

- **Troop Leader Meeting Agenda**
Tuesday, Jan. 12, 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: December GNOMS/Friday Fun Craft Nights – Shelley Whelan’s last activity, Troop 46803 for Virtual Cookie Rally, Cookie Team of Michelle Strickler and Susan Griese, and finally all of you for active participation in our Holiday Party and Wine Tasting!

All events were well attended.

- Leader Introductions & Cool Things Reports

Badge work as a troop and on own. Virtual meetings. Doesn’t matter when you get your troop groove, start. Reconnect with girls and parents. Let girls take on more responsibilities, allowing them to choose and plan and execute. Rethink parent roles and distribution of responsibilities. Swag bags – pre meeting, deliver bags to girls. Traveling journal within the troop, each girl takes turns writing in the journal. Find something that they all have in common, that they share and have each touched. Second monthly meeting, one business and the other just fun and games.

- **GSWW Council Report**
 - Melissa Curtis, GSWW, 10 min.
 - Council Updates
 - Horses

Reminder: virtual meetings with member guidelines still in effect.

Website has most current information.

Systems updated in December. Log back in. If not since Nov, you will need to log back in to reset password. mygs.girlscouts.org

GSLearn and Volunteer Toolkit – new website interface.

Learning opportunities coming up – cookies, outdoors – all virtual.

World Thinking Day – 2/22, Celebrate GS globally – find info on GSUSA (activities by level) and WAGGGS (activities for all). No GSWW but troops and individuals members may participate on their own.

Cookie opportunities in Jan. Register on website. Jan 19 rally is full.

Upcoming Program Opportunities.

Troop Leader blueprint – activities by program level – check it out and check back frequently.

New way of signing up for events and searching: 98108 for GSWW.

Powerpoint presentation by Melissa shared on FB page.

Horses: needing to sell. Horse program will continue within the counsel, plan is to research ideas in Spring 2021.

- **Service Unit Manager Report**

2 zoom accounts available for MISU council events and troops.

World Thinking day activity in the works. Look for more information.

MIYFS Table – see www.miyfs.org to register – Kathy McDonald is the host.

- **2020-2021 Calendar & Volunteer Positions**

Some events will continue virtual and others will be tabled until in person again.

- Service Unit Reimbursement Program
- \$3 per Mercer Island Girl Scout Troops available until August 31, 2020
- Reimbursement is for Troops participating in virtual activities as a troop
- Limit to one reimbursement per troop
- To get reimbursed, submit a reimbursement form and receipt from the event to treasurer Susan Griesse and she will send you a check: slgriesse@gmail.com
- **GNOMS (Middle Schoolers) & Fun Friday (Elementary Scouts)**
- Jan. 22: Lemon Sunshine Cake with Lori D.
- February: Kathy Z's troop – possibly calligraphy

- March: My troop
- April: Open
- May: Open
- **HOT TOPIC: All things COOKIES**
- Virtual Cookie Rally: Troop 46803 – 4 videos, total of 11 min, certificate at end. Great group activity. Can have discussion with your troop in between videos.

Videos and flyers available on the MISU website. Share out on email coming up.

- Cookie Training: Jan. 14 , 7 pm on Zoom
- Pre-Orders: Jan.22 - Feb. 7
- Cookie pick-up Day: TBD (one of the two weekends of Mid-Winter Break). Not on MI this year. All troops will need to drive to Kent to pick up. ***PLEASE NOTE***
- Booth sales: TBD but likely March 5-21: **still not known if will happen.**
- Palm Oil Story & Response:

Email response from GSWW to members. GSWW is working with GSUSA to change palm oil sourcing, leaning on the cookie bakery. Encourage to have conversations with your scouts and families. Question: is there palm oil in GS fall products?

- Cookie Promotion: Yard Signs, NextDoor, Facebook

Signage let people know we are still selling cookies this year! Kathy usually posts signs around the island.

Cookie Update: Michelle Strickler

New cookie parents 1/14 training.

No new cookie flavors.

Important dates: Michelle with share slide deck with dates.

COVID guidelines must be followed.

Due to Covid, assume booth sales will not happen. Council has online alternatives (and being equitable).

-Digital Cookies (girl delivery) will be extended. Invites to sign up for digital cookies coming soon. Initial orders to be picked up for Troop in Kent. Additional Digital Cookies sales can be picked up from cupboard.

-No face-to-face or door-to-door BUT cool door hangers to put on doors with contact information for ordering.

-Virtual booth. Zoom sales.

-Virtual storefront

-Use social media to let people know that troops on island are selling.

-Posters with order information will be posted throughout the island.

-Create a troop site (storefront) through ebudde that will direct searches for local troops selling.

Troop Cookie pickup will be in Kent (contactless) but multiple slot opportunities.

Pick up troop materials from Michelle Strickler.

Cupboard pickups will be contactless. Pick up slots – ebudde, Slack – to limit pickup overlap.

Sign up for Slack channel – contact Michelle or Susan to be added.

Individual girl members can sell, even if troop does not.

Any questions or concerns, contact Michelle mmstrickler@outlook.com

Reminder: cookie sales supports GSWW as well as your troop, as cookies is GSWW's biggest fundraiser – major revenue source.

THANK YOU, cookie team!

- **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