

Guam Girl Scouts, Inc.

Catching Up

Guam Girl Scouts have been very busy since the last newsletter.

In May, Troop 027, based at the Dominican Catholic School in Yigo, hosted "A Daisy Day In May" to the delight of about 35 Girl Scout Daisies. See pictures and more details on page 4.

July was an extremely busy month for Guam Girl Scouts.

First, we held a very active, one week day camp for Brownies and Juniors. Find out about the adventures the girls had and see the pictures on page 5.

Then, two girls (Jessica and Skylene) and two adults (Jennifer Berry and Mike Jones) went to the Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland. They attended a "Girls In Space" Training. The team is now planning workshops to share what they learned with Girl Scout Seniors, Ambassadors, and Leaders. They are also laying

the groundwork for a Girl Scout Astronomy Club here on Guam. This fantastic opportunity was funded through a grant we received from Girl Scouts of the USA. Read about this experience on page 4.

Another July activity was that Donna Rhodes facilitated the first of a series of Take Action trainings. This opportunity was also funded through a grant we received from Girl Scouts of the USA, funded by the Corporation for National & Community Service Learn & Serve. See pages 6 and 7 for pictures and more information.

Closing out July, Nancy Jones and Norma Ford attended a Learning and Development Conference in New York.

In August, two girls (Journey and Gretchen) and one adult (Glynda Richter) went to Japan to attend West Pacific Girl



Girls reciting the Girl Scout Promise at the opening of the Take Action training session.

Scout's Forever Green Leadership Summit.

In September we had Girl Scout Night at the Planetarium as the first of our astronomy events. Pam Eastlick, Coordinator for the University of Guam Planetarium, presented "Autumn Sky—How to Read the Sky".

On September 25th, Guam Girl Scouts participated in National Public Lands Day by assisting the National Park Service with sprucing up Ga'an Point.

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Special points of interest:

- GCSI closed for inventory October 1 & 2
- Girl Scouts' new program year begins October 1
- GCSI Annual Meeting—October 23
- GCSI Fall Kick Off—October 23
- GCSI Cookie Kick-Off—October 30
- Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday—October 31

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Just Ahead

October will be a month full of activities. Our first event in the new program year is the 5th Annual Multi-Troop Yard Sale on the 9th, then GCSI will man

a water station for the Ko'ko Race on the 17th. On the 19th, thanks to Nissan Guam, we are sponsoring a Car Care Clinic. Most importantly is the GCSI

Annual Meeting and the Fall Kick-Off on the 23rd. Last, but not least, the Cookie Kick-Off will be on the 30th. Yes, that's when pre-sales start!

High School Girls' Opportunities

Through the efforts of Senior/Ambassador Troop Leaders Lauren Ahillen and Jackie McMahon, Troop #395 will be providing a series of events and activities geared specifically toward the interests of high school-aged girls.

Troop #395 is not like your little sister's Girl Scout Brownie Troop. This troop is for high school girls who have busy schedules but still want to be involved in Girl Scout activities. They will meet face-to-face periodically, but they will more often "meet" via email and social websites to make plans for upcoming events and activities. Maybe they'll sell cookies or participate in other money-earning opportunities to fund those events and activities.

Lauren and Jackie will also serve as advisors for girls who want to begin taking

steps toward earning the Gold Award or other recognitions. According to the Girl Scout website "The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award that a Girl Scout 14-18 may earn. Someone once described the Girl Scout Gold Award as being 'what you really want to be remembered for' in Girl Scouting. For many, the leadership skills, organizational skills, and sense of community and commitment that come from 'going for the Gold' set the foundation for a lifetime of active citizenship."

Since the interests of the girls will be varied, some of the girls in the troop might decide that they want to participate in a job shadowing program while others want to go camping, on a hike, or to one of the four world centers, Our Cabaña in Cuernavaca, Mexico; Our Chalet in Adelboden, Switzerland; Pax Lodge in London,

England; or Sangam in Pune, India. Some of the girls in this troop might choose to do it all!

Don't forget that Girl Scouts is a great place for girls to earn their community service hours regardless of why they are needed. Of course the girls will also be able to participate in all the activities that Guam Girl Scouts offers to its members.

