

SWAPS PROGRAM

What are SWAPS??? SWAPS can be:

- Special Whatamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere
- Or Share With A Pal
- Or Sharing With A Purpose

Whatever meaning you choose...its all about sharing with other sisters of Girl Guides.

Swaps are small crafts that girls (and leaders) wear on their camp hats. Most SWAPS will have the person's name, unit name and/or date when and where the SWAP was made. Some swaps have a theme, Christmas, Valentines, camping, rallies...or are just general items that can be attached by a pin to your hat. Sometimes, Swaps can be badges or crests.

HOW TO MAKE A SWAP:

Find a really neat looking craft and make a lot of them if you like....attach your unit name and if you wish, the girls' name who made it to each craft. You can make a lot of one kind, or several different types. If you want that person to write you, you need to attach contact info, like an address or email address. Remember that some girls who receive the craft you send might be Sparks or Brownies, so an email address might not work for everyone!

Some SWAPS are in tiny plastic bags, others are a simple craft. Some ideas are:

- Frying pan with eggs and bacon – bottle cap and bobby pin painted black, fimo, foam or beads for eggs, yarn for bacon
- Mini bedroll – felt cut in the shape of a sleeping bag, rolled up tied and covered in a small piece of plastic
- Melted Snowman – fake snow, snowman hat, plastic carrot, bead for eyes, in a tiny plastic bag.

WHAT IS A SWAP MEET AND WHAT ARE THE SWAP MEET DATES:

A SWAP MEET is where your swaps will meet other swaps and you receive different swaps back.

To avoid a lot of mailing, we will hold four "Swap Meets" throughout the Guiding year (September – May). To ensure that you receive swaps back, please ensure you're your swaps reach us by the due date for each meet you plan to participate in. The dates of the Swap Meets and due dates are as follows:

| SWAP MEET DATE | POSSIBLE THEMES (if you wish) | DUE DATE (items must be received by) |
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| Swap Meet #1 December 1/10 | the holidays | Wednesday November 24, 2010 |
| Swap Meet #2 February 15/11 | Thinking Day | Tuesday February 8, 2011 |
| Swap Meet #3 March 31/11 | Spring or Easter | Thursday March 24, 2011 |
| Swap Meet #4 Monday May 2/11 | End of year/Advancement | Monday April 25 for May 2, 2010 |

HOW TO GET INTO THE SWAP MEET:

- Have your unit make hat crafts. You should submit one craft from each member of your unit, leaders included. As well, please submit 5 extra swaps to be put into the Swap Slush Pool. Swaps in the pool will be used to fill orders for larger units.

- Make sure that each craft you submit has your unit name, the date it was made and the first name of the girl who made it as well as a pin. If you wish someone to write you back, you can include an address where mail can be sent. This could be the leader's home address for Sparks, Brownies and with parent's permission, the girls' home address for Guides and Pathfinders.
- Fill out the SWAP MEET FORM (below)
- Package up your swaps; enclose the SWAP MEET FORM along with a \$10.00 prepaid, self-addressed bubble envelope (available at all Canada Post outlets). For units outside Canada, please provide us with \$10.00 cash to send back your swaps. You will get any change and a receipt for your records mailed separately from your swaps.
- Take it to the post office and ship it off to:

GG SWAP MEET
 c/o Karen Pennington
 190 Rexleigh Drive, Unit B18
 Toronto, ON M4B 2N5

Ensure your package is shipped with enough time for it to be received within one week of the SWAP MEET dates, as listed above.

You do not have to participate in each SWAP MEET. Only units who submit swaps by the due dates will receive swaps back. So, you can choose to participate in Swap Meet #2, and get swaps back only from that swap meet. If you choose to forego swap meets 1 and 3, but participate in #4, then you will only get swaps from #4, and not 1 and 3.

For every swap you submit, you will receive a swap back, (not including the 5 extra swaps). So, if you submit 25 swaps, you will receive 25 swaps.

See all the crafts from Swap Meet #1 on Facebook. Search *Swap Meets 2010* and request to be added to the group. The group is intended only for Guiding members. Only photos of swaps will be added.

SWAP MEET FORM

Please fill this out for each swap meet your unit wishes to participate in.

SWAP MEET #1 #2 #3 #4 Circle the SWAP meet you are participating in

Are you swapping crafts or crests Circle one please

UNIT # AND NAME _____
(i.e. 524th Toronto Brownies – please include the city/town)

CONTACT GUIDER INFO

NAME: _____

ADDRESS

PHONE # (in case we need to contact you) _____

EMAIL: _____

(so we can confirm receipt of your swaps, and let you know when yours are being shipped)

SHIPPING ADDRESS: (if different than above)

Do you prefer (circle one) a variety of different swaps or swaps all the same We will try to accommodate your preference, however, for larger groups this may not be possible.

How many members are in your unit? _____

How many swaps are you submitting? _____

Have you remembered the following:

- To include a pin, your unit #, name and date on each swap?
- To include the girls first name on each swap? (If you wish to become penpals)
- To enclose your \$10.00 prepaid, self addressed bubble envelope?

Submit this form with **GG SWAP MEET**
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