

## **Kaleidoscope 2010: Venture Into Space! FAQs & Volunteer Positions**

Have questions about Kaleidoscope 2010 plagued you and caused you sleepless nights? Well, we at Kaleidoscope Central are here to answer these questions and more as the months pass and Kaleidoscope 2010 gets closer.

**1. What do I need to do to help my troop prepare for take off to Kaleidoscope 2010?**

Each month in Coastal Connections there will be an article with information to help you and your space cadets prepare for take off to Kaleidoscope 2010. We are also working on putting together a "Frequently Asked Questions" page on the council's site regarding Kaleidoscope 2010.

**2. Do I need to take my troop camping before Kaleidoscope 2010?**

**YES!!!** If your girls are going to be first year Juniors and have never tent camped before, start with a slumber party, tent camping in someone's backyard or at Arnaz. Take the girls someplace that they feel secure and then perhaps somewhere a little further away. Be sure that everyone has the proper training for these events.

**3. Do I need someone in my troop to be Outdoor Trained?**

**YES!!!** It does not have to be the Leader or the Co-leader of the troop. It can be a parent, but it must be someone that will be attending Kaleidoscope and the campouts your troop will be doing to prepare for Kaleidoscope. The person that is going to be Outdoor Trained needs to complete Stepping Out and Beginning Troop Camping. Also, be sure you have someone First Aid and CPR trained coming with your troop.

**4. How do I get myself or someone in my troop Outdoor Trained?**

Be sure they have done their Stepping Out and watch for Beginning Troop Camping that are offered throughout the council. If one is not being offered in your area during the school year, find out who your Area Training Coordinator is in your area and ask her if she can get one set up with some of the trainers in your area. (For complete info about trainings, please visit the link below)

[http://www.girlscoutsgcc.org/images/admats/Trip,\\_ACTivity\\_and\\_Training\\_Progression.pdf](http://www.girlscoutsgcc.org/images/admats/Trip,_ACTivity_and_Training_Progression.pdf)

**5. If the troop next to my troop's campsite has an Outdoor Trained person is it okay to use that person for my troop also or do I need my own Outdoor Trained person?**

You need your own Outdoor Trained person. For one thing Outdoor Trained people are very special and you do not want your troop to miss out on the great experience of having your very own. The Stepping Out and Beginning Troop Camping makes sure everyone has a great time and that no one gets hurt.

**6. May I use an Outdoor Trained person from another troop?**

**YES!!!** If you have no one that can take the Stepping Out and Beginning Troop Camping, you can borrow an Outdoor Trained person from another troop. You are required to feed them and give them a place to sleep, (preferably inside a tent).

**7. When I get my Outdoor Trained person all set and my troop is registered for Kaleidoscope 2010, how soon do I turn in my Outdoor Application Form and who do I turn it in to?**

The Outdoor Application Form is something your Outdoor Trained person will learn about in their training. We find it works very well to actually teach important facts such as this one. You can turn your form in as soon as you send in your registration for Kaleidoscope 2010. It needs to go to whoever is your Outdoor Consultant in your Service Unit. If you do not know who this is, ask your Service Unit Manager. They know the answer to this question and that is why they are paid the big volunteer bucks. **DO NOT** wait until the last minute to send in your Outdoor Application Form. This will make your Outdoor Consultant very unhappy and that is not a nice thing to do them.

We at Kaleidoscope Central hope that these answers have been helpful and that you will be able to sleep at night. Always remember that the Kaleidoscope Committee is here to help you and your troop have an out-of-this-world experience at Kaleidoscope.

Kaleidoscope is blasting into the atmosphere on Friday-April 30<sup>th</sup>, Saturday-May 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday-May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010 in the Santa Ynez Valley.

**Each of the positions have the following requirements:**

1. Attends Kaleidoscope Committee meetings
  - a. Meetings are usually every other month until Kaleidoscope, depending on what the committee decides.
  - b. Meeting locations are usually somewhere around the Central Hub, depending on what the committee decides.
2. Attends K2010 for FREE.
3. Receives for FREE two Kaleidoscope Committee t-shirts and a Kaleidoscope Committee sweatshirt.

**Clean-up Coordinator**

4. This may be an individual volunteer or an older girl troop leader and her troop.
5. Works with a group of volunteers or a troop that is the Clean-up Crew on Sunday.
6. Stays on Sunday until the camp is cleaned up, packed and everyone can go home.
7. Has access to driving a gopher when needed on Sunday.
8. Carries a walkie talkie on Sunday.

**Set-up Coordinator**

1. This may be an individual volunteer or an older girl troop leader and her troop.
2. Works with a group of volunteers or a troop that is the Set-up Crew from Friday until Sunday.

3. Comes early on Friday to start setting up and finishes Sunday morning, when the Clean-up Coordinator and Clean-up Crew take over.
4. Has access to driving a gopher when needed during the weekend.
5. Carries a walkie talkie over the weekend.

#### **Site Coordinator**

1. This may be an individual volunteer or co-chaired.
2. Orders port-a-potties, sound equipment, stage and other large items.
3. Makes sure that the large items are placed in the correct locations at Live Oak.
4. Has access to driving a gopher when needed during the weekend.
5. Carries a walkie talkie over the weekend.

#### **Supply Coordinator**

1. This may be an individual volunteer or co-chaired.
2. Orders bandanas, light-up necklaces and many other small items.
3. Makes sure that these items arrive at event.

#### **Volunteer Coordinator**

1. This may be an individual volunteer or co-chaired.
2. Contacts volunteers about positions they have offered to help with and fills the positions the committee members need.
3. Sends the names and information about the volunteers to the committee members they will be working with.