



# MERCER ISLAND GIRL SCOUTS, SERVICE UNIT 430

## Troop Leader Meeting Agenda

### Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 6:45-8:00 pm @ MIPC

#### MINUTES BELOW

1. **Welcome & Cool Things Reports** (Kathy McDonald, 20 min.)
  - a. Welcome
    - sign in, grab agenda, and name in prize box (jumped to item 5)
  - b. Mobile Store here
    - open throughout meeting
  - c. Meeting Kapers: Note Taker (Danielle), Time Keeper (Lori D), Closing Ceremony (Emily)
  - d. Leader Introductions & Cool Things Reports
    - tabled our cool things till next meeting
  
2. **Recruitment: Troop Info & Formation Event**
  - a. This Saturday, Sept. 14 from 1-2:30 pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Fun for girls and parents
    - bring your daughters, STEM activities for girls, information for adults
  - b. Coffees, Enews, Flyers, Yard Signs, Nextdoor, MI Reporter, Facebook
    - presence island-wide
  - c. Need open troops at every level
  - d. Troop Info Update Form – Thank you, everyone!
    - 100% return rate!
    - Grow your troop information (GSWW): reconciled with information sent to Kathy, call or email if errors on your troop
  - e. Thank you, Kate Akyuz & Kathleen Wilson
  
3. **Service Unit Manager Report** (Kathy McDonald, 20 min.)
  - a. Service Unit Management
    - New Logo for SU430 – stickers, patches, sweatshirts, oh my!
      - new design!
    - New Service Unit Leadership Committee Forming
      - forming, meeting after leader meetings, 15-20 min
    - New Service Unit Storage Unit at MIPC (need a Marie Kondo Team)
      - Melinda, Kara
      - if you know what may in storage and why we have it, please let Melinda & Kara know
    - GSWW Training Needs: First Aid, Quantity Cook, Small Craft, Archery
      - wilderness first aid, let Kathy know if you have a medical professional in your troop
      - quantity cook – train to cook for large groups
      - small craft – canoes and other water crafts
      - archery – Kathleen
      - ck GSWW training offerings, build capacity within our SU
    - Communications

- [www.mercerislandgirlscouts.org](http://www.mercerislandgirlscouts.org)  
-updated!
- [volunteer@mercerislandgirlscouts.org](mailto:volunteer@mercerislandgirlscouts.org)
- Text my cell 206.356.4787
- Leader TO DO: Will change 1<sup>st</sup> of every month
- Friday FIVE emails sent each week for latest updates and reminders
- Google Drive for electronic data storage, Google Forms to collect data, RSVPs
- Google Calendar: you can subscribe
- Sign Up Genius for volunteer needs
- Cheddar Up to collect money for events
- You Tube for Videos
- Communications periodically with All MI Girl Scouts via Mail Chimp
- Facebook page – keep it girl scout related

## b. Service Unit Programs & Events

### • Programs

- GNOMS (Girls Night Out for Middle Schoolers, monthly): Thank you Lori & Anne!  
-Lori and Anne started it when their girls were in 5<sup>th</sup> grade!  
-F 6-9pm, Lutheran Redeemer church or somewhere else!  
-tap into what the girls want to do
- Hikes: Fall & Spring  
-for families  
-Fall 2019 Hike: October 6<sup>th</sup> – may have conflicts  
-level of hike: start with 1-2 mile and build to 3 mile in spring
- Philanthropy/Thank you MIPC: Weekly Home-Made Cookies for Plymouth House & Fall Clean Up with Boy Scouts  
-Plymouth House provides temp housing for the homeless. Idea: sign up for a weekly homemade cookie delivery  
-Kathy will share video about Plymouth House.
- Camping Committee
- Cookie Committee  
-looking for cookie delivery coordinator – 6-8 hours on Sat/Sun, one weekend  
-will have volunteers to help
- Buddy Troops

### • Events

- September: Fall Encamporee: Sept. 20-22, 2019 @ Camp River Ranch  
-campsites are assigned, invoices will be sent soon  
-group meal Sat night, troop meals on own  
-archery is available  
-set programming is coming  
-dinner @ 6, group campfire afterwards on Sat  
-camp kapers, TAST forms, transportation forms
- October: Juliette Gordon Lowe Skating Party  
-Pam
- November: Movie Night Service Unit Event  
-Lori D – can be part of Bronze award project
- December: Santa Scouts, Brownies Making Brownies (happening?)

- shop for families in need with MIYFS
- January: Cookie Rally, Cookies Start
  - could be Bronze Award, teach younger girls how to sell cookies
  - GSWW offers a cookie rally kit
- February 22: World Thinking Day Event
  - celebration of GS internationally
  - could be a Bronze Award
- March: Cookies Sales, Gals 'n Pals
  - Gals & Pals revived – Cadettes plan an invent for K-3 graders
- April: Spring Encamporee: April 17-19, 2020 @ Camp Lyle McLeod
- May: SongFest
  - Rachel/Sheila
- June: Service Unit End of Year/Bridging Event

c. Service Unit Volunteer Needs

- I can do all promo of events; you focus on day of
- Sign Up Genius on website
- Leader Meetings Snacks
  - sign up sheet sent around
- Service Unit Programs
- Service Unit Events

4. **GSWW Update: Admin, Programs, Events** (Melissa Curtis, 5 min)

- council updates & upcoming events sheets passed around
- troops have until Sept 30 to renew
- \$200 MISU one for getting 75% registered by a certain date
- reminder: renew girl health forms
- changes to financial assistance
- NEW BADGES!!! Uploaded to volunteer toolkit
- new volunteer learning tracking system in Oct, new leaders will go through that system but old leaders will be given accounts
- volunteer essentials – troop leader manual – is being reworked as webpages
- volunteer recognition event Su 10/13 2:30-5:00 @ G2 office
- contact information
- membership renew pages – pick up patches for your troop

5. **Fall Product Sales** (Michelle Strickler, 10 min)

- not new to GS but to MI
- order and product information forms distributed – magazine subscriptions, nuts/chocolates
- SAMPLES! YUM!
- money making \$1 per tin, \$2 per subscription
- friends & family sale style, no booths or online
- can ship out of state, digital sales
- October – presales late Sept/early Oct and goodies come in Nov
- parents enter orders into system – no troop cookie mom
- troop or individual girls
- money collected at distribution

-Food Lifeline

## 6. Troop Leader Meetings

- MIPC, Monthly, Tuesdays, 6:45-8:00 pm
- Please send a rep if you can't make it or submit a Cool Things Report
- Each meeting will have "Cool Things" sharing time and a "Hot Topic" deep dive
- October 15: Investiture Ceremony
- November 12: Delegate Elections
- December 10: Holiday Party
- January 14: Cookies
- February 11: Open
- March 10: Open
- April 14: Open
- May 12: Open
- June 2: Leader-Daughter Celebration

-Door prizes!

## 7. Closing Ceremony & Prize Box Drawing (Oh, yeah!)

-Great Conversations – Seattle Children's