Knowing there is support for each girl's personal interests, the possibilities are limited only by the girls' imaginations.

The next event for Troop #395 is the Car Care Clinic on October 19. See the flyer on the next page!

If you are interested in finding out more about Troop #395, please call the Guam Girl Scout Service Center at 646-5652.

5th Annual Multi-Troop Yard Sale



Guam Girl Scout Troops are staging their 5th Annual multi-troop yard sale on **Saturday, October 9 from 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.**

The yard sale will take place on the grounds of the Guam Girl Scout Service Center in Tamuning. (On Marine Corps Drive across from Chief Brodie Elementary School; about 1/4 mile north of Airport Road and 1/2 mile south of Kmart).



Proceeds from this event will provide Troop start-up funds and finance Troop activities.

For more information, please contact the Guam Girl Scout Service Center: 646-5652.

More October Events

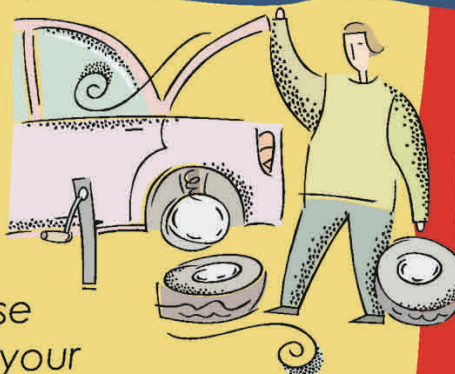
October is a very busy month for Guam Girl Scouts. Here is the current calendar...

Thurs	1	New Program Year Begins
	1 – 2	GGSI CLOSED FOR INVENTORY
Wed	6	Cookie Manager Training 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (subject to minimum participation)
Fri	8	Cookie Manager Training 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (subject to minimum participation)
Sat	9	5 th annual Guam Girl Scout Troop Yard Sale
Sat	16	Last day to sign up for GGSI Annual Meeting and Fall Kick-Off

Sat	16	Volunteer Essentials – 1 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
		Volunteer Essentials – 2 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sun	17	Ko'ko Road Race – GGSI to man a water station for Continental Micronesia
Tues	19	High School girls & adults @ Nissan Car Care Clinic
Sat	23	GGSI Annual Meeting/Fall Kick-Off
Tues	26	Sugar Plum Tree goes up at the Service Center
Sat	30	Cookie Kick-Off/Cookie Pre-Sale Begins
Sun	31	Juliette Low's Birthday

Guam Girl Scouts Car Care Clinic

Will you be getting your driver's license soon? Have you earned your driver's license recently? Maybe you've had your license for years...



Nissan Guam and Guam Girl Scouts want to make sure you know all you can about your responsibilities for keeping the car you drive in good running condition no matter which category you fall into.

Join in this opportunity on **Tuesday, October 19, 2010 at 5:30 in the evening!** The technicians at the **Nissan Auto Center in Upper Tumon** will cover many things, like changing a tire, checking the fluids that keep your car running smoothly, what all those icons on your dashboard mean, and more!

Registered Girl Scouts in grades 9 through 12 AND registered Girl Scout adults are invited to this clinic. If you aren't registered yet, no problem! The annual membership fee is \$12.00 and we will accept your registration any time prior to the activity.

This is a FREE activity!

This event has minimum and maximum participation numbers!

Please RSVP to Guam Girl Scouts by calling 646-5652

or email us at joinggsi@ite.net by October 12.

Pizza & soft drinks will be available after the clinic is completed.



Girls in Space! *Preparing for the launch of Guam's "Girl Scout Astronomy Club!"*

Guam Girl Scouts, Inc. was one of ten Girl Scout locations across the country awarded a grant to participate in the "Girls in Space" program, hosted by Girl Scouts of the USA and NASA!

The purpose of this program is to encourage girls to discover more about the fields of science, technology, engineering and math—and to consider all the related career opportunities!

