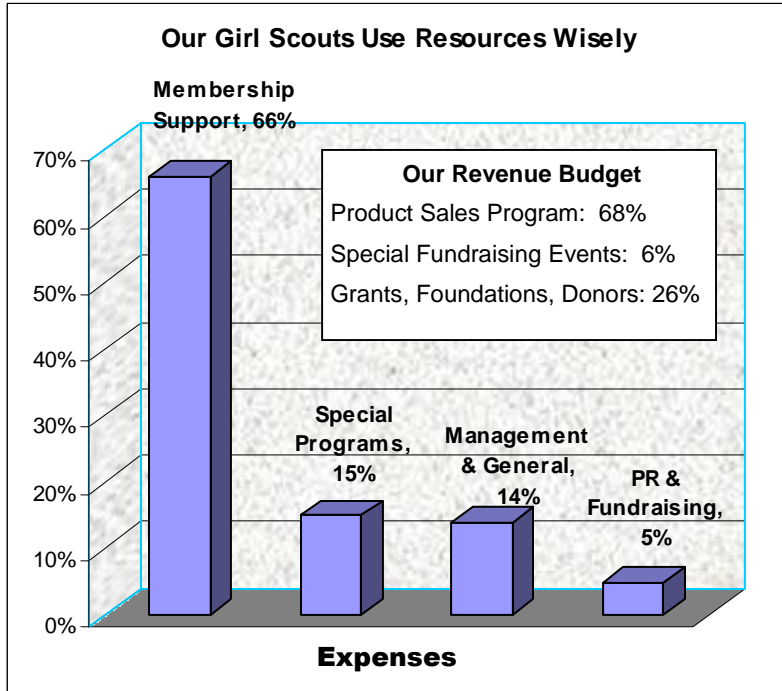




# Girl Scout Family Newsletter



## You Can Help Make the World a Better Place

### Why Is Family Giving Important?

The world of many girls today is one of text messaging and My Space. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. We know this is true. **We build leadership skills.** Look around our council and you will see:

- 1,300 girls participating in the 12th bi-annual Kaleidoscope Camporee where they took part in skill challenges, fun activities and imaginative workshops.
- Our girls in San Benito County collecting 2,555 pounds of food for the community pantry.
- Girls in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties collecting over 5,000 coats for the One Warm Coat project.
- A Girl Scout, age 16, who persuaded the vendors at a farmers market to donate leftover produce to FOOD share, the Ventura County food bank.
- Sixty-two older girls who earned their Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting, by providing the leadership necessary to implement service projects that will have a lasting effect in their communities.

**We are making a difference.**

**We are making the world a better place.**

**Myths:** Nice girls do not talk about money.

**Truths:** Girl Scout Leaders do talk about money.

- It takes money to have a clean and safe Camp Arnaz for our girls to camp in.
- It takes money to pay for the data entry program and membership registrars.
- 5,000 girls were served by council level programming that was made possible through the guidance of program and membership staff working in partnership with volunteers.
- It takes money to create the flyers and the Public Service Announcements that may have well attracted your Girl Scout to the organization.

If everyone gave a minimum donation of \$25 dollars we would generate \$225,000 to support the Girl Scout program. All families that give \$25 or more will receive the mermaid patch shown above for their daughter (s). Imagine the possibilities! Please give to family giving.

## Early Bird Registration Instructions

- ◆ Please fill-out the girl or adult registration forms in your best penmanship. Remember, our Registrars have to be able to read and enter the information you provide us. Make your Family Giving donation in the *I would like to contribute* part of the form.
- ◆ If you have an email address, please provide it. Many times program opportunities arise at the last minute. E-mail blasts are an inexpensive way to alert our membership of unique program opportunities. This saves money!
- ◆ Please complete the racial background and ethnic information. This information is required by foundations and donors that underwrite our council programs like Artemis and Community Based programs for girls in low-income areas.
- ◆ Every girl who registers by June 30, 2009 will receive an Early-Bird Registration patch. Return the forms to your troop leader.
- ◆ In the grey space on the right of the membership form, please write how you are paying for the registration. Membership Dues have increased to \$12. Remember, the entire \$12 amount is sent to GSUSA; our council does not retain any portion of the \$12. The Lifetime Dues for adults is \$300 and for graduating Girl Scout Seniors it is \$156.

### Examples:

\$12 Dues—Cash

\$12 Dues and \$30 Family Giving, Check # 1235

\$12 Cookie Credits (Write Cookie Credit #), \$25 Family Giving, Check#4567

If Financial Assistance (FA) is required: \$6 Dues – Cash, FA \$6

\$12 Dues and \$100 Family Giving, Credit Card (Information is listed on the bottom portion of the form.)

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**PS** We are always looking for other sources of revenue to decrease our reliance on the cookie sale. If you know of a business, foundation, Girl Scout alumni or individual donor that has the capacity to give to Girl Scouting contact our CAO, Shari Bridges at [sbridges@girlscoutscoc.org](mailto:sbridges@girlscoutscoc.org).