

# TROOP PROGRAM IDEAS

February  
2012

## Things to celebrate in February

- American Heart Month
- Black History Month
- Great American Pie Month
- Feb. 2 Groundhog Day
- Feb. 5 National Weatherman's Day
- Feb. 10 Umbrella Day
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb. 20 President's Day
- Feb. 21 Mardis Gras
- Feb. 22 Thinking Day
- Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 26 Tell a Fairy Tale Day
- Feb. 29 Leap Day

## Things to celebrate in March

- National Craft Month
- Poetry Month
- Women's History Month
- March 6 Dentist Day
- March 11 Girl Scout Sunday
- Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 12 Girl Scout Birthday
- March 17 Girl Scout Sabbath
- March 14 Learn About Butterflies Day
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- March 20 First Day of Spring
- March 26 Make Up Your Own Holiday Day

## Crazy Quilt

Crazy Quilt is an all day training event for adults. The fun-filled day is filled with sessions to help spark some creativity in your troop. Look below and on the next page for a sample of what you can expect in certain sessions. For a full list of sessions, look in *The Golden Link* and then register online at [www.gssjc.org](http://www.gssjc.org).

### Remember When Games: Giant Pick-Up Sticks

This is an example of what you will learn in the Crazy Quilt session called Remember When Games:

**Goal:** To get all of your sticks out with out disturbing the rest of the pile.

**Number of Players:** Depends on the number of sticks, but 3 or 4 players are enough.

**Equipment:** Cardboard tubes, all of the same size, pre-painted various colors (there must be an equal number of each color). (these tubes are usually 3 feet long)

**Playing Time:** 20 Minutes

**How to Play:** Jumble the tubes up on the lawn. Each player chooses to be a certain color, and on her turn tries to get one of her color stick out of the pile without disturbing the positions of the other sticks. She continues removing sticks until she disturbs the pile. Then play passes to the next player. The first player to get out all of her color wins.



What are you doing to celebrate Girl Scouting's 100th birthday?

The Council has great ideas for your troop at [www.gssjc.org/100th](http://www.gssjc.org/100th)

## Learn about butterflies



March 14 is Learn About Butterflies Day. Take this opportunity to explore which butterflies are common around your area. One of the most often seen butterfly in Texas is the Monarch (see pic) but there are more than 400 butterfly species in Texas. Did you know that there are plants and flowers that you can plant in your yard to attract butterflies? What a cool experiment to see how many species you can get to come to your yard.



**Road Trip:** Learn more about butterflies and see them in action at:  
 Cockrell Butterfly Center at the Houston Museum of Natural Science  
 Moody Gardens Rainforest in Galveston  
 Butterfly Haus at Wildseed Farms near Fredreicksburg  
 San Antonio Zoo

**Service Project:** In an effort to remember the children that were killed in the Holocaust, the Holocaust Museum in Houston is trying to collect 1.5 million handmade butterflies by December 31, 2012. To learn how to make them and where to deliver them, go to their website at [www.hmh.org/ed\\_butterfly1.shtml](http://www.hmh.org/ed_butterfly1.shtml) for more information.

## Silly Songs: The Milk Song

This is an example of what you will learn in the Crazy Quilt session called Silly Songs:



Give me a long M  
M.....  
Give me a short m  
M  
don't want no pop no pop  
don't want no tea no tea  
don't want no pop  
don't want no tea  
just give me milk  
moo moo moo moo (*one person sticks out thumbs and another pulls them as if milking a cow*)  
Wisconsin milk  
moo moo moo moo  
Give me a long l  
l.....  
Give me a short i  
l  
don't want no pop no pop  
don't want no tea no tea  
don't want no pop  
don't want no tea  
just give me milk  
moo moo moo moo (*one person sticks out thumbs and another pulls them as if milking a cow*)



Wisconsin milk  
moo moo moo moo  
Give me a long L  
L.....  
give me a short L  
L  
don't want no pop no pop  
don't want no tea no tea  
don't want no pop  
don't want no tea  
just give me milk  
moo moo moo moo (*one person sticks out thumbs and another pulls them as if milking a cow*)  
wisconsin milk  
moo moo moo moo  
Give me a long K  
K.....  
give me a short k  
K  
don't want no pop no pop  
don't want no tea no tea  
don't want no pop  
don't want no tea  
just give me milk  
moo moo moo moo (*one person sticks out thumbs and another pulls them as if milking a cow*)

Wisconsin milk  
moo moo moo moo  
Give me a long milk  
MILK.....  
give me a short milk  
milk  
don't want no pop no pop  
don't want no tea no tea  
don't want no pop  
don't want no tea  
just give me milk  
moo moo moo moo (*one person sticks out thumbs and another pulls them as if milking a cow*)  
Wisconsin milk  
moo moo moo moo



## SWAPS: Tri-bead Bluebonnets

This is an example of what you might learn in the SWAPS session at Crazy Quilt. These Bluebonnets can be made into pins, magnets or a tiny pot of flowers. You can also glue them on to a wooden shape of Texas as a reminder of a special visit to the Lone Star State.

### Materials:

5 clear or white tri beads  
9 dark sapphire tri beads  
6" square of green net  
White craft glue

7 light sapphire tri beads

6" piece of green chenille stem

Enough 1/4" wide ribbon to tie a bow

Optional: pinback, magnet or large oval wooden bead

### Instructions:

Fold the chenille stem so one leg is a little longer than the other. Begin threading the dark beads 4 on the shorter side and 5 on the longer side. Add the light blue 3 to the short stem and 4 to the long stem. Now add the clear or white beads 2 on the short side 3 on the longer side.

Fold down and pinch the stem end of each side (this is a fold and then a second fold each about 1/8" to 1/4" long. Push the beads up against this fold so they are firm with no spaces and the beads have nested. Make a single twist by holding the folded part of the stem between your thumb and finger and twist once to hold the beads in place.

This forms your 2 flower stems. Place the folded part of the stem in the center of the net square and pull the 4 corners up around the flowers. Tie the ribbon around the net and tie a bow.

You can make a vase by placing the stems and net in the hole of a large oval wooden bead, make a pin by gluing a pinback on the side away from the bow or make a magnet by gluing on a magnet strip in place of the pinback.