

# GVTC PARTY LINE

GUADALUPE VALLEY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE INC.

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## HOLIDAY SPECIALS

Hurry Offers Expire 12-31-02!

**Additional Phone Line**  
Free Installation with choice of Two Months FREE of either Internet Service or Voice Mail. Additional line monthly rate, taxes & surcharges apply.

**Security Monitoring**  
Free activation for new GVCS monitoring customers with 3-year contract. Monthly rates as low as \$17.95 per month.

**Digital Cable Television**  
Free Installation or upgrade during December.

**GV Long Distance**  
Monthly Rate Fee Free for First Month with International Plus Calling Plan (\$3.00 value).

See the other side of this page for more details on our Holiday specials.

Note: GVTC & GVCS Offices will be closed Christmas and New Years Day.



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# YOU'VE GOT SPAM

## How to "Can" Unwanted Email

(Source: [www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/pubs/online/inbox.htm](http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/pubs/online/inbox.htm))

Do you receive lots of junk email messages from people you don't know? It's no surprise if you do. As more people use email, marketers are increasingly using email messages to pitch their products and services. #013351 Some consumers find unsolicited commercial email - also known as "spam" - annoying and time consuming; others have lost money to bogus offers that arrived in their email in-box.

### Ways to reduce the amount of Spam you receive

- Try not to display your email address in public.
- Check the privacy policy when you submit your address to a web site and reject offers to receive email from "partners".
- Decide if you want to use two email addresses - one for personal messages and one for newsgroups and chat rooms.
- Use a unique email address.

### What to do with the Spam in your In-Box

- Report it to the Federal Trade Commission. Email a copy of unwanted or deceptive messages to [uce@ftc.gov](mailto:uce@ftc.gov). The FTC uses the unsolicited emails stored in this database to pursue law enforcement actions against people who send deceptive spam email.
- Let the FTC know if a "remove me" request is not honored.

### What to do to Avoid Spam Scams

The FTC suggests that you treat commercial email solicitations the same way you would treat an unsolicited telemarketing sales call. Don't believe promises from strangers. Greet money making opportunities that arrive at your in-box with skepticism. Most of the time, these are old fashioned scams delivered via the newest technology.

The Federal Trade Commission publishes an informative page on how to deal with unwanted spammers. Check it out! [www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/pubs/online/inbox.htm](http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/pubs/online/inbox.htm).



Wishing You Every Happiness  
This Holiday Season And Throughout  
The Coming Year



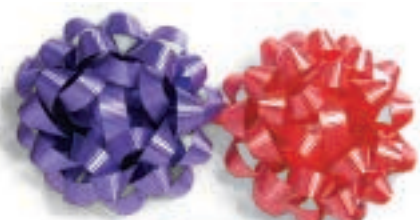
# A HOLIDAY GIFT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

ADD AN EXTRA PHONE LINE NOW AND GET FREE INSTALLATION.

Is one telephone line just not working out? Wouldn't it be nice to use the telephone when YOU want to? Tired of taking telephone messages day and night for your children? Looking for a great Holiday gift for your teenage daughter or son? One that the entire family can enjoy? Then GVTC has the answer for you! #64582 For a limited time (December 2002) you can order an additional line for your home and we will install it absolutely FREE!

As an added BONUS you will have your choice of TWO (2) FREE MONTHS of either Internet service or Voice Mail! That's right, you pick! This way the whole family WINS! Monthly rates for additional lines start as low as \$15.18 per month; price does not include taxes and surcharges.

Call the Business office today and let one of our friendly service representatives tell you all about this great offer. Hurry offers ends 12-31-02.



## INTERNATIONAL CALLING

### At Very Affordable Rates

During the Holiday Seasons Guadalupe Valley Long Distance knows its important to keep in touch with family, friends and loved ones, especially when they are in a far away country! Our International Plus calling plan, at just \$3.00 per month, provides great pricing for GVLD customers at very affordable rates as seen below. Sign up during December and we will waive the \$3.00 monthly fee for the first month!

SAMPLE RATES PER MINUTE

# 10¢

Canada and  
The United Kingdom

# 14¢

Hong Kong and Japan

# 15¢

Europe, Scandinavia,  
Australia, and New Zealand

# 23¢

All of Mexico, Anytime

For specific pricing for countries not listed, call our office at 830 885-2250 or 800 835-4827.

## GVCS DIGITAL CABLE TV

### FREE INSTALLATION



Order GVCS Digital Cable Television NOW and we'll install it FREE, so you can enjoy all the great Holiday movies and sports during the Holidays. With GVCS Cable Television, there are no contracts required! All GVCS Digital packages include Pay-per-view Movie selections, 30 channels of DMX Digital Music as well as the local TV channels, at no extra cost.

In addition, when you purchase one of the Premium Movie channels such as HBO, Showtime or The Movie Channel you get multiple versions of that same channel as part of your digital package, i.e. four HBOs instead of just one, four Showtimes, two versions of The Movie Channel.

Call the Business Office today to find out if GVCS Cable Television is available in your area and GET CONNECTED FREE! Offer also available to current GVCS customers who want to upgrade to a Digital Package. Monthly rates apply. Call Business office for details.

## SECURITY

### THE PERFECT GIFT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Allow GVCS Security to safeguard your home or business\* while you are busy shopping or taking those trips to visit families and friends during the Holiday Season. For as little as \$17.95 per month, your home will be monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week. GVCS Security uses a state-of-the-art Central Monitoring Center and has one of the fastest response times in the Industry.

Do you have an existing system that isn't monitored? Or maybe you're paying too much for monitoring from one of our competitors. This deal is for you. During December GVCS Security is offering free activation for new monitoring customers with a three-year contract. Call us today and trust GVCS Security to watch your home while you are gone for the Holidays - a gift that brings yearlong security and confidence. GVCS Security is a division of Guadalupe Valley Telephone Cooperative, Security License B-03287.

\*Contact GVCS business office for quotes on business rates.



## Find Your LUCKY NUMBER!

Two lucky member numbers are hidden in this issue of Party Line. Find YOUR member number after a # sign in the text of this newsletter and you're a winner! The number must match your member number (from your GVTC statement). This month GVTC is giving each of the two winners a \$20.00 GVTC Gift Certificate, to be applied to your phone bill. If you are a winner in this newsletter call Mrs. Janet S. Sczech, Manager Sales & Marketing at GVTC: (830) 885-4411 or toll-free 1 (800) 367-4882.