First stop: a week-long training opportunity in July, at the Goddard Space Center in Maryland! Those interested in being part of

our Guam team of two girls and two adult volunteers submitted essays describing their interests in astronomy. Representing Guam Girl Scouts in this incredible journey: Girl Scout Senior Jessica and Girl Scout Ambassador Skylene, along with Adult Girl Scout volunteers Jennifer Berry and Mike Jones.

Next stop! We will be hearing from our "Girls in Space" team as they conduct events to build interest in our Girl Scout Astronomy Club!



What An Adventure!

The people we met came from all over the world. They smiled and were very friendly and helpful. The other Girl Scouts councils were great! We all got along and had so much fun getting to know each other. I felt so fortunate to have the opportunity to meet and learn about other Girl Scout councils in the US.

The Hilton in Silver Spring, Maryland was a perfect location for all of us to stay. Downtown Silver Spring was beautiful and safe for walking around.

"Amazing" is the only word I can use to describe the Goddard Space Center! I felt

so proud to be an American! I just kept on saying "WOW!" as I learned through the week about NASA's cutting edge advances in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Inspiring girls' interest in these areas is a reason the Girl Scouts are working with NASA.

In addition to participating in a lot of hands-on training workshops that made space science fun, our team also had a learning adventure-trip to Washington, D.C., where we visited the Air and Space Museum! I learned a lot from the great planetarium and IMAX shows.

All the core trainers did their best to ensure that our week-long experience was a worthwhile and memorable one, and it was! It has been both a great privilege and opportunity for Guam Girl Scouts to be part of the "Girls in Space" Program.



"A Daisy Day In May"

The Juniors and Cadettes from Troop 027, based at the Dominican Catholic School in Yigo, did a wonderful job planning and executing an active day for the Girl Scout Daisies. The Daisies participated in a variety of sports-related activities such as how to warm up before playing sports, and ball handling skills for several sports.



Summer Camp 2010!

Diane Thurber designed an awesome summer camp for Guam Girl Scouts! We started the week at the St. John's Parish Hall where the girls made sit upon that they would be using for the rest of the week.

On Tuesday, King Bus Tours provided transportation so the girls could meet with Ernie Wusstig, owner of Island View Farm where they grow a variety of fruits and vegetables including corn and

watermelon. Colleen Simpson from the Department of Agriculture gave the girls a mini lesson on soil and soil conservation.

After the farm, we rode the bus to Sleepy Meadows Ranch to learn

about the horses and to ride them! It was the first time on a horse for many of the girls.

On Wednesday, the girls were hosted by a variety of businesses in Tumon. First they received a backstage tour of the SandCastle—they even got to see the tigers! After lunch the girls went on a tour of the Outrigger Hotel. They saw work areas that most people never see. They

even saw a demonstration of napkin folding—like origami with napkins! Finally, a trip to Tumon is never complete without going to UnderWater World.

On Thursday we all went to Guam Community College where the girls were able to visit the Allied Health Building. They were able to speak to students and instructors as well as “play” with some of the equipment the students use to practice their techniques and knowledge.

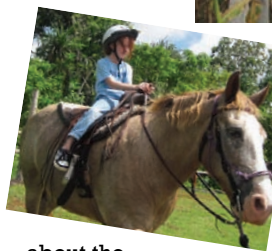
Jayne Flores also arranged for the girls to meet AutoCAD instructor John Zillian who gave a presentation about architectural

drawing, models and computer 3D drawing.

At lunch time, the girls had the awesome experience of making pizza with Chef Kevin. After lunch they discovered the fun of photo editing software with Becky Aguon.

The staff of PBS Guam—KGTF welcomed the girls for a tour and then they shot a promo for Guam Girl Scouts and KGTF.

The week ended at Camp Téa in Ipan where the girls learned to snorkel with the assistance of the wonderful staff of Micronesians Divers' Association, made sand candles, and received a lively presentation from Elaina Todd. The day didn't end there though, they participated in a beach clean-up and some craft activities in the afternoon. Finally, the girls put up their tents while there was still daylight then prepared dinner and, of course, made s'mores!



Take Action

In 2008, Girl Scouts of the USA introduced new program materials to be used at the troop level. These materials are called "Journeys". The Journeys are the tools to help the girls succeed with the "New Girl Scout Leadership Experience."

