

Welcome to Troop 30122!



This letter is to help you understand the Girl Scout organization, our program goals, and my direction as your Daisy Troop Leader. I'll also discuss some of the things you can expect from your daughters' scouting work this year. Please take a moment to read over this letter and feel free to ask me about anything at any time: tonight and throughout this year.

What is a Daisy?

Daisies are the first of six membership groups that make up the *Girl Scouts of USA*. Named after Girl Scout Founder Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Lowe, the *Daisy* level represents both the kindergarten and first grade levels. As kindergarteners, our girls are entering Girl Scouts at the very, very beginning and, as a result, will get to experience the entire 2-years of the Daisy program. After 1st grade we will "bridge" to the next Girl Scout level: the *Brownies*.

Girl Scout Program

Our Daisy Scout year will be full of activities intended to introduce our girls to the Girl Scouts program. The Program itself is designed to change the way girls see the world and their place within it. Our girls will learn the importance of personal responsibility, the value of goal-setting, and the spirit of teamwork.

The objectives of the Program are based on the Girl Scout Promise and Law, and they include four fundamental goals – all of which encourage girls to:

- Develop to their full potential.
- Relate to others with increasing understanding, skill, and respect.
- Develop a meaningful set of values to guide their actions and to provide for sound decision-making.
- Contribute to the improvement of society.

As said, we will earn petal patches this year (and others) that demonstrate our growth and development along the way.

Uniform

Our Daisies will be wearing the light blue tunic for the next 2 years. It includes the blue membership disk and the Girl Scout Daisy Pin. The tunic is the most important portion of the uniform, and may be worn with a casual white shirt and khaki bottoms.

Meeting Dates

Daisy Troop 30122 will officially be meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 530pm. Meetings will run 60-75 minutes with a very, very light snack (to accommodate for parents' dinner plans on these particular nights). Meetings will be hosted by me and by troop member parents (see below).

Meeting Location

I have been very fortunate to secure a place large enough for our troop to meet every month: the *Miramonte Gardens Clubhouse* [68 Miramonte Drive]. We have been granted free reservations for our troop here, and it is large enough so that we can accommodate all troop members and parents (if there are parents wishing to stay during the meetings). It will also be open to any parent hosting a troop meeting this year: so if you'd prefer this facility over your own house then this clubhouse will already be reserved for you.

Hosting a Meeting

Please take a look at the year's calendar and you will see the general meetings scheduled for each month. Daisy Scouts is a cooperative organization that relies on volunteer assistance and parent support in order to be successful. For this reason I am asking that parents please host one of the monthly meetings: listed as General Meeting. To host a meeting involves two (2) elements: its basic organization (where and when reminders, snack, etc.) and the petal (badge) education. Hosting a meeting is a great way to bring your ideas and creativity into the group; especially when you're involved in the educational portion of the petal work that month. It will be fun and I will be helping you along the way – no problem! When selecting a meeting to host, please contact me personally via phone or email.

Drop-off & Pick up Policy

Please remember that meetings are, for the most part, a drop-off/pick-up situation. Parents are ALWAYS welcome to stay, particularly for the Investiture – a very meaningful ceremony to welcome new girls and parents into Girl Scouts. However, parents are not required to stay and should not feel bad about missing a meeting. If there will be transportation issues with your child attending a particular meeting, we can always work out a carpool in advance. Additionally, my policy for pick-up is as follows:

****PLEASE NOTE*** Should you be late picking up your daughter (whether you know you'll be late or it just happens to occur), I will take your daughter home with me where she can play until you arrive. This holds true for every meeting (I live at the meeting location) as well as every event.*

➔ *For reassurance, I am registered with the State as a childcare provider, and have cleared multiple background checks (including an FBI/DOJ check for teaching) just this month, and am CPR certified. No parent should have to worry about their daughter missing out on the Daisy adventure this year because of their schedule – we'll make it work, we'll make it fun!*

As always, please contact me with any questions you may have. I am very excited about all of the Daisies joining our troop this year. And with that note, please see below for our Year-at-a-Glance.

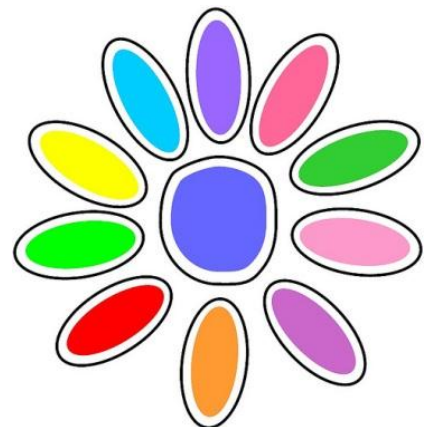
Thank you,

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[2012 – 2013]

Welcome Meeting	Thursday - October 25, 2012 530 – 630pm	Welcome Night – Daisy Activity and Parent Information
Scout Skate	Monday – November 12, 2012 345 – 630pm	Roller Skating Event that brings together all Orinda/Moraga Girl Scout Troops
General Meeting	Thursday – November 15, 2012 530 – 630pm	PETAL = Lupe (honest & fair)
General Meeting	Thursday - December 13, 2012 530 – 630pm	PETAL = Sunny (friendly & helpful)
General Meeting	Thursday – January 17, 2013 500 – 630pm	PETAL = Zinni (considerate & caring) Investiture Rehearsal
Investiture	Sunday – January 20, 2013 1000 – 1100am	Ceremony to welcome new girls into Girl Scouting: the time in which each girl will receive her Daisy Scout pin
General Meeting	Thursday – February 21, 2013 530 – 630pm	PETAL = Tula (courageous & strong)
Troop Movie Night	Saturday – February 23, 2013 500 – 800pm	Dinner & Movie [434 Moraga Way, Orinda] GS World Thinking Day Activity
Father / Daughter Dance	TBD	Dessert with Dad (early Father’s Day celeb) followed by father/daughter formal dance [GS tradition]
International Faire	Sunday – March 10, 2013 Time TBA	Daisies simply attend and have fun!
Girl Scout Birthday	Tuesday – March 12, 2013	Girl Scout Birthday Party (w/1 st -5 th grade troops) My Promise, My Faith badge
General Meeting	Thursday – March 21, 2013 530 – 630pm	PETAL = Mari (responsible for what I say and do)
Girl Scout Songfest	SPRING - TBD	to recognize and celebrate the impact Girl Scouting has had on the lives of girls across our community & world
General Meeting	Thursday – April 18, 2013 530 – 630pm	PETAL = Gloria (respect myself and others)
General Meeting Mom / Daughter Event	Thursday – May 16, 2013 430 – 630pm	PETAL = Gerri (respect authority) Meal with Mom (Mother’s Day Celeb) – 600-630pm
Oakland Zoo Trip	Saturday – May 26, 2013 900 – 100pm	INTRO to JOURNEY / Daisy – 3 Cheers for Animals Zoo Day & Workshop (\$20/child, \$5 adult)

