

Lakota Wings Leader Meeting

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Thursday, December 4, 2014

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Enrichment: Take Care of Yourself First! –see ideas from Michelle

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Committee Reports

* Fall Product – Mary Hormann

18 troops participated; council-wide the sales goal was exceeded; you can pick up recognitions; some troops switched product managers w/o signing a new financial liability form—this leaves old manager still on the hook.

* Cookie Rally – Darla Higgins-IN LIEU OF LEADER MEETING IN JANUARY

- Thursday, January 8th, @ Lakota East Freshman Cafeteria from 6-8 pm.
- Volunteers need to arrive by 5 for setup and cleanup station afterwards
- Haven't rec'd confirmation for reservation of cookie costumes
- Waiting to hear if we can still get the financial literacy badges through MetLife - I inadvertently missed the deadline (oops!)
- Currently only have a few volunteer spots still open
- Currently we have over 80 girls signed up for the event
- Will have a Valentine's for Troops as a station at Cookie Rally, also a Cookie Badge station, Parent Engagement station, & Leader information station, Family Partnership-what is it, explain to families; *In place of Jan Service Unit Leader Meeting.*
- *PARENTS WITH GIRLS CAN ATTEND W/O LEADER*
- <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4dadaf22a7fe3-lakota>

* Volunteer Appreciation – Amanda Calvert

Packet available here:

<http://www.gsw.org/content/dam/gsw/documents/Volunteer%20Appreciation%20in%20Girl%20Scouting%20Guide%201001607-008.pdf>

Based on volunteers in 2013-2014; please submit to Amanda by Jan 9. plastic_amanda@yahoo.com

* Circle Enrichment - Natalie Goforth

Dec 14 - Other SU's could not do that day - will schedule after holidays are over.

* Courage Day - Julie Perrino -

Nov 15 Debbie & Mike Gardner; enjoyed by girls and families; possible to schedule them in future; service unit may get DVD to share with troops

* Service Project at M25M - Rachel Zipperian.

Sign up for upcoming service dates on 1/24 and/or 4/18

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4fa5ae23a64-20142015>

Your troop can also go any other time you wish - just contact Matthew 25, then let Rachel know so you can get the patch (1 per girl for first time volunteering).

* CSA Lock-In - Diana Mouring/Keitha Fish

Flyer out. Mercy HealthPlex Fairfield.

Jan 24 - 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM. \$15 per girl, no charge for chaperones. Deadline Jan 5.

12 hours of fun including Tennis, Racquetball, Volleyball, Basketball, Swimming, "Hungry Games", Service Project (fleece blankets for Project Linus), Minute to Win It Games, food, drinks, fun patch and some surprises!

* Thinking Day - Michelle Sager -

Feb 21 @ Butler Tech – 10AM?

Global Theme this year is "Take Action Together", so we will showcase how troops have worked on their Journeys and Take Action Projects! Flyer with information out soon!

Show girls how one person can make a difference; Discovering, Connecting, Taking Action Show off Bronze, Silver or Gold Projects

If collecting donations as part of project, let Michelle know so can ask others to collect

~Father Daughter Dance - Stacy Klare - Saturday, April 25th 7:30 - 9:30 pm @ SkatetownUSA. Theme TBD.

SU Committee

* Chair – Michelle Sager

A new look for the Girl Scouts of Western Ohio website including clean and concise menu options, an events calendar and easier-to-find content (December 2014).

New membership software and a Volunteer Toolkit(March 2015). The toolkit will be added to the website and will offer options including:

- Customized troop planning tools so you and the girls can easily choose a Journey/badges and plan your membership year.
- Online troop record keeping, meeting materials/shopping list and ideas for other program resources to support meeting activities.
- Tools to more easily communicate with and involve parents in troop activities.
- It will be easier than ever for girls and adults to join.
- Parent/guardians can sign their daughter up immediately. No waiting!
- New volunteers will have a shorter application process and approved in a matter of days.
- Simpler member renewal process.

One of the big changes is a new membership database that is simpler to use than the eBiz system. (Although for now, we will continue to use eBiz for program and training registration.)

- Every member has an email listed on their membership form/record. The new system will not accept a record without an email. This is one of the main identifiers of an adult member or household in the new system, so we are asking members and parents to use or create an email that they will use to identify themselves the next time they sign in. (Reminder, you don't need to have internet at home to have an email and we have computers available for volunteer use at each regional Girl Scout service center.)
- Daisy, Brownie and Junior Troops select a single age level, (versus 'multi-age' in the past) so they can access the new volunteer toolkit. This is an exciting new tool that we are sure that every kindergarten to fifth grade troop will want to use, so help us get them ready by selecting

one age level. Consider selecting the age level with the largest number of girls or dividing into two smaller (5+girls) troops.

Volunteer position names and requirements have changed. See Volunteer Essentials for more information, but the most important information to know is:

- Two troop leaders (equivalent to 01s) are required-with both responsible for troop. (There is no 02.) In preparation, all 02s are now being changed to 01s in eBiz. Please let leaders know that they will see this change starting now and continuing over the next couple of months.
- All troop volunteer positions require membership, application and background check; leader, driver, troop treasurer and troop cookie consultant positions also require training-based on position responsibilities.
- All parents are encouraged to become part of the troop volunteer team.
- All members are encouraged to register electronically. To support this we will be taking our computers to them! The new software will be fully functional on tablets and smartphones-making online access easier for even more people!

* Family Partnership – Amie Hartman

- Collected a bit of change at Camporee - \$15.35 + \$174.11 from budget.
- Skating Party Oct 29 collected \$599.25!

* Communications – Angela Grimm

Don't forget the communication resources for our Service Unit:

- Volunteer Email: lakotawingserviceunit@gmail.com - when you receive updates or opportunities from this account, please direct responses and questions to the person listed for that event, do not just hit reply! This email account is not monitored daily.
- Parent Communication/Recruiting Email: lakotagirlscouts@gmail.com
- Volunteer Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/33504620781/>
- Volunteer Website: <http://lakotawingsgirlscouts.yolasite.com/> (login: lakotawings, password: girlscouts)
- Pinterest: <http://www.pinterest.com/lakotawingsgs/>

* Treasurer – Michelle Sager

Kelly currently balancing checkbook so I can do financial report to Service Unit.

Announcements

Check your folder for checks, books, pictures, patches, etc.

Next non-meeting Thursday, January 8th 6:00 - 8:00 pm @ Cookie Rally!!

Next meeting Thursday, February 5th 7:00-8:30 pm @ Royal Redeemer
Topic: *Troop Government & Management* - Facilitators: GSLE Coaches