

## April Girl Scout Leader Meeting Notes

April 16, 2019

### Welcome

Notes: Danielle

Time: Michelle

Thank you's: Michelle, cookie site sales; Michelle, cookie mom trainer; Kate, spring encampment programming

Pick up you patches from spring encampment

Around the horn: city hall & meet council, good time at camp, Bollywood experience, robotics badge, Bronze award project & video, campout with buddy troop, fire starting, college decisions, encampment ceremony & candling lighting, Daisy petals, trash pick up walk, Bainbridge Island weekend, horseback riding, kayaking, Silver Awards, Gals & Pals organizing, public speaking & guest speakers, Peace Corps guest speaker, bridging troops

### SBMI Day Camp

7/15-19 M-F, grades 1-6; PA and PAT. Theme: space

### Service Unit Report

33 troops in SU

Spring encampment: SWAPS, salmon info, 13 troops, lots of groups wanted to stay inside -> get volunteers outdoor trained, patches available to pick up, break even on budget,

Save the Dates: fall encampment and spring encampment, need to sign up soon! Archery & canoeing (4ht gr & up), consider lodge meal plans, need quantity cook training

GSWW Annual Meeting Report: rescheduled due to snow: finances of GSWW are good, selling Dupont and building, marketing for recruitment, new board members voting

GSWW Volunteer appreciation: 4/17

GSWW Girl Luncheon: 4/18

MI Girl Scout Babysitting list: Michelle & Danielle, MI babysitters FB

GNMOS: inviting 5<sup>th</sup> graders: 5/10 & 6/7 Alice Finch

Lakeridge Science Fair: need girl volunteers for egg drop

EOY Celebration, Bridging, Higher Awards: info soon on acknowledgements and kapers

Upcoming Leader Meeting: 5/14, 6/4 Leader/Daughter celebration; need planning volunteer

MISU Committee for 2019-20: forming now

Cookies: Michelle & Michelle ☺

SU Coordinator: Kathy! Yay!

Recruitment: Kate & Kathleen

GNOMS: Danielle

MI Athletic: supporting female athletes

Agenda for 5/14: recruitment & retention

### Hot Topic: Travel with Girl Scouts

Handout: Troop 42503: Travel with GS

GSWW Properties: can rent them out anytime, need to complete TAST form 30 days in advance

US/CA Mix it up, Port Townsend house, hostel, encampments

Advice:

-Start simple when girls are little to gain experience for overnights and camping.

-Check GS properties and state parks.

-Have girl-planning meetings for outings & time to practice (rolling sleeping bag, etc.)

-plan who rides with whom and cabin & kaper groups – dividing out the kids

-watch parent/girl ratios; not too many adults

-try day outings to build up to longer trips

Dawn: trip to India, after 6<sup>th</sup> gr year: presentation (file sent to Kathy)

-planned years in advance, set financial goals and fundraising, girls planned their own fundraising activities, learned more about culture/destination, goal: girls paid for own trip & adults paid own way, volunteered with charities

-build up everyone's comfort level with excursions and outings

-GS world/international centers: WAGGGS: some have age limits

-Savannah, Georgia

Lessons Learned:

-plan early, check for place bookings

-make sure parents are comfortable with travel with others

-it is what you make it

-being prepared

-take the time to fully experience a new culture

-learning & staying connected