Hello Daisy Families,

The International Faire is this Sunday, March 10. It will be held at OIS in the Multi-Purpose room starting at 12:45pm. Please see the Evite in order to RSVP to this event. To make sure we have patches for the girls, I need a head-count ASAP -- please RSVP by Wednesday, March 6. The \$7.00 fee is still not due until Friday (cash or check to Troop 30122 in the GS box inside Del Rey front office, or find me at the event).

Troop Details:

We are a "visiting" troop – as Daisies we do not represent a country or host a booth. We instead come for fun. Each of us should arrive between 12:45 – 1:00pm for registration (we do not have to arrive as a group in order to check-in, you can do this individually upon arrival). After you check-in, your Daisy will receive a "passport." The girls will take these passports around to the countries (the booths of the other troops) and participate in little activities, collecting stamps that show which countries they have visited throughout the event.

Daisies should be in uniform for the event.

Things to Bring:

- A tote bag, to hold all the souvenirs (leaflets, craft items, and more!) from your travels. The bag can also hold your passport so you don't lose it.
- Money for the booth activites. Some booths might be charging a small amount (\$0.25 or less) for their activities. Have your girls bring some coins so they can fully participate in the Faire. Don't forget a coin purse or a secure pocket for storing the change.
- A reusable water bottle. Alternatively, there is a water fountain just outside of the MPR.
- Your Girl Scout uniform. Unless you're wearing a costume from the country you're representing, we recommend wearing your Girl Scout sash/vest/tunic.
- Your manners. Please show respect to everyone at this event, and for the facility. We're fortunate to be able to rent the MPR at a lower "non-profit" rate, and we don't want to jeopardize the arrangement.
- Most importantly, bring your Girl Scout interest, curiosity, and enthusiasm. There is a wealth of opportunities and experiences awaiting you at the Faire, and I hope everyone leaves feeling culturally enriched!

General Event Details:

Here are some last minutes details to share with you here before Sunday afternoon's big event.

Parking Please leave the circle drive at OIS free for loading or unloading. Parking is available in the lots to the left or right of the circle drive, or on the upper blacktop beyond the right-hand lot. As always, carpooling is encouraged.

Starting Time Troops that are setting up booths may arrive at 12:00 (no earlier, please). Troops that are just visiting should arrive 12:45-1:00. The registration table will open at 12:45, and the opening ceremonies will begin at 1:00. You will receive your patches and passports.

Booth Set-up We will have the booth sites ("International borders") marked off with tape on the floor of the MPR. Most sites are along the edges of the room; a few are in the center. There should be a natural flow of traffic around the room.

Parade of Nations We will have a parade as part of the opening ceremony. Troops that are representing countries will line up and walk through the MPR. As these troops cross the stage, they will introduce themselves (troop number, school, grade), the country they represent, and some words about their costumes or booth activities.

Attendance numbers We currently have 266+ scouts planning to attend the event I expect that all of them will visit each of the 17 booths during the Faire. There is still a possibility that other scouts will register, or even show up unannounced. Keep these number in mind as you plan your booth visits.

Ending time Although the booths are scheduled to remain open until 3:30, please be aware of the possibility of ending sooner. The activities will be monitored and, if guests seem to be growing restless after they've already seen and done everything, we will adjust the timing of the closing ceremony accordingly.

Juliette Low World Friendship Fund We will be collecting donations for this fund, which was established in 1927 to support girls' international travel and participation in training and other international events. Please consider giving some symbolic amount, perhaps a quarter for each year you have been a Girl Scout.

Use the Buddy System The troop does not have to remain together throughout the event – take it all in at your own pace. However, have your girls travel with partners or in small groups; no scout should ever be alone.

Thank you all and please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

~ Dennie

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