

SU406 Leader Meeting

January 8th, 2019

Please sign in

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

Agenda

- Welcome
- Goals
- Events and Activities
- Finance Updates
- Getting Help for Your Troop
- Cookies
- Field Trip Reminder

Leadership Team

Who to contact:

SU Manager - Selena

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Banking and Finance - Christy

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Cookies - Chris

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Field Trips - Shelly

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Older Girl Team – Adrienne & Marsha

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General Questions - Sheila

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Members at Large

Alyssa

Frances

Denise

Council Team

For our council team contacts, please see the information in your e-mail and/or handed out to you at your Welcome Session

2018-2019 Overview

- Goals
 - Registered Girl Goal: 1,061 girls
 - As of 1/8 we are at 917 girls (86.4%)
 - You can help by making sure all of your girls are in eBudde. If they are not when you login, there is a problem with their registration
 - Registered Adult Goal: 565 adults
 - As of 11/13 we are at 502 adults (88.8%)
 - You can help by making sure your adult volunteers are all registered
 - Fall Product Goal: \$97,757.82
 - Yay! \$103,176
 - Cookie Program Goal: 11,053 cases
 - Currently at: 80 cases shipped, 254 cases total!
 - Family Partnership Goal: \$650
 - Thank you to those who gave last week!

Events

- January 12th: Hot Chocolate & Popcorn Social
 - Event registration has closed for this.
 - Bring your rosters and payment to the event.
 - Girls can bring a blanket to sit upon and ONE stuffed buddy (no entourages!)
 - Troops, be sure to bring
 - your permission slips (on the Events and Flyers page on su406.org – see your e-mail for the password)
 - Your girl and adult health history forms
 - Your first aid kit

Events

- January 25th: Junior Detective Badge
 - You still have until January 15th to register
 - See flyer on su406.org
 - Need older girls to help with event
- February 2nd: Thinking Day
 - Can have until Friday, January 11th to register and pay. See e-mail for locations to drop off payment.
 - Can have until Friday, January 11th to pick a country. See Band and Facebook events for lists of countries already taken. Must be a country that has a WAGGGS organization: www.wagggs.org under Our World
 - Contact Tricia at su406thinkingday@gmail.com with any questions
 - Tricia will send out numbers for SWAPS and activities by this Sunday, January 13th.

Events

- March 8th: Girl Scout Ways
 - Flyer and information on su406.org
- March 9th: Older Girl Expo
 - We are currently finalizing a venue and then will publish the official flyer, roster, and sign up.
- April TBA: Daisy Tea – Multiple troops
 - The girls are still working on putting this one together. Details will be coming shortly.

White Pines!

- April 26th – 28th, 2019
 - We are completely FULL!
 - \$70 per person final payment due to you from families if you are not using troop funds by March 1st – no exceptions or extensions. Payment due at our March 5th service unit leader meeting.
 - ALL communications go to Jen at su406info@gmail.com – please don't post individual troop questions on Facebook or Band. Direct them to Jen please.

Finance Update

- Volunteer Toolkit
 - Access on www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org
 - Click on MyGS and login to the Volunteer Toolkit
 - Click on the FINANCES tab (far right)
 - Keep finances updated every month
 - Click on RESOURCES tab
 - » Under Troop Leadership, download the Troop Financial Cash Detail spreadsheet

The Annual Finance Report is mandatory. All troops must submit by June 15th each year.

Training – Setting Expectations

- Service Unit Expectations
 - From Leaders
 - Attend leader meetings (send a representative, make sure you are reading the notes, connecting with other troops in your school who attend)
 - Participate in product programs (this helps us to fund supplies, “free” activities for all of our girls and much more)
 - Opportunity to participate (share the service unit events with your girls and let THEM decide to participate)
 - Help and ask for help – be part of the solution
 - For Leaders
 - Our team should respond to e-mails in a timely manner – give us 48 hours as we are volunteers and have busy lives as you do
 - Be point of contact for their area of expertise – see the team listing at the beginning and be sure to ask for help!
 - Solicit assistance as needed
 - Provide access to programs and skills for leaders and girls

Training – Setting Expectations

- Setting Expectations
 - Our discussion was interactive from the troops. Some of the suggestions are below:
 - What you expect from parents
 - Bring girls to meetings; let you know if a girl is not going to make it to a meeting; come in to pickup; respond (and read) emails, help as needed, register
 - What parents should expect from you
 - Communication about meetings and programs, information about Girl Scouts, opportunities to participate inside and outside of troop meetings
 - What you expect from Girls
 - Encourage troops to sit down with their girls and have the girls provide input (within reason) for behavior, expectations, meeting content, and interests

Training – Fun with Purpose

- Girl Scout Program
 - We did not have much time to cover this. Be sure you are thinking about “Fun with Purpose” when you do events. Do not schedule events just because the girls want to do them. What purpose does the event serve? What Girl Scout purpose?
 - Tie in Program with Fun
 - Badges: where can you go or what can you do to make the badge more fun and interactive
 - Patch programs: there are some very fun programs that are not official badges, but have patches attached and don’t involve field trips. Check out the digital wall and the program pages at www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org
 - Awards: The cookie pin, Safety Award, Thinking Day and Global Action area all official awards that can be earned as a group or by individuals.
 - Field Trips
 - Remember to share the benefits

Service Unit Help

- Older Girl Expo: Why Stay in Girl Scouts?
 - Planning committee help
 - Skills and Facilitation
 - Let the older girl team know: su406oldergirl@gmail.com
- Learning Facilitator (aka trainer)
 - If you like to work with volunteers and would like to learn more about becoming a council trainer, let Selena know!
- Events and Journeys
 - If you want to take charge of an event, badge workshop, journey workshop, we will gladly help you out!

Cookies

- su406cookies@gmail.com
 - Please make this your first contact
 - Selena and Chris monitor this
- Add [do not reply@littlebrownie.com](mailto:do_not_reply@littlebrownie.com) to your e-mail contacts to try to prevent communication going to SPAM. Always check your SPAM and Trash files during the cookie season.

Cookies

- Cookie Booths
 - Remember, only cookie booth team members contact local businesses. Troops do not.
 - Carrie is our contact
 - Contact sent via e-mail
 - Booth selection
 - January 13th at 7pm – up to 2 times
 - January 20th at 7pm – up to 2 times (total of 4)
 - January 27th at 7pm – unlimited sign ups
 - Only in eBudde

Field Trip Reminder

- For safety purposes, you must let us know if you are having a field trip
 - Anything away from your regular meeting place that is listed on the opportunity catalog is considered a field trip
 - Send a copy of your permission slip to su406fieldtrips@gmail.com
 - If Safety Activity Checkpoints require it, you must submit a formal application (field trips with activities that have an element of danger/risk or need additional certifications and special equipment)

Next Meeting

- February 5th at Mead
 - Cookie Delivery
 - Cookie Booths
 - Thinking Day ceremony
 - Event updates
 - Training: Dealing with difficult girls and parents