

Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida Presents
2009-2010 Online Program Brochure

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Welcome to Girl Scouting!

Girl Scouts, founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912, is the world's largest organization dedicated solely to girls – all girls – where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, they build character and skills for success in the real world. In partnership with committed adult volunteers, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives – such as leadership, strong values, social conscience and conviction about their own potential and self-worth.

Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida offers a wide variety of program opportunities throughout the year designed to supplement troop activities and provide girls with enriching experiences in Girl Scouting. Many of these offerings are made possible through collaborations with other organizations and agencies that believe in girl-focused programs.

Many programs and activities have been developed or selected to provide girls in each Grade Level a variety of choices and experiences. Our programs and activities help girls develop their full individual potential; relate to others with increased understanding, skill and respect; develop values to guide their actions and provide a foundation for sound decision-making; and contribute to the improvement of society through their abilities, leadership skills and cooperation with others.

You are encouraged to share these program opportunities with your troop. Allow the girls to help choose the programs in which they would like to participate. In Girl Scouts, girls discover the fun, friendship and power of girls together. It is our hope that the girls will have fun learning about themselves and the world around them as they explore the *2009-2010 Online Program Brochure*.

Helpful Tips!

This online brochure and the grade-level sections are provided for planning purposes. The details needed to make program plans are provided in these descriptions. In order to plan successfully, make note of programs with differing fees for girls and adults. The description indicates when adults/chaperones are free of charge and when events are “family friendly” – meaning they are great events for siblings and other family members too! Visitors may print just the grade level they are interested in and use the interactive program calendar – or contact the Program Registrar – in order to reserve your spots.

Many of our programs offer the ability to earn insignia. This includes participation patches, Daisy Petals, Brownie Try Its, badges, IPs and other earned level awards – or parts of their prerequisites. Referred to as “insignia,” these are a record of a girl’s adventures and accomplishments as a Girl Scout. Insignia is the general term for all official items that girls and adults can wear on their uniforms. Use the program descriptions as a guide if you are seeking programs to earn/receive insignia.

Program related inquiries should be directed to the Precious Gordon, Pathways Program Manager, 954-513-3779 or pgordon@gssef.org. Registration or availability inquiries should be directed to the Program Registrar, Keneitha Monroe, 561-427-0192 or kmonroe@gssef.org.

For some of our largest council-wide programs, when we accommodate thousands of participants, we use special flyers. Such programs would include: Camp Creepy, Movie Mania and Mall Madness. These flyers provide detailed information and event-specific registration forms.

Our summer season of Girl Scout program is not included in this online brochure. Summer Camp program for June – August 2010 will be published separately in February 2010 . In the mean time, for more information about Summer Camp and summer programs, contact Outdoor Program Manager, Emily Zarzycki, at 561-427-0183 or ezarzycki@gssef.org.

Look for updates! As we move through our Girl Scout year together, new and exciting program opportunities often emerge. So we want you to stay tuned to our website and this *2009-2010 Online Program Brochure*. At any time that we make a change you will see a new date at the top of the section.

GSSEF 2009-2010 PROGRAM REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

This procedure is designed to offer a clear and simple process for girls, troops, Leaders, Advisors and Parents. Should you have any questions about a program or this procedure, please contact our Program Registrar:

Keneitha Monroe: 561-427-0192 or kmonroe@gssef.org
Mailing Address for Program: 1224 West Indiantown Road, Jupiter, FL 33458*

Leaders and Parents: You are required to refer to “Safety-Wise” for specific guidelines regarding girl/adult ratios and transportation guidelines. These are family and/or troop responsibilities. Girls must always be under the supervision of troop-appointed registered adults when attending any Girl Scout function or program. Non Girl Scouts are welcome to attend also, but must register as a Girl Scout prior to the event. We look forward to making new friends.

Annual Girl Scout dues are \$12.00 (2009-2010). For more information about organizational registration, contact Director of Membership, Rhonda Lang Netzel, at 954-513-3775 or rnetzel@gssef.org.

Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida offers Financial Assistance for annual membership and programs. The Financial Assistance Guidelines and Application is available on this site under “Forms and Documents” and “Financial Assistance.” For more information about Financial Assistance, contact Chief Membership and Program Officer, Lori Ebinger Sullivan, at 954-513-3764 or lsullivan@gssef.org.

GSSEF PROGRAM REGISTRATION POLICY:

- Pre-registration and pre-payment is required for all programs. No “walk-ins” will be permitted.
- Program registration filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
- At the time of registration, please carefully detail any special needs you or your girls may have, as we will always do our best to accommodate these needs.
- Full payment must be included at the time of registration. Registration will not be accepted without the appropriate fee(s). Any exceptions, when we accept non-refundable deposits, are specifically noted in the program description.
- Checks should be made payable to “Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida” or “GSSEF.” Credit cards are accepted for program fees: American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa.
- At the time of registration, a roster (list of girls and adults attending) will need to be submitted.
- Our Council website now accepts online registration and payment for most programs. Credit Card payments are required for this form of registration.
- Neither registration via the online format, nor mail-in registration guarantees your spot(s). Staff will merge both incoming registration formats daily, as to equitably fill the programs on a first-come, first-served basis. The confirmation packet/letter/email will indicate your completed registration.
- *For optimum registration results via U.S. Mail, mail program registration (payment and rosters) to Keneitha Monroe: 1224 West Indiantown Road, Jupiter, FL 33458. Registration mailed to the Oakland Park Service Center will be inter-office mailed to Keneitha at the Jupiter Service Center.

GSSEF CONFIRMATION & CANCELLATION POLICY:

- Fees must be sent with the Program Event Registration Form. No registration will be accepted without the appropriate fee.
- Programs may be cancelled **two weeks prior** (*effective February 2, 2009*) to the program date, based on a minimum registration requirement. Refunds will be issued to if a program cannot be provided.
- Troop and Individual cancellations will be accepted up to **two weeks prior** (*effective February 2, 2009*) to the program date. After this date, no refunds will be granted.
- Program fees will be refunded only if the event is cancelled by the Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida. Such fees will be refunded or may be transferred to another program at the request of the Adult Contact.
- Should the situation occur that an online registration is submitted with a credit card payment and that program is full, a refund will be issued.
- Program confirmation letters/packets are mailed or e-mailed (when applicable) following the registration closing date or within ten days of a program date, to the Adult Contact on the registration form.
- If the program is full, the Adult Contact will be notified by phone as soon as possible. An additional program will be provided whenever possible.