



**MERCER ISLAND GIRL SCOUTS, SERVICE UNIT 430**  
**Troop Leader Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 7-8 pm @ MIPC**

1. **Flag Ceremony** (Anne Hritzay, 5 min.)
2. **Service Unit Manager Report** (Kathy McDonald, 20 min.)
  - a. Meeting Kapers: Note Taker, Time Keeper
  - b. Thank You Awards!
  - c. The Prize Box – Get a ticket for attending meetings and ticket for sharing or volunteering!
  - d. Service Unit Management
    - i. Service Unit Manager Training, collaboration with other service units, GSWW staff
    - ii. Communication/Tech Team (need help for best solutions): New Website, Facebook Group, electronic document storage, google calendar
    - iii. Storage Unit: Let's find out who has stuff and how much (needs champion & free space)
    - iv. Finances: Looking good, purchased cookie display kits, pins, prize box items
    - v. Spring Encamporee lottery: hoping for last weekend in April/first weekend in May, request due Oct. 12, notified Oct. 16-26, accept date Nov. 30
    - vi. First Aid training for leaders: Talked to fire station, planning for January
  - e. Service Unit Volunteer Needs
    - i. Service Unit Leadership Team: Reps from each level
    - ii. Committees Forming: Gals 'n Pals, Cookies, Camping, GNOMS
    - iii. Events/Projects that need Troops or Leaders to Lead: Tech Team, Storage Solutions, Buddy Troops, Secret Santa Scouts, Silver/Gold Award Banquet, Summer Celebration
    - iv. Gals 'n Pals w/South Bellevue, Feb. 1-3, decision due Oct. 12
  - f. Service Unit Events (see other side)
    - i. Skating Party Nov. 2 – Sign Up Genius (deadline, Oct. 29)
    - ii. Let's plan some more events! See list of ideas...
  - g. Leader Meetings Dates & Agendas (see other side)
3. **Troop Formation & Placement Report** (Kate Akyuz, 5 min.):
  - a. Troop Formation Stats: 3 new Kindergarten Troops and almost 40 girls placed in current troops
  - b. Check your current roster: Mistakes to fix. Go online or call 1-800-541-9852
  - c. Troop Placement: You might have new girls coming into your troop – check your email
  - d. Staying organized: Volunteer Toolkit + Forms reminder: Don't forget to gather these now
4. **Troop Leaders Cool Things Report** (ALL - round robin, 10 min.)
  - a. What cool things is your troop doing or planning to do, please share?
5. **Leader Investiture and Rededication Ceremony** (Anne Hritzay, 20 min.)
6. **Closing 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 (Needs Troop to Lead)**
- **January Date TBD:** First Aid Training for Leaders on MI (Kathy McDonald)
- **January-March: Cookie Season, Cookie Rally (Committee forming)**
- **Jan-Feb Date TBD: Silver & Gold Award Banquet (Need Troop to Lead – perfect for Cadettes)**
- **Feb. 1-3:** Gals and Pals Event for Daisies and Brownies planned and hosted by older scouts (Committee forming of Cadette Troops & Up)
- **March Date TBD: Spring Song Fest (Need Troop to Lead – perfect for Juniors)**
- **April or May (usually last weekend in April or first weekend in May- will confirm date in Nov.): Spring Encampment (Committee forming)**
- **June Date TBD:** All Island Bridging Ceremony (Danielle Orr-Bement)
- **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) (Committee forming):** Schedule in planning stages now. Usually on Friday nights, once a month, fun craft, game or activity plus dinner and social time

**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:** GSWW Mobile Store @ meeting! How to Host Great Meetings, Do a Badge in a Day or a Journey in a Weekend! + Delegate Elections for GSWW Annual Meeting (snacks: Heather Hall)
- **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: Kathleen Wilson)
- **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 11:** End of Year Celebration Party (need location – how about Caruccio's, wine okay!)
- **July & August:** Enjoy your summer, no meeting