

- **Troop Leader Meeting Agenda**  
Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021  
7:00-8:00 pm VIA Zoom
- **MERCER ISLAND GIRL SCOUTS SERVICE UNIT 430**
- **Please “sign in” to the meeting**  
**Attendance captured in chat.**
- 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 **Danielle Orr-Bement** & Timekeeper **Melissa Curtis**
  - Thank you’s: Michelle Strickler & Susan Griesse, our amazing Cookie Team and Lori deStwolinski for doing January Sunshine Bread for GNOMS/Fun Friday!
  - Leader Introductions & Cool Things Reports  
  
**Plan time for the girls to just talk. Realize that they just need to take a break, together. Bonding. Video games, online.**
- **GSSW Council Report**
  - Melissa Curtis, GSSW, 10 min.
  - Council Updates  
  
**Virtual only. After cookies sales, new guidelines rolling out for possible in-person programming, by 4/1.**  
  
**gsZoom is available. Sign up! \$20 discounted price through June.**  
  
**Sasquatch Trailblazers: high-adventure activities; Mariners: water adventure activities – for older girls. Information sessions coming up. Looking for girls and adults.**  
  
**Travel: council trips and EF tours coming up**  
  
**The State of Youth: virtual fundraising luncheon 3/24**  
  
**Program Level Hot Sheets: now available on website under Activities/Calendar**  
  
**Upcoming Learning Opportunities: Intercultural Competency, Working with Teens and Virtual Tips, Getting back to in person**  
  
**Check out the new interface: can edit your troop info**  
  
**Council response time is a bit delayed but they are working for us!**

- **GSSW Annual Meeting Report**
- Service Unit Delegates: Kathy McDonald (lead), Heather Emery (adult), Charlotte Thunen (girl)
- Mercer Island Representation on the GSSW Board of Directors
  - Mae Numata, current Board President, retired and honored for 12 years of service
  - Carla Corkern, formerly of MI, now moved to Bainbridge Island
  - Shelley Whelan, current board member
- Highlights
  - Treasurer Report
  - Properties Assessment

Voted on 3 new members on Board.

Impact on COVID – 10% membership drop and expecting more this year.

Sold horses; committed to returning the horse program in 2022.

Camp properties assessment: no properties for sale but assessment done 2021, would include all council properties

Modifying in person program, vaccine policy in early April

Summer camp update in March but don't expect full out.

Lean in to diversity and equity and awareness

- **Service Unit Manager Report**

No MISU summer day camp

- **2021-2022 SU430 Nominating Committee**

Create a MISU Nominating Committee to fill service unit positions for next year, in order to make it a more collaborative effort

- Need 2 members for committee (along with me, Kathy McDonald). Will meet to divide up recruitment efforts. Committee will create a tree of responsibilities for each position. Will have self-nomination form available

Let Kathy know if you are interesting in serving on the Nominating Committee or filling a position.

- Goal is to propose a slate of officers by April 13 Leader Meeting

- Positions (to start in September)

Consider any troop parent; does not need to be troop leaders

- Service Unit Manager or Co-Managers (2-year term)
- Treasurer (Service Unit Finances/Event/Encamporee Finances)
- Communications/Website/Email/Social Media/Blog

- Community Liaison (Membership/Recruitment with GSWW)
- Cookie/Fall Product Team
- Outdoor Champion (Service Unit Outdoor Activities)
- Encamporee Manager (Fall and Spring Service Unit Encamporees)
- Philanthropy Lead (Service Unit Philanthropy, Santa Scouts)
- Event Manager (Recruit chairs for Service Unit Events)
- Lead Delegate for Annual Meeting
- **2020-2021 Calendar & Volunteer Positions**
- **GNOMS (Middle Schoolers) & Fun Friday (Elementary Scouts)**
- February 26: Kathy Z's troop – Calligraphy  

Information coming out this week!
- March 26: My troop – Game Night  

Planning for future: great for older troops to plan
- April: Open  

Based on new upcoming GS guidelines, we may be able to consider MISU programming for Spring.
- May: Open
- June: Open
- **Cookie Delivery**
- On Mercer Island!
- Feb. 27: Cookie Delivery Day at the home of Shelley Whelan (mid-Island, across the street from the MI Library)
- Need family teams to sign up to help with this event.  

