

SU406 Leader Meeting

November 3, 2015

**Please sit by level (Daisy,
Brownie, Junior, Older Girl)**

**Please brainstorm field trip
destinations on the back of the
sign in sheet at your table**

Opening

- 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

Welcome

- First time attendees
 - Thank you for adding this to your calendar.
- Your service unit team
 - If anyone needs an updated team list, please let Selena know.

2015-2016 Overview

- Theme: Fun with....
- November: Fun with Field Trips!
- Goals:
 - Girl Members: 1,153 (839 as of 11/2 – paper registrations are about 6 weeks behind, but if you’ve turned them in to Donna-Marie, they are considered registered)
 - Adult Members: 694
 - Fall Product: \$101,021 (\$95,556 actual)
 - Cookies: 10,860 cases

Events

see the events page:

<http://su406.org>

- Daisy – Nicole Herman
 - Final registrations and payments are due to Nicole by the 22nd.
- Brownie – Billie Jo Zawahir
 - Thank you to everyone who participated.
 - Big Thank You to Billie Jo for coordinating a very difficult and not inherently “fun” badge – you did an awesome job!!!
- Thinking Day – Denise Urban
 - Registrations are being accepted for
 - Troops who want to host a country
 - Troops who simply want to attend as tourists
- Camporee – Adrienne Bolbot/Marsha Whiteside
 - Registration is open for the camporee
 - FAQ coming shortly
- Cadette Journey starting December 11th, please respond to Selena’s e-mail from 11/9 to register.
- Junior Journey starting January 19th, please respond to Selena’s e-mail from 11/9 to register.

Fall Product

- Pop Quiz!
- Delivery station
 - Saturday, November 14th
 - Thank you to everyone who helped out!
- ACH and Returned Checks
 - Remember, if you had a check returned, there is a process to get reimbursed for bank fees (you have to send back to the family to collect on the original amount). Ask one of the Fall Product team if you have questions.

Field Trips

- Are you ready for a field trip?
 - Field Trips are Not required
 - Bring the field trip to your meeting place if that is an option
- Questions to ask yourself before you plan a FT:
 - Why are we taking a field trip? What is the Girl Scout purpose – field trips are great, but if they don't serve a specific Girl Scout purpose, then any play date can do it. Make your field trips meaningful and relevant to what the girls are doing in their meetings.
 - Where are we going? Is it local? Can we walk? Do we need to deal with car seats (hint – meet at the location to avoid dealing with that!!)
 - What will it cost? Consider families' abilities to pay. Low to no cost field trips that the girls understand the costs will help them to take ownership of their Girl Scout experience
 - How will we get there?
 - Who is coming with us? Everyone who goes on a field trip must be registered. There is extra insurance available – ask if you need help.
 - When are we taking a field trip? Finding a time that works for everyone might be impossible. Consider having your field trip during regular meeting times. That way you know the majority of your girls have it already scheduled out!

Field Trips

- SU Resources – Your FT Team!
 - su406fieldtrips@gmail.com
 - Ask them questions while you are planning
- Trip and Travel Checklist, VE page 111
 - This is where you start before committing to a field trip
 - Review Volunteer Essentials (VE) page 111
 - Review Safety Activity Checkpoints (found on-line under leader resources)
 - Make sure everyone is a registered Girl Scout (or you have insurance coverage for everyone)
 - Review Outdoor trainings – your Safety Activity Checkpoints will tell you if you need additional training – like Outdoor 3 for campfires or outdoor cooking
 - Permission slips and/or Trip & Travel App
 - Adult chaperones & drivers registered Girl Scouts
 - Hold valid driver's license and car insurance

Field Trips

- Trip and Travel Checklist, VE page 111
 - Current health history for each participant
 - You should have those with you at all times anyway (the green/girl and blue/adult forms)
 - Emergency contact person (not on trip)
 - Someone who is not going with you so you can call in the event of an emergency and they relay the information to the parents. You and everyone on the trip will be busy dealing with a situation and need to focus on the safety of the girls
 - First aid kit
 - Every troop should have one – can purchase with troop funds and becomes troop property. Safety Activity Checkpoints will tell you if you need specialized first aid equipment – like burn supplies if you are doing something with an open fire.
 - Additional insurance needed
 - First aid certification if needed
 - COI/Insurance requirements

