



MERCER ISLAND GIRL SCOUTS, SERVICE UNIT 430
Troop Leader Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 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. Cool Things Reports from Troop Leaders

2. **Service Unit Manager Report** (Kathy McDonald, 15 min.)
 - a. Service Unit Management
 - i. NEW paid website and permanent email address: www.mercerislandgirlscouts.org and volunteer@mercerislandgirlscouts.org
 - ii. Leader TO DO: Will change 1st of every month
 - iii. Friday FIVE emails sent each week for latest updates and reminders
 - iv. Roster needs updating, please
 - v. All in One Sign Up Genius: For all Girl Scouts
 - vi. Date change for June meeting, June 4 not June 11 due to graduation
 - b. Service Unit Programs & Events
 - i. Santa Scouts: Info coming very soon (Kristi Mehal)
 - ii. GNOMS: Friday, Nov. 16 from 6-9 pm, \$10, Redeemer Lutheran, Pizza & Game Night: Host sign up genius and attendee sign up genius for all dates on website
 - iii. Brownies Making Brownies, Dec. 7 (Lori/Kate all organized)
 - iv. Spring Encamporee March 29-31 at Camp Robbinswold: Committee Forming, Reservation form on website for troops due Nov. 26.
 - v. Gals 'n Pals, date change to March 16 at Camp River Ranch: Volunteer form due Nov. 26
 - vi. Cookie Committee: New team leaders all positions filled, Thank you!

3. **Delegate Elections** (Delegate Elections, 5 min.):
 - a. Our Service Unit gets 3 delegates (1 lead, plus 2 others, plus alternate) Can be adult or girl age 14+. Usually a 3 year term for lead delegate.
 - b. Event is Feb. 9 in Renton, 9 am-3 pm or so

4. **HOT TOPIC: How to host Great Meetings, do a Badge in a day or a Journey in a weekend** (30 min)
 - a. Great Meetings: Lori Kovarik (5-10 min)
 - b. Badges/Journeys: Kate Akyuz (5-10 min)
 - c. GSWW Resources: Melissa Curtis (5-10 min)

5. **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 (Kristi Mehal)
- 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)**
- **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 (Need Troop to Lead – perfect for Juniors)**
- 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 2nd 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