



**MERCER ISLAND GIRL SCOUTS, SERVICE UNIT 430**  
**Troop Leader Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday, March 12, 2019 7-8 pm @ MIPC**

1. **Welcome & Cool Things Report** (Kathy McDonald, 10 min.)
  - a. Why is March 12, 1912 an important day in Girl Scout History?
  - b. Meeting Kapers: Note Taker, Time Keeper, Closing Ceremony
  - c. Thank You Awards to the Cookie Team: Michelle, Amanda, Susan and Michele
  - d. Prize Box
  - e. Around the Horn: Cool Things Reports from Troop Leaders
  
2. **Service Unit Manager Report** (Kathy McDonald, 25 min)
  - a. **Cookies:** How's it going? Questions?
  - b. **Gals 'n Pals:** March 16 at Camp River Ranch. Very excited to have about 70 people at this revival event.
  - c. **Spring Encamporee:** March 29-31 at Camp Robbinswold.
  - d. **April or May Service Unit event:** Movie night or something outside? (Lori DeStwolinski)
  - e. **GNOMS (Girls Night Out for Middle Schoolers):** March 15 cancelled, April 5, May 10, June 7
  - f. **Lakeridge Science Fair:** May 10, 5-7:30 pm, volunteer to help with egg drop (need 8-10 volunteers)
  - g. **Gold Award Project, Emily Kovarik:** Badge workshop for 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders coming this Spring, possible April 28<sup>th</sup> to earn Comic Book Badge. Making books for Atlantic Street Center, a Seattle facility for low income youth.
  - h. **End of the Year Celebration, Bridging, Higher Awards:** Sunday, June 9, from 5:30-7:30 pm at MIPC
  - i. **Upcoming Leader meetings:** April 16 (Travel with Girl Scouts), May 14 (Planning for next year + Higher Awards), June 4 (Leader-Daughter Celebration – need ideas...)
  - j. **SBMI Day Camp:** For grades 1-6, July 15-19 Monday-Thursday 9:30-3:30, Friday 9:30-2:00 at Island Park Elementary. \$90 per camper before May 1 and \$100 after. Camp run by Program Aides (PA) in grades 8-12. Offer PA training for girls in grades 7 & 8. Adult volunteers get one camper for free. <https://sbmidaycamp.weebly.com/>
  - k. **Mercer Island Girl Scout Service Unit Committee for 2019-2020:** Forming now
  
3. **HOT TOPIC: Camping** (Thank you, Elizabeth Cross-Nichol and Liz Evans, 25 minutes)
  - a. Prep and packing
  - b. Food
  - c. Activities
  - d. Round Table Discussion
  
4. **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
- March 29-31 Spring Encamporee at Camp Robbinswold
- April Date TBD: Spring Song Fest & Movie Night (Lori DeStwolinski)
- June 9th: End of the Year Celebration for All Troops @ MIPC from 5:30-7:30 pm
- July 13: Summer Celebration and Parade (Kathleen Wilson)
- 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 (cancelled) 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:** Travel with Girl Scouts
- **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 9:** End of Year Celebration Party and Leader/Daughter Event (need location)
- **July & August:** Enjoy your summer, no meeting