

- **Troop Leader Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020**  
**7:00-8:00 pm VIA Zoom**
- **MERCER ISLAND GIRL SCOUTS SERVICE UNIT 430**
- **Please “sign in” to the meeting**
- THANK YOU for your flexibility!
- Put name and troop number in comments or say verbally if on the phone only
- **Welcome & Cool Things Reports**
  - Kathy McDonald, 10 min.
  - Welcome: Meeting Kapers: Note Taker & Timekeeper
  - Thank you’s: Ambassadors 11<sup>th</sup> graders Troop 41158 of Austin Whelan, Charlotte Thunen, Lily Remington and Vivian Perzia plus Leader Shelley Whelan for planning 3 months of GNOMS & Friday FUN events
  - Introductions: Melissa Curtis & Star Perez from GSWW
  - Leader Introductions & Cool Things Reports
- **GSWW Council & Co-Vid 19 Rules Updates**
- Melissa Curtis, 5-10 min.
- Check GSWW Calendar for virtual badges, workshops and events
- Monthly Highest Award Q & A for girls and/or leaders, Sept. 2 @ 7 pm.
- Phase 2: No in person troop or service unit meetings, period.
- Phase 3: Can have socially-distanced troop meeting of 8 girls and 2 adults, only 10 people in attendance. No service unit meetings.
- Phase 4: Groups of 50 allowed.
- **Service Unit Manager Report**
- Kathy McDonald, 15 min.
- To Do: Troop Form for 2020-21 Due Sept. 4
- Recruiting this Fall: Parent Info Sessions
- Pass it on...books, ideas for other leaders
- Service Unit Event: Sunday, Sept. 13 @ 3 pm: All Island Bridging & Highest Award Celebration
- Both Fall & Spring Encamporees are cancelled, BUT will be virtual: skits, s’mores, crafts and lessons

- Calendar of Events & Volunteer Needs for this year:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084eaeab22a0f85-migirl1>
- **2020-2021 Calendar & Volunteer Positions**
- **Recruitment: Parent Info Sessions**
- Kathy McDonald, 5 min.
- Parent Info Session via Zoom
- Tuesday, Sept. 15 @ 7:00-7:30 pm
- Wednesday, Sept. 16 @ 9:45-10:15 am
- New position: Community Liaison (Recruitment/Membership) needed
- GSWW Join Girl Scout Sessions: Animal Dance Party & Robot Building Party Themed – programming for girls and then parent session. Dates TBD.
- NEW: Text to Join
  - **Back2School**
  - **All Island Bridging & Highest Award Celebration**
- Kathy McDonald, 5 min.
- Sunday, September 13 @ 3-4 pm, virtual event
- Leaders will submit names of girls who are bridging or celebrating highest awards. Form due Sept. 4.
- Volunteer Needs (sign up genius)
  - Bridging Ceremony Leaders (filled)
  - Highest Award Leaders
  - Slide Show
  - Opening Ceremony/Song
  - Pledge of Allegiance/Promise & Law (filled)
  - Closing Ceremony/Song
  - **Fall Product: Nuts & Mags**
- Michelle Strickler, 5 min. (would love a co-pilot!)
- Can sell as a troop or as an individual scout
- Earn \$1 per item sold!
- Products awesome and make great gifts

- All sales done virtually via email
- September 25-Oct. 11: Orders taken
- Great personalized patches for girls and other adorable items to earn
- Training: Sept. 16, 7 pm via zoom (short)
- **GNOMS (Middle Schoolers) & Fun Friday (Elementary Scouts)**
- Shelley Whelan, Troop 41158, 5 min.
- September 25: Joint Event. Virtual Yoga class with YogaBliss Instructor and Girl Scout Leader Rachel Lowe, 7-8 pm
- October Date TBD: Joint Event. How to make Vietnamese Spring Rolls. A meal kit will be available for pick up prior to event.
- November 13: GNOMS: Virtual Expert Talk. Panel discussion of work “experts” talking about their professions.
- November 13: FUN Friday: Virtual Reptile Man or Magic Show.
- December 11: Joint Event: Gingerbread House Decorating. Kit available for pick up prior to event.
- **Make Your Own Troop Web Page**
- Kathy McDonald, 5 min.
- [www.mercerislandgirlscouts.org](http://www.mercerislandgirlscouts.org)
- Weebly.com site – easy to use
- Can make it password protected
- Photo gallery: make sure to have permission to publish photos
- Calendar of meetings
- Parents Corner
- Older troops can make their own website
- 3 hours-ish
- **HOT TOPIC: Planning Engaging Virtual Events**
- Group Discussion Led by Melissa Curtis & Kathy McDonald (25 min.) with ideas from leaders
- Paid Zoom Account Available to All Troop Leaders: Talk to Kathy to use
- Also have Evite, Sign Up Genius, Mail Chimp, Cheddar Up, Google Docs, Google Forms for your use

- GSUSA Troop Leader Tips: <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/girl-scouts-at-home/troop-leaders.html>
- Virtual Meeting Playbook (from Girl Scouts of North Texas) <https://book.designrr.co/?id=22028&token=823104638&h=4466>
- **Troop Leader Meetings**
  - Monthly, Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm
  - September 22
  - October 20
  - November 17
  - December 15
  - January 12
  - February 9
  - March 16
  - April 13
  - May 18
  - June 8
- **September 2020 Key Dates**
  - Friday, Sept. 4: Troop Form & Bridging/Highest Award Form Due
  - Sunday, Sept. 13: Back2School All Island Bridging & Highest Award Celebration (3:00-4:00 pm)
  - Tuesday, Sept. 15: Parent Info Recruitment Event (7:00-7:30 pm)
  - Wednesday, Sept. 16: Parent Info Recruitment Event (9:45-10:15 am)
  - Wednesday, Sept. 16: Fall Product Training Session (7:00-7:45 pm)
  - Tuesday, Sept. 22: Troop Leader Meeting (7:00-8:00 pm)
  - Friday, Sept. 25: GNOMS/Fun Friday Yoga Event for Girls (7:00-8:00 pm)
  - Sept. 25-Oct. 11: Fall Product Sales