Field Trips

- Quiz and Questions
 - If you have any questions, we have Shelly and Tricia, who are OUTSTANDING resources for you. E-mail them at su406fieldtrips@gmail.com
 - See the field trip page on our su website
 - <http://su406.org>

Breakout

- Please stay with your group – remember, your experience may be helpful to someone else!
- Field Trip suggestions for your grade
 - Be sure to write them on the back of the sign in sheet
 - Brainstorm grade level progression
 - Note – we are compiling your suggestions and will have them published on our su website shortly.

10 minutes

Service Opportunities

- Shane Sexton, Community Service contact
- 'Tis the Season for SERVICE
 - Difference between Service Project and Take Action Project
 - Brainstorm opportunities
 - Shane posts often on the Facebook page. If you would like to be a member on that closed group, you can e-mail su406manager@gmail.com and include the e-mail you use to sign into facebook (which is often different from your regular e-mail that we have on file)

Tips, Tricks, Training

- Girl Scout Hacks
 - Field Trip Bags
 - Have a bag for each adult volunteer (we had drawstring bags to demonstrate). That way they can carry any items the girls may have with them as well as a small first aid kit and contact list for emergencies)
 - Extra opportunities binder idea
 - One of our leaders has all of the council flyers in a binder on the table so parents can look at them if they want to register independently.
 - Chaperone coordination
 - Selena found this hack – have each chaperone with a lanyard. Inside the sleeve for the nametag, write emergency information as well as the individuals that chaperone is responsible for watching
- Girl Scout Tradition
 - Song – Denise found the Home on the Range Girl Scout song. Will post lyrics!
 - Leave your meeting place better than you found it

Tips, Tricks, Training

- First Aid and CPR
 - MacArthur: 1800 Chippendale Rd
 - First Aid \$10
 - Friday, November 20th
 - 6:30pm – 9:30pm
 - CPR/AED \$20
 - Monday, November 30th
 - 7:00pm – 9:30pm
- Sign up sheet at front of room

Tips, Tricks, Training

- Training

— www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org

The screenshot shows the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana website. The top navigation bar includes links for ABOUT US, EVENTS, CAMP, COOKIES, and VOLUNTEERS. A red arrow points to the VOLUNTEERS link. Below the navigation bar, the 'Volunteer Training' menu item is highlighted with a green bar and a right-pointing arrow, with a red arrow pointing to it from the left. Other menu items include Why Volunteer, Ways to Volunteer, Online Support for Volunteers, Specialized Training, Training Events and Workshops, eLearning, Resources, Democratic Process, and Recognitions & Awards. A photo of five volunteers with backpacks crossing a log bridge is shown. Below the photo, the text reads 'Volunteer Training' and 'Even superheroes need support! Our council training helps v'.

Leader Training Requirements:

Girl Scouting 101 – welcome letter
Volunteer Essentials

- In person
- Self Study
- NEW! eLearning

Grade Level

- In person
- Self Study
- Quick Start (experienced)

Cookies!

- Training
 - November 30th (EGV Library)
 - 9:30am check-in for new troops and packet pick up for experienced troops
 - 10:00am training for new troops
 - December 1st SU Meeting
 - Packet pickup after meeting for experienced troops
 - December 8th (EGV Library)
 - 6:30pm check-in for new troops and packet pick up for experienced troops
 - 7:00pm training for new troops
 - Contact Chris Stapleton with questions:
su406cookies@gmail.com

Giveaways

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

“To Do”

- New troop leaders: schedule your one on one (or group) meeting with Liz
- Make sure your deposits are in the bank
- File any permission slips for field trips you are taking in the next month with su406fieldtrips@gmail.com