

Enrichment: Service Projects & Outings

We moved right into the Committee Reports because the group was very small and we had a lot to cover.

Committee Reports

SU Committee

* Chair – Michelle Sager

Roundtable in October was about product (cookie) sales

My big take-aways:

- Brittany is working to make sure the financial aspect of GSWO is more transparent, so we can see what cookie \$ buys.
- Cookie ARE NOT a troop fundraiser. They are a fundraiser for GSWO, of which our troops get a portion of the \$. Compare it to a school or PTA fundraiser - used for the entire school, not just your child's classroom. The \$ that goes to Council is used for programs, services, camps, subsidizing Council-sponsored events, etc.

VFW - SCOUT OF THE YEAR <http://www.vfw.org/scout/>

VFW's partnership with the Boy Scouts of America dates back to 1915 when VFW Post 2100 helped to establish Troop 1 in Everett, Washington. Through the VFW's Scout of the Year program, members of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who display standout citizenship, patriotism and love of country have the opportunity to be rewarded with college scholarships of up to \$5,000.

WHO CAN ENTER:

- Scouts who are registered, active members of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew, or a Sea Scout Ship who have received the Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.
- Scouts must be 15 years of age and have demonstrated practical citizenship in school, scouting and the community.
- Scouts must be enrolled in high school at the time of selection.
- Scouts should submit the completed [VFW Scouting Scholarship form](#), resume of high school activities, scouting record, community service record and letters of recommendation to a local VFW Post no later than March 1. Our local post is 7696 in West Chester

* Family Partnership – Amie Hartman

- We made 128% of our goal for Jan-Sept 2014! Goal was \$1200, we collected \$1534.75!
- We did not know we were so much over because so many people added on to their registration in September, that wasn't tabulated until after 9/30.
- When you register into our SU and add to FP, it does get credited to us.
- Goal for 2015 is \$1200, not sure this is correct - seems a little low for a 12 month goal if \$1200 was a 9 month goal for 2014.
- Collected a bit of change at Camporee - \$15.35
- Skating Party Oct 29 collected \$599.25!

* Volunteer Appreciation – Amanda Calvert

Here are some Volunteer Recognition Gift Ideas:

- *Candle* - Present a candle with a card saying "You light the way" or "No one can hold a candle to you"
- *Light bulbs* - "You light the way -- thanks for your glowing enthusiasm."
- *Permanent marker* - "You've made a lasting and permanent contribution to our group."
- *Lucky Charm cereal* - "We're so LUCKY to have you!"
- *100 Grand candy bars* - "Volunteers are priceless."
- *Payday candy bar* - "Volunteers don't receive a salary, not because they're worthless... it's because they're priceless!"
- *Gold chocolate coins* - "Volunteers are worth their weight in gold."
- *Andes mints/ peppermint patties* - "Your service is worth a mint to us!"
- *Ruler/Tape measure* - "It's easy to measure the difference you've made in our group -- you're amazing!"
- *Clock* - "Thanks for the time you've given to our group!"
- *Group's logo Hat* - "Our hats are off to you! Thanks for all you do!"
- *Shirt* - "We know you'd give the shirt off your back... so here's an extra one for the next time you give your all."
- *Toaster* - "A Toast to a super volunteer! Whenever you use this toaster, remember to toast yourself, too!"
- *Plant* - "We grow luckier every day you're with us."

As always, if you have any ideas that have worked for you and your troop for thanking volunteers, let me know! plastic_amanda@yahoo.com

Don't forget, if you know someone who coupons, see if they can help you get rewards and small gifts for your volunteers for free or cheap. Dollar Stores still double coupons. A recognition doesn't have to be expensive to have meaning. A Thank You card goes a long way!

* 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

Still doing reimbursements, will have a complete report of where we stand as an SU after Camporee reimbursements are finished. Will put on website and send out in email, not waiting until next meeting.

Please use reimbursement forms. Will put on website.

GSLE Committee

CSA Leadership Conference Feb 14-16 - Crowne Plaza Blue Ash. Theme is Masquerade - fun to stay in a hotel room without adults, make new friends.

- From eBiz: Join over 200 girls from Western Ohio as we spend the weekend at a hotel! You will get the opportunity to choose from a variety of workshops to participate in. For these workshops we have reached out to professionals in their field to provide you one of the most memorable times of your Girl Scout experience. The conference is planned by a girl planning committee to give you the opportunity to discover what you like, connect with new ideas and people, and take action to make the world a better place.
- Registration is now open - go to eBiz.

* GLE Coordinators

~Camporee Recap – Michelle Sager – See Camporee budget - last page. We have \$174.11 left from the budget (that's only 73 cents per girl attending) plus \$15.35 in collected change to go to Family Partnership = \$189.46. We did a very good job of budgeting!

Collections: Daniel's troop took pull tabs for RMH, Elizabeth counted items for M25M, included in email.

~JGL Birthday Bash – Rachel Zipperian/Wendy Groznik – Skating party was a HUGE success! Over 200 skaters, lots of moms, and lots of fun! We raised nearly \$600 for Family Partnership and a box filled with medical supplies for M25M. Thanks a bunch Wendy G for your help!

