



**MERCER ISLAND GIRL SCOUTS, SERVICE UNIT 430**  
**Troop Leader Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday, January 15, 2019, 7-8 pm @ MIPC**

1. **Welcome & Cool Things Report** (Kathy McDonald, 10 min.)
  - a. Meeting Kapers: Note Taker, Time Keeper, Closing Ceremony
  - b. Thank You Awards!
  - c. Prize Box
  - d. Around the Horn: Cool Things Reports from Troop Leaders
  
2. **Service Unit Manager Report** (Kathy McDonald, 15 min)
  - a. **Cookies:** What you Need to Know: Presales start Jan. 18, delivery day Feb. 23, booth sales March 1-17. Do Digital Cookie! No new flavors, all cookies \$5
  - b. **First Aid Training** for Leaders @ MI Fire Station: Options: Sunday, Jan. 27 (9 am-2 pm) or Tuesday, Jan. 29 (4:30-9:30 pm) or public session Feb. 9 (9 am-2 pm). Cost \$80 or lower depending on number of people.
  - c. **Winter Camp Out:** Feb. 1-3 at Camp River Ranch. Troop house 2 (2 floors) still available for troop or family. Each floor \$135
  - d. **GNOMS:** Feb. 8 Legos with world-famous MI resident Alice Finch!
  - e. **GSSWW Annual Meeting:** Feb. 9 at Hazen High School in Renton: Awards for our MI rockstars!
  - f. **Brownie Play Date:** Feb. 10 in Bellevue, hosted by south Bellevue
  - g. **Girl Scout Table at MIYFS** Giving from the Heart Breakfast: Feb. 13
  - h. **Gals 'n Pals:** March 16 at Camp River Ranch: Planning meetings, Jan. 27 & March 3 @ MIPC. Registration for Daisies and Brownies to come in early February
  - i. **Spring Encamporee** March 29-31 at Camp Robbinswold: Official camp registration and payment Due Feb. 12.
  
3. **Service Unit Volunteer Needs** (Kathy McDonald, 5 min)
  - a. Camping Committee: Meeting tonight @ 8 pm
  - b. Spring SongFest and Movie Night: Need troop to plan and host
  - c. Archery Spring Day for Junior and Above: Need troop to plan and host
  - d. Higher Awards Banquet: Need troop to plan and host
  - e. Summer Celebration and Parade: Need troop to plan and host
  - f. Storage Unit for Service Unit: Find one!
  - g. Sweatshirts for Service Unit: Design and coordinate order using [www.customink.com](http://www.customink.com)
  - h. Snacks for Leader Meetings: Feb, March, April, May
  
4. **HOT TOPIC: Cookies & Money Earning Discussion** (30 min)
  - a. Intro by Jody Kris (5-10 min)
  - b. Round Table Discussion
  
5. **Closing Ceremony and Prize Box Drawing** (Oh, yeah!)



## MERCER ISLAND GIRL SCOUTS, SERVICE UNIT 430 2018-19 CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETINGS

(Based on the Skills, Interests, and Needs of our Service Unit)

### SERVICE UNIT EVENTS (confirmed dates in bold)

- **Sept. 16:** Song Fest & Troop Formation Event
- **Nov. 2:** JGL Skating Party @ Sno-King Ice Area in Renton (Heather Hall & Suzanne Dispensa)
- **Dec. 7** (plus cooking beforehand), Brownies Making Brownies @ MI Firehouse Munch & Tree Lighting (Lori DeStwolinski & Kate Akyuz)
- December, Secret Santa Scouts for MIYFS (Kristi Mehal)
- January Date TBD: First Aid Training for Leaders on MI (Kathy McDonald)
- January-March: Cookie Season
- **March 16: Gals 'n Pals at Camp River Ranch (Committee forming)**
- **March 29-31 Spring Encamporee at Camp Robbinswold (Committee forming)**
- April Date TBD: Spring Song Fest & Movie Night (Need Troop to Lead – perfect for Juniors)
- Spring Date TBD: Silver & Gold Award Banquet (Need Troop to Lead – perfect for Cadettes)
- June Date TBD: All Island Bridging Ceremony (Patrice Rousell)
- **July 13: Summer Celebration and Parade (Need Troop to Lead – perfect for any age)**
- July Date TBD: SBMI Day Camp

**GNOMS (Girls Night Out for Middle Schoolers):** Schedule in planning stages now. Usually on Friday nights, once a month, fun craft, game or activity plus dinner and social time. Always 6-9 pm. Always \$10. Always dinner and fun!  
Dates: **11/16, 12/7, 1/11, 2/8, 3/15, 4/5, 5/10, 6/7**

**NEW IDEAS: Easy Events/Badges to Earn – Need a Champion/Planner and Off We Go:** Girl Scout World Thinking Day, cooking class (have had discussions with Convivial Café), yoga or zumba, indoor rock climbing, movie nights, jewelry making, slime making party, SWAPS making (<https://www.scoutswaps.com/>), hiking/environmental science, STEM Microsoft, KidsQuest

### TROOP LEADER MEETINGS: Generally 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month (except Jan and Apr) @ MIPC, 6:45-8 pm

- **Sept. 11:** Back to School, First Meeting (meeting agenda & notes available)
- **Oct. 9:** Investiture & Rededication Troop Leader Ceremony
- **Nov. 13:** How to Host Great Meetings, Do a Badge in a Day or a Journey in a Weekend! + Delegate Elections for GSWW Annual Meeting (snacks: Kathleen)
- **Dec. 11:** Holiday Potluck & Jewelry Gift Exchange at Kim Thunen's House (6836 83rd Ave SE) + How to volunteer with your troop in the community
- **Jan. 15:** Cookies, finances, and more... Best Ways to Earn, Manage, and Spend your Troops Money! (snacks: Heather Hall)
- **Feb. 12:** How to Get Your Girls on a Leadership Development Track + Travel with Girl Scouts...from Great Wolf Lodge to Portland to San Fran to India!
- **March 12:** Camping Deep Dive: Planning, cooking, hiking, how to teach knot, knife skills
- **April 16:** Getting Dirty: Camping, hiking, exploring nature, STEM, knives, matches = fun
- **May 14:** Planning for next year for service unit and your troop, girl retention, parent volunteering/engagement + Deep Dive on Higher Awards (Bronze, Silver, Gold)
- **June 4 (DATE CHANGE!):** End of Year Celebration Party and Leader/Daughter Event (need location)
- **July & August:** Enjoy your summer, no meeting