

November 2008 Pima Neighborhood Newsletter

This month in Girl Scout history:

November 1918

A membership increase of nearly 20,700 necessitates an increase in the number of staff and requires the organization to relocate. The site chosen is One Madison Avenue in New York City. This 50-story building is one of the largest in the city.

November 1943

The Board of Directors approves a membership expansion program for 1943 with nine major projects and a slogan, "A Million or More by '44."

Today

There are **3.7 million Girl Scouts**—2.7 million girl members and 928,000 adult members working primarily as volunteers.

Vista Del Camino:

Holly Snopko is chairing the Adopt-a-Family at Christmas for families serviced by Vista del Camino. Information was passed out at the October neighborhood meeting. There are two ways your troop can help local families in need this holiday season. The first is to "adopt-a-child" this Christmas. The Vista staff provides adopters with a brief biography about the family in need, including gift suggestions and clothes/shoe sizes for the child(ren) in the family. Another way troops can help is to provide gifts in the means of grocery store gift cards, toiletries, non-perishable food donations, new children's clothing, blankets, towels, socks, gloves, and gifts to the elderly.

Vista del Camino will distribute the donations the week prior to Christmas. Vista del Camino will also be honoring non-Christian holidays such as Hanukkah, Ramadon, and Kwanzaa.

Please bring in your donations to the December 2008 neighborhood meeting. Please contact Holly Snopko with any questions at hdsnopko@yahoo.com or 480-767-1805.

Welcome Training:

Susan Vargas will host Welcome Training immediately following the November 3, 2008 Pima Neighborhood Leader meeting. The training will take approximately one hour. You do not need to bring any supplies.

Willow Springs Flag:

Diana Laulainen-Schein is collecting donations to purchase a new American Flag and Girl Scout Flag for Willow Springs, one of our Girl Scout Camps in Prescott. Troops can donate any amount they would like, however, a donation of just \$1 per girl in the Pima Neighborhood would be enough to purchase the two flags, and possibly more item that need to be replaced at our local camp. Please bring in all donations to Diana Laulainen-Schein at the December Pima Neighborhood meeting.

ANCHORS:

East area ANCHORS will have a Homelessness Awareness and Community Service project on November 18th for Girl Scouts 7th grade through 12th grade. Please see the flyer posted on Pima Yahoo Groups under Council Flyers.

SHE Program:

SHE (Sharing Healthy Experiences) is a program for girls that raise awareness about relational aggression, provide educational resources and innovative programming, and creating safe social climates in schools, the workplace, and communities. SHE is a local organization founded here in Scottsdale, and has already hosted a few workshops at our local schools. Diana Laulainen-Schein is working on having another forum for the Pima Girl Scouts on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 2009 at the Shepherd of the Desert Church. More information will be posted as it becomes available. You can also check out their website at www.sharinghealthyexperiences.com.

Websites:

The Pima Neighborhood website has a new address! Big thanks to Diana Laulainen-Schein and Lee Kline for making this possible. Please check out the website at www.pimags.com.

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

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

Service Opportunities:

We are looking for some amazing troops to organize neighborhood events for the 2008-2009 year. Here are the available neighborhood service opportunities:

January 2009 (end of month) - Brownie Try-It Day

March 2009 (end of month or early April) - Outdoor Skills Day

Any type of older girl (6th grade and up) activity.

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 or Julie @ 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 Ranch Railroad 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

**** There is still time to organize a neighborhood event for the Juliette Low Birthday celebration ****

Troop Camp Certification:

Here are the upcoming dates for TCC:

Camp Sombrero, Phoenix
November 4, Wednesday 6pm to 9pm
November 22-23, Saturday 9am to Sunday 1pm

Camp Sombrero, Phoenix
December 2, Tuesday 6pm to 9pm
December 13-14, Saturday 9am to Sunday 1pm

The fee is \$35 and all meals are included, except for Friday night dinner. You can register online at www.girlscoutsaz.org and click on E-Council registration, or follow the links on our Pima GS website.

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.

Lingo / Urban Legend:

Have an urban legend you want debunked?

Have a lingo you want defined?

Have you heard a "Girl Scout rule" that you want clarified?

Write it down and drop it in the suggestion box (that is beautifully decorated as last year's Fall Product mints tin) at the next neighborhood meeting.

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.

November 3, 2008 - Ceremonies / Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards by Ellie Clinger

December 1, 2008 - Cookies!! By JoEllen Kenney

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. A full list of contact information will be distributed at the neighborhood leader meeting. Can't wait to see you there!!

Need to add anything to next month's newsletter? E-mail Maxia at maxiaw@msn.com with "Pima NH" in the subject line.