

Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting

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Notes taken by Judie Jaeger

Thank you's to Lori, Kate, Anne, and Jody Kris

The prize box is the new thing for the year. If you come and are a leader you get to entries in prize box.

Service Unit Management – went to training in DuPont. South End Service Unit managers and received rewarding information. Also working with South Bellevue. Lots of meetings with GS Staff of Western WA. A goal for this year is to make communication and technology more useful for us. It will be www.merцерislandgirlscouts.org which will help us promote ourselves. Facebook group is going well. Trying to make it easier for people to keep things, find things, etc. Looking for volunteers for anyone wanting to help with tech stuff. Looking for free space to store things. Got some quotes for storage units and it is too pricey. Maybe there is a way of sharing boy scout closet. Finances are looking really good – Liz is our treasurer. We get money every year from GS Western WA – usually around \$470 which is supposed to be used for service unit (i.e. prize box, leader appreciation, etc.) Bought 4 kits for cookie booth displays with leftover money from last year. Money is use it or lose it. Spring Encamporee – there is a lottery, and the request is due this Friday. We have to accept the date Nov. 30th. We like going to River Ranch, but we'll see what we get. In the spring we'll put in for the fall dates. First Aid training – quite a few leaders need this training and the fire station will offer it for a reasonable price. Training will likely be on a weekend, as it lasts 4 hours. January/Feb will be a good time for that.

Service Unit Volunteer Needs: Service Unit Leadership team – reps are needed from each level and be the point person for all the troops at that level. May have meeting directly before leader meeting (6:15? – or meet directly after) to encourage collaboration. A couple of committees will be forming; gals & pals, committee to run the cookie sales, spring camp committee, GNOMS girls night out for middle schoolers committee. Have a few events that need either a troop or a leader to lead. Would love to get some buddy troops together. Lots of opportunities – adding to the list is the all island bridging and songfest, brownies baking brownies, leader/daughter appreciation. Name goes in the prize box if you join one of these committees. Patrice's troop can host the all island bridging, as both her daughters are bridging anyway.

There will be a sign up genius to everyone in girl scouts (not just leaders) to get people to volunteer and get involved.

Skating party is coming up next – Heather and Susan are leading. Flyer and sign up went out today. It does conflict with Island Park international night.

Convivial Café – owner willing to teach girls how to make croissants.

Troop leader meetings will generally be 2nd Tuesday of every month.

Add to the list of follow ups – Cookie Manager training information needed. November timeframe? Last year it was in January.

Formation of a planting trees partnership with the City event idea

Kate – Troop Formation & Placement Report - 262 girls in 32 troops – with a list of girls needed to be placed. There is a grouping of girls who still need to be placed – troops encouraged to take them all and get them joined up.

Cool ideas or things done:

PSAs Journey in a day – picked a problem and did a solution and learning computer animation and voice overs making little videos

Bake sale at Island Park raised \$1300 that they donated to a children's hospital in Puerto Rico

Movie night

Anne – Leader Investiture and rededication – ceremonies are important traditions. Important for girls to learn ritual and tradition which bonds them and helps connect them with other girl scouts.