GS MISU Leader Meeting

Tu 3/10 7:00pm-8:15pm

Meeting Notes

1. Call ins….

2. Welcome

Meeting via Skype per GSWW recommendations and MIPC has suspended use of their facility through March. Check if your troop is meeting there this month as you will need to find another location.

2.a. Note taker: Danielle, Timekeeper: Kathy

2.b. Shout out to Cookie team!

2.c. Cool things

Take It Apart night as part of Think Like an Engineer Journey

Snowshoeing, ranger-led

Puberty workshop

3. GSWW has sent out several emails to all members. All correspondence can be found on the website. More updates as they become available.

King & Snohomish County troops were offered cookie take-backs. Requires troops to complete worksheet and scheduled drop off times.

GSWW offices and stores are closed and staff are working remotely.

GSWW encourages troop leaders to cancel troop meetings and public outings.

GSWW has suspended girl experience programs through March.

4. Sarah is our new community engagement coordinator charged with finding and forming new troops, as well as troop placement.

New coaching program coming soon. Volunteers can take training and register as coaches for new leaders.

Volunteer Appreciation (adult only, free) 4/22 6:30-8:30pm, GSWW Seattle office.

5. Cookies are still available for troops still selling. Very close to matching last year’s numbers. Sold as many cookies with less girls.

6. MISU has around $5000 in our account which will be depleted/replenished after spring encampment. We strive for zero-net events. Finances are good.

7. a. Sweatshirt orders coming soon. Hoodies in adult and children’s sizes, $25-30. 2-3 week delivery once order placed.

7.b. Gals & Pals no-go for 2020 but yes in 2021

GNOMS going strong, between 12-20 girls attend. Feb was cooking night with Christine Nakano. March is movie night hosted by a Senior troop – movie and discussion. April is mason beehives hosted by Norah Evans as part of her Gold Award. May is making lotion with a science expert.

Friday Fun will return!

Spring Encampment – theme: Sisterhood - 11 troops are attending, around 120 campers and adults. Indoor units are accounted for. A cook and archery instructors are hired. Boating (4th gr and up) is available. Programming: Kate’s troop will host a photo-related activity. Any other troops wish to plan some programming?

Fall encampment preference in River Ranch. Fall and next spring entered into the lottery.

GSWW Annual Luncheon 4/22 and MISU has a table for 10, gentle ask.

Songfest TBD

Bridging ceremony – looking for a troop to host, ideal for 4th, 5th, or 6th grade troops.

SBMI camp as Greta mentioned at our Feb leader meeting.

7.c. Kathy is working with Melissa in writing job descriptions to pass the MISU torch. 2 years as Service Unit Coordinator is ideal.

7.d. Ideas floated to doing some recruitment in the Spring, Summer, and Fall. Advantage: SBMI summer camp is good intro to scouting, troops have time to get established prior to fall, adults have time for training, troop is ready for fall encampment.

Ideas: MIPA blurb, PTA newsletters, welcome back coffees, summer drop-ins, Try It nights

8. GSWW BoD philanthropy has helped girls around the area, making GS accessible. GSWW has sold some properties and moved store location to be where the membership is. Nearly 24,000 girl and 14,000 adult members, with the bulk in Daisy-Brownie-Junior levels. Drops at 7th grade and up. GSUSA conducts studies on value and impact of girl scouting. For higher awards, new staff Amanda is available to work with leaders and girls.

Next meeting: 4/14 – come prepared to discuss your BEST MEETING EVER! Whether it was the place or the structure of your meeting… come with ideas to share.