



February Program Ideas

Make a Valentine's Day craft using one of these ideas:

<http://www.holiday-crafts-and-creations.com/valentine-crafts.html>

I personally think the stained glue hearts look fabulous and like a relatively easy project for any age level.

Discuss council sponsored Summer Camp opportunities with your girls. That way, if your troop isn't camping together, girls can find out about camping they can do on their own. The full camp brochure can be found at:

<http://www.girlscoutsofwesternohio.org/Forms/Publications/Camp%20Brochure%202011-Final.pdf>

Cookie booth sales will start soon. Get the girls ready to count change. Print play money to use for this exercise from one of the sources listed here:

http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/1591189/free_printable_play_money_american.html?cat=25

February 22 is world-wide Thinking Day. Celebrate with your troop by learning about Girl Scouts or Girl Guides in another country. Bring food from this country for your snack, play a game popular in this country, and find pictures showing what Girl Scouts/Guides look like. Take it one step further by participating in the TME Thinking Day fair. Details and registration form online at www.tmegirlscouts.com along with a list of helpful links such as a list of countries.

Council Program Opportunity for any age level:

KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Saturday, February 26, 2011, 1:00 PM

Kids on the Block is an opportunity for Girl Scout **Daisies** and **Brownies** to gain an appreciation, understanding, and respect of persons with disabilities. During the performance, the girls will see three puppet shows, ask the puppets questions about disabilities and participate in activities that simulate disabilities.

Location: Girl Scout Center - Dayton

Cost: \$3/girl

To Register: Register online or download the Council Sponsored Registration Form, complete and mail or fax to the appropriate regional office.

<http://www.girlscoutsofwesternohio.org/Program/BTRegion.htm>

KIDS ON THE BLOCK PUPPETEERS

Kids on the Block enables **older girl troops** to provide community service by helping Girl Scout Daisies and Brownies learn about people with disabilities. At puppeteer training, troops will learn puppetry skills that will prepare them for a performance that they will give on February 26, 2011. Participating in this training and becoming a puppeteer is considered a Program Aide specialization. The puppeteer training date will be arranged with the troop after registering.

Service Learning Project: Valentine's Day is a great time to remember our active duty military members serving abroad. If you don't have a specific person to honor, pick one from a list provided on www.anysoldier.com (perhaps a female soldier – who knows; she may have been a Girl Scout herself?). Your troop can simply send cards or put together a care package; the site lists all of the details for doing this. Or contact the Dayton VA Hospital at 262-2162 to ask about doing something for a veteran. Be sure to do a follow up activity with the girls and help them evaluate and reflect on their project.

Did you know GSUSA does a LOT of research surrounding girls and their specific needs? Read up on one of the latest topics done by the Girl Scout Research Institute, girls and social media. Be sure to share this link or print copies for each family.

<http://www.girlscoutsofwesternohio.org/Forms/Girl%20Scouts%20Fact%20Sheet-Social%20Media%202010.pdf>