By accomplishing the activities in the books, the girls will discover the three "keys" to leadership.

The first key is **"Discover"**. Girls understand themselves and their values and use their knowledge and skills to explore the world. The benefits intended for girls from the discover key include:

- Developing a strong sense of self
- Developing positive values
- Gaining practical life skills and practicing healthy living
- Seeking challenges in the world
- Developing critical thinking skills

The second key is **"Connect"**. Girls care about, inspire, and team with others locally and globally. Benefits for girls include:

- Developing healthy relationships
- Promoting cooperation and team-building
- Resolving conflicts
- Advancing diversity in a multicultural world
- Feeling connected to their local and global communities

The third key is **"Take Action"**. Girls act to make the world a better place. Benefits intended for girls include:

- Identifying community needs
- Working as resourceful problem-solvers
- Educating and inspiring others to act
- Advocating for themselves and others, at home and around the world
- Feeling empowered to make a difference

Last November, Donna Rhodes—Troop Leader and Trainer for Guam Girl Scouts—attended a training session at the Edith Macy Conference Center in New York. This training was to prepare her to facilitate the Take Action Training Module with adults and girls.

Guam Girl Scouts is fortunate to have received a "Take Action" grant to offset some of the costs associated with training girls and adults. The grant is dispersed by Girl Scouts of the USA, but funded by the Corporation for National & Community Service Learn & Serve.

Our first Take Action Training Session was held in July. Girl Scout Juniors through Ambassadors, their parents and all Girl Scout Leaders were invited to this all-day training.

Local non-profit organizations were invited to take advantage of this opportunity by discussing with the girls and adults ways that Guam Girl Scouts can help their organizations, and therefore, the island. Six organizations were represented in the hopes of becoming community partners and beneficiaries of the Take Action projects.

There are seven key elements or phases to a successful Take Action Project:

1. **Map It** - Investigate community needs & try to discover the "root" of the problem
2. **Plan It** - Prepare a Take Action Plan
3. **Do It** - Act "with" the community
4. **Think About It** - Reflect on the Project's impact
5. **Advocate It** - Demonstrate the importance of the issue to others
6. **Be Proud of It** - Celebrate the accomplishments
7. **Keep It Going** - think about how the project could be sustained.



Defining Community Service Projects

Some community service projects address an immediate need in the community, but they do so for only a short period of time.

Defining Take Action Projects

When girls pursue Take Action projects, they take time to identify and understand the root cause of the issue they are addressing. Girls also must make sure that each project is sustainable and that the impact is measurable.

Measurable: The success of the project can be determine based on the number of people the project helped, the number of people who were involved, any reduction in the community's need, and other concrete numbers.

Sustainable: Girls must make arrangements (such as collaborating with community leaders and/or organizations; building alliances with mentors) to ensure that the project creates lasting change and is not a one-time event.

Take Action encourages girls to think bigger and to address problems in such a way that they do not reoccur. And, perhaps most important, a girl's Take Action project changes the world in a meaningful way.

Girls can identify community needs. In order for girls to start working on their award projects, they must first find out what the community is in need of. Girls also learn how to identify the root cause of the issue they choose to address.



Girls are resourceful problem solvers.

Undoubtedly, there will be roadblocks along the way, which means that girls will need to come up with creative ways to solve the problems that arise.

Girls advocate for themselves and others, locally and globally. As they learn about the issues in their communities and work to solve them, girls stand up for issues they believe in, influence policy, and identify ways to continue their project goals into the future.

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Mission Statement

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



All registered members of Guam Girl Scouts are invited to attend the

ANNUAL MEETING of GUAM GIRL SCOUTS, INC.

**Saturday, October 23, 2010
9:00 a.m.**

The Pacific Islands Club

Tasa and Halagi Rooms



We will vote* for members of our Guam Girl Scouts Board of Directors, and hear the state-of-the-program reports.

Your vote is important...please plan to attend!

Please let us know if you plan to attend this important meeting.

*Those registered members 14 years and older may vote.

*To request a ballot for proxy voting, please call 646-5652.

