

- **Troop Leader Meeting**
Tuesday, September 14, 2021
7:00-8:00 pm HYBRID MEETING at MIPC and Zoom
- **MERCER ISLAND GIRL SCOUTS SERVICE UNIT 430**
- **Please “sign in” to the meeting**
Attendance (captured in the chat): Kathy McDonald (44391), Melissa Curtis, Michelle Strickler (45250), Danielle Orr (44297), Melinda Reimer (46803), Courtney Ackley (47061), Brooke Conway (42403), Heather Emery (41634), Tanya Su (41868), Meaghan O’Malley (46480, 45276), Nga Truong (42403), Lori deStwolinski (45306), Mary Chen (41868), Tiffin Goodman (42880), Isabel (1st gr)
- THANK YOU for your flexibility!
- Put name and troop number in comments or say verbally if on the phone only
- **Welcome Back & “Cool Things” Reports**
 - Kathy McDonald, 20 min.
 - Welcome Back: Meeting Format and Norms, Meeting Kapers: Note Taker & Timekeeper
 - Troop Roll Call, Leader Introductions & “Cool Things” Reports
- **Meeting Agenda**
- **Recruitment / New Members / DEI**
 - Recruitment Success: 1st event, 9/12 Su, New 1st gr troop
-If Kathy contacts you, it is because there is a scout waiting for a troop.
-Encourage leaders and girl members to recruit on their own.
 - Huge new Kindergarten Troop
 - Opening up Troop – GSWW online catalog
 - Coming Recruitment with DEI
- **Training/Leader Reminders**
 - Covid forms for troop meetings
 - First Aid Training – hybrid: some online and some in person
 - Outdoor Training – if your troop is looking for spring encampment, you will want to complete outdoor training. Available online on GS Learn and at GS conferences.
 - Materials Swap – check if you have any materials to swap. Drop off at Kathy’s house. Contact Kathy if you need something.
 - Mercer Island Girl Scout stickers available for your troop

- **Service Unit Communication**

- website, troops can make their own sites (hosted by Weebly)

- email to leaders: volunteer@mercerislandgirlscouts.org

- eblast

- website blog

- FB public page

- FB group for leaders

- Instagram

- Google Docs

- Service Unit Zoom, available for troops to use

- **2021-2022 Calendar & Volunteer Positions**

- Check out upcoming events. Generally one MISU event each month. Fall events are uncertain but look ahead to Dec and beyond.

- April: Spring encampment

- GNOMS and Fun Fridays

- MISU positions available for this year, and consider next year.

- **Service Unit Lead Hikes**

- Sunday, Sept. 19

- Pioneer Park

- 10:30-11:30 am

- Meet at: SW corner of the Pioneer Park northwest quadrant (corner of SE 68th Street and 84th Ave SE)

- Lead by Outdoor Champions Kate Akyuz and Tiffin Goodman

- **GNOMS (Middle Schoolers) & Fun Friday (Elementary Scouts)**

- Thoughts: events would need to be capped at 15 due to COVID restrictions, consider outdoor events, indoor or zoom options such as cooking

- What are thoughts on in-person events?

- Friday, September 24, 2021 – this date may be canceled

- Friday, October 22, 2021

- Friday, November 5, 2021

- Friday, January 14, 2022
- Friday, February 11, 2022
- Friday, March 11, 2022
- Friday, April 1, 2022
- Friday, May 6, 2022
- Friday, June 10, 2022
- **Fall Product Sales**
- Michelle Strickler, Product Manager
- Sales are all VIRTUAL
- Nuts, Chocolates, and Mags
- Great online system
- Sales is from 9/24-10/10
- Sellers can be by troop or individual
- Deadline for saying yes to Fall Prod: October 1
- Training (**for leaders and parents**): Sunday, Sept. 19 at 7 pm at the home of Michelle Strickler. Contact Michelle at mmstrickler@outlook.com for more details. **-hybrid format**
- Awesome prizes – Penguin themed. 300 items personalized patch and shower blue tooth!
- **-Can sell as a troop or as an individual. Prices range from \$6-\$11. The girls get \$1 for each item sold. Delivery comes before holiday season, wrapping up by mid-Nov.**
- **Camp Update**
- No Fall Encamporee
- October/November Spring Encamporee Lottery
- Individual Troops can camp now at Camp Lyle McLeod
- **-Rest of GS camps are closed for maintenance.**
- **GSSW Council Report**
 - Melissa Curtis, GSSW, 10 min.
 - Council Updates
- **-Check troop rosters and update information**
- **-COVID member safety guidelines – check for more recent updates, another coming before 10/1; complete Participation Waiver in gsLearn or submit paper waiver to Customer Care**

-Outdoor/Overnight training online

-Preparing for Troop Meetings – use Site Safety Checklist, check resources in Volunteer Toolkit, talk about format, complete Girl Scout Permissions and Health History Forms

-Renewal incentives: It's not too late to renew! By 9/30

-Recruitment Support: recruitment flyers and swag materials, event forms

-Volunteer Learning: new happenings, New: Introductory Courses for New 2021 Girl Scout Badges in gsLearn.

-Fall programs: Zombie Survival Challenge for Brownies & Juniors 10/23

-College & Career Readiness Series for older scouts.

-Space Science Badge Workshops

-GSWW Film Festival 11/6-7

-Currently, all GSWW programs are virtual.

-Resignation of GSWW CEO – email came out 9/14/2021

- **HOT TOPIC DISCUSSIONS:**

1. Event Planning during Hybrid Times

2. Suggestions for Leader Meeting Topics/Format

- continue hybrid – in-person and zoom options

- topics of interest: first aid training as a group, breakout groups by age troops

- need: garage for cookies ~one full car bay, enclosed not carport

- Questions? Comments? Concerns?

- **Troop Leader Meetings**

- Monthly, Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm

- September 14

- Oct. 12

- Nov. 16

- Dec. 2

- Jan. 11

- Feb. 8

- March 8
- April 5
- May 3
- June 7