

SU406 Leader Meeting September 1, 2015

**For all of the handouts from
tonight's meeting, see our
Service Unit website:
<http://su406.org>**

Opening

- Flag Ceremony
- Promise:

On my honor, I will try

To serve God* and my country

To help people at all times

And to live by the Girl Scout Law

<http://www.girlscouts.org/en/about-girl-scouts/traditions/ceremonies.html#flag>

Welcome

- New Leaders: Thank you so much for stepping up and taking on the next generation of Girl Scouts. We appreciate your time and volunteer spirit! Note – next time, we will be doing investiture for our new leaders. You will get your Girl Scout pin if you don't have one already!
- Your service unit team
 - Updated contact list for the team was handed out. If you don't have it, please e-mail su406manager@gmail.com.
- Start Up Activity
 - Girl Scout Law Relay
 - From the new Volunteer Toolkit. To get your own copy, check out the Junior Intro meeting or the September meeting notes on su406.org

2015-2016 Overview

- Theme: Fun with....
 - Every year, we have a theme for the service unit (it is expanded every meeting with what is going on at the time)
- September: Fun with Purpose!
 - This is the Girl Scout directive. We want the girls (and leaders) to be having fun. At the same time, there should be a purpose, a Girl Scout purpose.
 - Here is a really cool video to help you with Fun with Purpose: http://forgirls.girlscouts.org/3-processes-for-girl-scout-volunteers/?ar=girls5_9#/girls5_9/volunteer-guides/3-processes-for-girl-scout-volunteers

2015-2016 Overview

- Goals:
 - Girl Members: 1,153
 - Adult Members: 694
 - Fall Product: \$101,021
 - Cookies: 10,860 cases

Planning

- Getting Started and Planning Your Year
 - Opt in now!
 - <http://tinyurl/oppcat>
 - This is how your troop gets new members and you are able to have your volunteers sign up to help you
 - Complete your training
 - Here is the link to the council training page:
<http://www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/en/for-volunteers/training.html>
 - Start your finance reporting NOW! Year end finance reports are due June 15th.
 - Have a Parent Meeting (see Volunteer Essentials, page 61 for suggestions) On-line Volunteer Essentials:
http://www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/content/dam/girlscouts-girlscoutsgcnwi/documents/forms/VE_2015-16_web.pdf
 - Back to Girl Scout Picnic!!!!!! Everyone comes! October 4th in Busse Woods. See flyer at <http://su406.org> under Events and Flyers.

Planning

A well rounded year means you are considering all aspects of the Girl Scout experience:

Journeys – the basic framework around which to work your year

Traditions – from the handshake to songs to celebrations

Outdoors – here are some new badges:

<http://www.girlscoutshop.com/NEW-GIRLS-CHOICE-OUTDOOR-BADGES>

Badges – these are the specific skill builders the girls want to learn

Cookies and Fall Product – teaching girls how to be independent, strive for goals, and providing funding for troops

Other items – check out the Girls' Guide to Girl Scouting for all of the awards your girls can do.



Council Activities

- Thanks, Sarah, for presenting! Ashley will be coming to our meetings for an update monthly.
- To find the most current council flyers, go here:
<http://gcnwiprograms.org/content/digital-resource-wall>

Events

- See “Save the Date”
- The Service Unit is looking for help:
 - Daisy gathering: information coming shortly – we have a troop to do this and a theme! Stay tuned!!!!
 - Junior Inside Government Badge
 - We will be asking local government to host this badge with us. Looking for chair and committee members
 - Cookie Booth Team
 - Chris needs help securing cookie booths. Please e-mail her at su406cookies@gmail.com if you are interested in being part of the team.
- Registering for Events
 - Council events and activities, register here: <http://www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/en/events/event-list.html>
 - Service Unit events and activities, please see the individual flyer on the Events and Flyers page at <http://su406.org>

Breakout

- Discuss Planning by your level
- How do you involve girls in your planning?

10 minutes

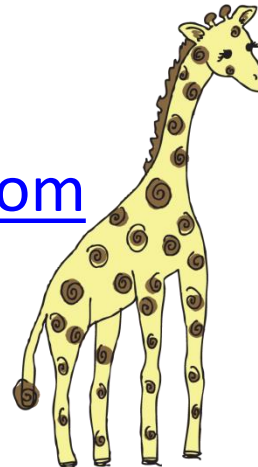
<http://tinyurl/oppcat>

Volunteer Opportunities

- Shane Sexton, Community Service contact
- Alexian Brother – service unit project
 - October 19th – 23rd
 - October 19: looking for volunteers to sew
 - October 20th – 23rd will be stuffing, hand stitching and decorating
 - See the flyer at <http://su406.org>

Fall Product

- October 1 – 24th
- Training
 - September 14th – 9:30am @ Elk Grove Library
 - September 22nd – 6:30pm @ Elk Grove Library
- Easy, quick way to get funding for your troop activities
- Picnic with us:
 - October 4th, Busse Woods
- If you have questions,
 - su406fallproduct@gmail.com



Tips, Tricks, Training

- Girl Scout Hacks
 - **Index card holder:** Use this to store a copy of the promise and law so you always have them. Keep your receipts organized. Have blank index cards in case you need to write a note to share with a parent at the end of the meeting.
 - **Sharing flyers with your troop:** Jen has a board she takes to every meeting that has the current flyers for sign up for SU events as well as flyers from council so parents can keep up with what is being offered. Many of her parents take pictures of the flyers to remind themselves to register later.
 - **Supply tote:** Michaela shared her supply tote that is always filled and ready to go with her. It has outside pockets that have scissors, glue, etc., so she can grab and go and be confident she has the supplies she needs for whatever the troop is doing. She also keeps a binder with copies of the girl's health histories and their permission slips so the bag goes with on field trips.
 - **Bank Receipts:** Michaela also reminded us to write on receipts/bank deposit slips immediately with what it was for. That way, you don't have to remember down the road when you do your accounting.

Tips, Tricks, Training

- Training
 - Training links on the council website:
<http://www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/en/for-volunteers/training.html>
 - Super Saturday on September 12th @ St. Hubert's
 - Volunteer Essentials and your grade level in one day - local
 - Super Saturday on September 26th in Vernon Hills
 - On-line, Webinar, Self Study
 - can't make an in person training, that's ok. If you prefer, or need, to do on-line training, you can find that on the link above as well
- Song: Make New Friends
 - Thanks, Bri, for leading us in the song. Lyrics in the agenda handout.

Where to get help

- www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org
 - Volunteer Toolkit (My GS)
 - GCNWI Pinterest
- <http://su406.org>
- Team
 - Service Unit Grade Level Consultants
- Other Leaders
- www.girlscouts.org (and their approved Pinterest)

Giveaways

- Thank you for coming
- Need to be present to receive
- 1 entry per troop

Contest

- SU406 t-shirt design
- Due September 30th
- Girl Design!!!
- Send entries to su406contest@gmail.com
- See the flyer on-line @ <http://su406.org>

Words of Wisdom

- Don't do it all by yourself
 - Ask for help
 - Know who your resources are
 - Reach out – don't wait for help to come to you

“To Do”

- Opt in <http://tinyurl/oppcat>
- Sign up for fall product training/get packets
- Turn in your ACH form
- Begin your finance report
- Register all girls before September 29th