

Guests

Cadettes from Troop 41468 Silver Award Announcements

Ceci Farrar & Sam Owens shared their Silver Award project for Project Linus.

- Project Linus provides hand-made blankets and new stuffed animals to children.
- These children may be suffering from illness, trauma or poverty.
- Please be aware the date may have to change. Will try West Chester Library May 18th 2-4 pm
- This event is for Girl Scouts, siblings, friends, parents are required.
- Participants will receive a patch, and there will be refreshments.
- No cost for the event, but you need to bring the 1 & ½ yards of new, colorful fleece to make the blanket. Stuffed animal donation is optional.
- They can also come to your troop meeting if you can't make it to the event.
- They may have more dates available as well. More information to follow.

Emily Burns shared her Silver Award project – bringing a hippo to the Cincinnati Zoo.

- Duct Tape Convention for girls to make duct tape items.
- Wallets, flowers, bows and other items..
- Possibly June 7th at the West Chester Library, please bring duct tape and \$2 donation.
- The girls could take their projects home.
- Also looking to borrow cutting boards or self-healing craft mats.
- Different times for different aged girls.
- More information to follow.

Committee Reports

Wendy Groznik – Council Camps

- Serving on Committee at Council dealing with the issues and condition of our GSWO Camp Properties.
- She'd like to take input from us to these meetings, so that our Service Unit has a voice when it comes to ideas for camps.
- Please email her ASAP (maybe within a week?) any questions, suggestions, ideas or concerns you have about the condition, useage, etc of the camps. Share your experiences.
- Wendy's email: wendys1216@yahoo.com

Stacy Klare – Father/Daughter Dance

- May 3rd.
- 41 Troops participating.
- Stacy brought the tickets, but if you don't have a permission slip signed, you cannot pick up your tickets without it.
- Pictures at Father/Daughter Dance are optional, they are done by a professional photographer, and will be available for pick-up along with the Cookie prizes later on in May.
- Don't forget your decorations if you want to participate.

Nancy Ward – Recruiting

- Nancy is not returning as Recruiting Chair next year. She is putting together a list of the different responsibilities for the Recruiting Committee.
- If you know or can find out when your school is holding their 2nd grade orientation night in May, please let Nancy know so we can see if we can get a table to set up info.
- Set up dates at the beginning of September for Parent information nights. After Labor Day. We need to have the dates set before we sit at the Open Houses.
- Looking for volunteers for the Open House dates in August.
- Probability of us working Woodland Mounds Service Unit to do recruiting and parent information nights.
- Will be asking troops for information on meeting nights and locations to help place girls.
- Next year's registration should be smoother from a technology standpoint.

Michelle Sager – Chair, Camporee

- Planning for next year will begin soon. Info will go out in an email.
- Service Unit Annual plan is much simpler to use this year. We can create our own titles and job descriptions.
- All are welcome to help plan next year.

Camporee committee had first meeting – we welcome more volunteers.

- See flyer. Will go out to everyone tomorrow.
- Pre-registration April 14-May 3. \$10 deposit per troop holds your spot. Will place you on the prime lists for lodging or activities. Will also help Committee plan.
- Easiest camping you can do!
- Stay weekend or Saturday only. Includes patch & dinner for anyone attending either way.
- \$12-15 per person for overnight. \$5 per person Saturday only.
- Hoping for enough CSAs & adults to allow them to work part day, play part day.
- Ambassadors designing Camporee T-shirt as fundraiser with stipend to Family Partnership.

Daniel Colpi & Elizabeth Farrar – Cookies

- We sold over 79,000 boxes, 4000 more than last year. Met our goal, receiving \$132 bonus.
- Per girl avg of 138, Council goal was 120.
- Prizes shipping to Elizabeth week of May 5, goal date for distribution to Troops is May 17.
- Request for Juniors to be able to choose \$ over prizes. Daniel & Elizabeth recommend putting that on survey. Also that people were asking for Lemonades and Thanks Alots, gluten-free and sugar-free.
- Request to look into an optional family cumulative prize option.

Bobbie Jo Bomkamp – Adult Development, Data Coordinator

Adult Recognition

- Thursday, May 8th @ 7 pm. Place TBD. That's our May meeting.
- No cost to attend.
- Personal invitations going out soon for those who will be receiving awards.
- 2 nominations from our SU for Council Awards & both were approved. Yay!
- Awards we are giving out are fun, various, and you're going to really enjoy yourselves!
- Leaders, daughters, husbands will be invited.

- If you are receiving a Council Award, or nominated someone for one, you will receive an invitation from Council for that, which is on May 20th

Early Bird Bonus Registration

- *NEW*: Receive a free volunteer registration for every 5 girls registered through eBiz.
- This is a pilot program being offered from GSUSA. Register at least 5 girls between April 15-May 31 through eBiz. **DO NOT REGISTER AS A LEADER.** The leader will be notified that the troop is eligible for FREE volunteer registration after June 9th. If your troop registers 10 girls, you will receive 2 FREE adult registrations. In addition, girls will receive Early Bird Patch. Troops will be eligible for 5 cent Cookie Incentive if at least 5 girls and 2 approved leaders register AND participate in Fall Product Sales. And you'll have first access to prime fall programs with early registration opening August 6th.
- Early Bird Registration: June 1-June 30th. If you weren't able to complete the Early Bird Bonus Registration, you can still participate in Early Bird Registration. Girls will receive Early Bird Patch. Troops will be eligible for 5 cent Cookie Incentive if at least 5 girls and 2 approved leaders register AND participate in Fall Product Sales. And you'll have first access to prime fall programs with early registration opening August 6th.
- On-Time Registration: Register by September 30th. Troops receive store coupon for 10% discount. And you'll have first access to prime fall programs with early registration opening August 6th.
- You can still use paper registration forms but they must be received at GSWO no later than 4 pm on May 30th for Bonus Early Bird or by June 30th for standard Early Bird Registration. Please allow a full week if mailing registrations. Financial assistance for the \$15 membership fee may be requested on the paper registration form if family cannot afford membership fee.
- Also be aware, AFTER SEPTEMBER 30th, all eBiz accounts will be deactivated if the girl has not re-registered. Parents will have set up a new account, and leaders will not be able to purchase registrations for the girls. Make it easier on yourself, and renew those memberships through eBiz before Sept 30th while all leaders still have access to the current eBiz accounts. If the girls is re-registered, their eBiz account will NOT be deactivated and they will remain in your troop management tab.

Bethany Wright – Creative Writing Badge Workshop

- With Kristen Otte, author of The Adventures of Zelda: A Pug Tale
- June 21st @ West Chester Library
- 10am – 12pm Daisies & Brownies
- 1pm – 3pm Juniors & Cadettes
- \$10 cost. Girls will earn badges (included) and signed copy of her book.
- See flyer for more information.

Rachel Zipperian – Mother/Daughter Events

JGL Birthday Skating Party

- Will be on October 30th @ Skatetown USA, 6:30-8:30 but not Mother/Daughter.
- Trying to use a square/pre-sale or pay-at-the-door or another way to make things simpler.
- Possibly bring-a-friend.
- Rachel will take volunteers to help out on the Committee.

Leader/Daughter Dinner @ Matthew:25

- Matthew:25 will be our Service Unit Service Project for 2014-15

- Dinner will be an Intro to Matthew:25
- Possibly the week of August 15th
- Pizza dinner
- 3 days during the year where our Service Unit is volunteering there, but leaders can take troops there on their own as well
- Looking for places that either donate or discount pizza in bulk and will deliver to Matthew:25