Delivery spots will be on eBudde: stay tuned!

All orders should be in now. Susan is following up with missing orders.

Girls can continue selling on digital cookies. Girl delivery and girl ship.

Cupboard is ready and available but inventory low so give Susan heads up.

Looking for help with on-island cookie delivery.
- **Spring Recruitment Events**

- Star Perez, Recruitment Manager, GSWW
- Events are for New or Prospective Daisies K-1
- All daisies will earn their first badge!
- FREE
- Thursdays: April 8, April 22, May 6, May 20, 6-7 pm on Zoom
- Please spread the word!

Anyone can attend and easy sign up Eventbrite links.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/136477731569>

Try GS for Free! Activity and badge, then parent info session to begin forming troops.

Extended year memberships – April 2021 to October 2022!

If you can attend, please contact Star. Would love to have current leaders to assist.

Flyers will be sent out in March to spread the word and share the event information.

- **HOT TOPIC: New “Cool Things” Blog**
- Blog will showcase all the “Cool Things” our troops do!
- Chance for Girl Scouts, Troop Leaders, Parents to submit entries
- Could be a written blog (up to 600 words) or a video VLOG
- Can include photos, links, audio, video, etc.
- Use form to submit entry
- People can comment and interact
- Entries can be shared on our Facebook page

Kathy posted the first two posts. Looking for girl and adult members to submit through a google form. All submissions will be reviewed before being posted.

Monitoring of comments suggested.

Incentive to get it started, to encourage posts, such as local business gift cards.

- **Troop Leader Meetings**
  - Monthly, Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm
  - August 25
  - September 22
  - October 20

- November 17
- December 15
- January 12
- February 9
- March 16
- April 13
- May 18
- June 8

Zoom Chat:

From Susan Griesse to Everyone: 07:06 PM

Susan Griesse 41486

From Kathy Zurawski to Everyone: 07:06 PM

Kathy Zurawski 42791 & 44441

From Mary Chen to Everyone: 07:06 PM

Mary Chen 41868

From Kara Lucas to Everyone: 07:06 PM

hi guys - I'm in my car at swim practice so I have my camera off. it's dark and cold 😊

From Danielle Orr-Bement to Everyone: 07:06 PM

Danielle Orr-Bement 45250 44297

From Rochelle Whelan to Everyone: 07:07 PM

Shelley Whelan 41158 and 46543

From Kara Lucas to Everyone: 07:07 PM

Kara Lucas 46803

From Heather Emery to Everyone: 07:07 PM

Heather Emery 41634 (Brownies!)

From Kara Lucas to Everyone: 07:09 PM

door hangers were great! lots of sales. thanks to Michelle and Tiffin for a note to put on the back!

From Kathy Zurawski to Everyone: 07:13 PM

Kathy Zurawski 42701 not 42791

From Susan Griesse to Everyone: 07:19 PM

I'd love to come Shelley!

From Rochelle Whelan to Everyone: 07:19 PM

Please come and sit with me at the Girl Scout Luncheon!!!

From Danielle Orr-Bement to Everyone: 07:19 PM

Count me in! Send info!

From Rochelle Whelan to Everyone: 07:19 PM

Will do!!!

From Rochelle Whelan to Everyone: 07:31 PM

i have to run....thanks everyone!

From Kara Lucas to Everyone: 07:36 PM

are all of these open?

From Kathy Zurawski to Everyone: 07:43 PM

I need to go - thank you

From Kara Lucas to Everyone: 07:45 PM

so keep approving digital orders? I re dived one today. I know our troop didn't order extra

From Star Perez to Everyone: 07:49 PM

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/136477731569>

From Kara Lucas to Everyone: 07:58 PM

thank you!

From Heather Emery to Everyone: 08:05 PM

Have to run! Thanks!