~Courage Day - Julie Perrino - Nov 15 @ Butler Tech Main Campus Auditorium - Debbie & Mike Gardner. \$20 per family, 9:15 - 12 noon.

- Nationally recognized, Debbie and Mike Gardner have been coaching survival techniques for over 30 years. They will show us ways to improve self-control, self-confidence, assertiveness, eye contact, voice control, crying outbursts and space defense!
- The seminar is broken down into four sections. The first two sections are for all ages. After the second section, we will have break and allow time for younger children, usually 3rd grade and below, to leave before the more intense training.
 - 1: Self-Control when scared – Mental Power
 2. Crime Prevention – Verbal power
 3. Crime Survival – Physical Power
 4. Surviving an Armed Attacker
- Flyer out soon!

~Winter Wonders - Bobbie Jo Bomkamp - Dec 6 @ Whip Poor Will - still collecting Daisy & Brownie registrations.

~Dec 14 - Circle Enrichment - Natalie Goforth @ GSWO 1-3 pm. Volunteer Enrichment, playing What's The Big Idea creative thinking game, workshops, meeting volunteers from our SU circle, bonding with fellow SU members, getting help with a problem...more information soon.

~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 coming out tomorrow. Mercy HealthPlex Fairfield. Jan 24 - 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM. \$15 per girl, no charge for chaperones. 12 hours of fun including Tennis, Racquetball, Volleyball, Basketball, Swimming, CSA Olympics, Service Project (fleece blankets for Project Linus), Minute to Win It Games, food, drinks, fun patch and some surprises!

~Brownie Lock-in - Rachel Zipperian - Jan 30 @ Boonshoft is FULL! So far, we are possibly overbooked with 81 girls and 50 moms! It will be CROWDED! I will send out a note to see if folks are interested in switching to a second night to lower the crowd. I am very pleasantly surprised by the interest from moms!

~Thinking Day - Michelle Sager - Feb 21 @ Butler Tech PSEC - 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!

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

Data & Recruiting Committee

455 girls re-registered. Nov 15 goal is 450. Dec 15 goal is 475. That's just 20 girls to go.
82 new girls registered. Nov 15 goal is 110. 28 to go. Dec goal is 126. That is only 44 to go.

During November: Adult Add-A-Friend. If a friend starts a new Girl Scout Daisy, Brownie or Junior troop, let GS know, and you get \$50 to spend at GS online store, your friend gets the New Volunteer Resource Pack; The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting, Adult Insignia Tab, Official Girl Scout Membership Pin, WAGGGS Official Pin and new Official Volunteer Pin. Through Dec 1.

Add-A-Friend for girls through Jan : <http://www.girlscoutsofwesternohio.org/volunteer-resources/Membership%20Recruitment%20Documents/1201478-004%20Add%20a%20Friend%20Campaign%20Flier%202014.pdf>

Product Committee

* Fall Product – Mary Hormann

19 troops participated - pick-up of product is 14th&15th.

* Cookies – Elizabeth Farrar & Daniel Colpi

Cookie Sale Packet Pickup for Experienced Troop Managers:

- Tuesday, December 2nd: 5pm – 6:30 pm, Midpointe Library West Chester Conference Room
- Tuesday, December 2nd: 6:30 – 8:00pm by R.S.V.P. only (so as to minimize disruption of training) Midpointe Library West Chester Conference Room
- Thursday, December 4th: 6:30 – 8:30pm, Royal Redeemer Church
- Thursday, December 11th: 7:00 – 8:45pm, Midpointe Library West Chester Conference Room

New Troop Manager Training (Packets distributed during training)

- Thursday, December 4th: 7:00 – 8:30pm, Royal Redeemer Church
**Primary training date.
- Tuesday, December 2nd: 6:30 – 8:00pm, Midpointe Library West Chester Conference Room
**Limited room – 12 participant limit for those who cannot attend on December 4th.

Need names of Troop Cookie Managers - please send to Elizabeth. Make sure your finance forms are in or no cookie packets. New cookie this year - Rah, Rah Raisin! 7 cookie varieties. They took the whey out of Thin Mints, so now it is vegan. \$4.00 per box - about \$1.00 goes to the baker. Kentucky is only \$3.50, they have Lemonades & Thanks A lot, they don't do order forms, all show & sell.

* Cookie Rally – Darla Higgins

Thursday, January 8th, @ Lakota East Freshman Cafeteria from 6-8 pm. Darla's troop needs help from CSAs - is sending out a sign-up genius.
Will have a Valentine's for Troops as a station at Cookie Rally, also a Cookie Badge station, Parent Engagement station, & Leader information station. In place of Jan Service Unit Leader Meeting.

Announcements

Hughes School - 6040 Princeton Rd. 1:00-3:00 pm on Dec 7th. Open House by the Liberty Twp Historical Society. Look for info in the Pulse.

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

Next meeting Thursday, December 4th 7:00-8:30 pm @ Royal Redeemer
Topic: Take Care of Yourself First!