing troops to organize neighborhood events for the 2008-2009 year. These opportunities include, but certainly are not limited to, a Brownie Try-It Day, Outdoors Skills Day, any type of older girl (6<sup>th</sup> grade and up) activity, song festival, neighborhood World Friendship Event, GS Leader event, neighborhood bridging event, or anything that will bring our girls together.

If your troop would like to organize one of these events, please sign up at the neighborhood meeting or contact Maxia at [maxiaw@msn.com](mailto:maxiaw@msn.com) or Julie @ [juleeagreg@aol.com](mailto:juleeagreg@aol.com)  
Thank you to those who have volunteered for the following services:

Melissa Geiser / Troop 1317- March 21, 2009 Daisy Day at the McCormick RR Park

Troop 2014 - February 27, 2009 "Candyland" Daisy/Brownie Father/Daughter Dance

Troop 1870 – Junior Father/Daughter Event

Troop 9 – Neighborhood Food Drive

Holly Snopko's troop – Adopt-A-Family for the Holidays drive

Troop 2256 – SHE program

### **Pima Neighborhood Yahoo Groups:**

Need to sign up to our Yahoo Group? This link will take you there:

<http://www.lazyd.com/gs/pimags.htm>

Please note that you will need a (free) Yahoo account to access files and neighborhood information. However, once you've established a Yahoo ID, you can then personalize your account so that the Pima GS group emails and notifications come to your current email address.

### **Pima Neighborhood Meeting Dates:**

Below are the dates and the monthly topics we will focus on. 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.

January 5, 2009 - Songs by Cadette Troop 256

February 2, 2009 - Field Trips / Service by Susan Vargas

March 2, 2009 - Bridging and Financial Reports by Paula Rupnik

April 6, 2009 - Badge Workshops by Susan Vargas

May 4, 2009 - End of the Year Volunteer Recognitions by Ellie Clinger

Feeling lost about what to do? Ask one of our service team members! We have people to answer questions about registration, finances, school troop coordination, fundraising, communication, leadership/skills training, and advisors for every girl program age group. Can't wait to see you there!! Need something in the newsletter? Email Maxia at [Maxiaw@msn.com](mailto:Maxiaw@msn.com) with "Pima NH" in the subject line.