



Girl Scouts.

WEBSTER SERVICE UNIT MEETING September 10, 2019



Service Unit Meeting Overview:

Katie Borchers welcomed everyone back and noted that Service Unit (SU) meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. These are mandatory meetings for one leader from each troop to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to give an overview of all the “goings on” within the SU. She said some meetings will have something fun for leaders to participate in. There may also be a “virtual” meeting held during the winter as the SU received positive feedback from leaders last year when one was held for the cookie booth lottery. She also encouraged returning leaders to reach out and introduce themselves to new leaders. Katie stated that she is also the Camp Out director.



Kudos and Shout-Outs

Katie posed two questions for leaders: “What did you do this summer for Girl Scouts?” and “How will you kick-off the year for your troop?” One troop went to the Sodus Bay Lighthouse as part of the Ambassador Water badge. A troop went to NYC on a bingo adventure and earned a patch. Another troop went around Webster and earned money for supplies for their Bronze Award project. They learned to sew and are making pillowcases, button buddies and craft kits for children at Golisano Children’s Hospital. They will also be going horseback riding and geocaching. Another troop will be going to Camp Tully to earn their Outdoor Journey. One troop had a pool party in August and the leader had the girls look at the list of badges to decide which ones they wanted to do this year; the leader then plans their year around the badges.



New Leader Introductions

Kelly Burt introduced herself and advised that in the past when new leaders came on board, she would meet them at her house and go through the training. Now that everything is done online, she receives an email from Council advising that a new leader has signed up. Kelly then meets with them to get them going and confers with Robin Mezzanini the SU’s Troop Manager, regarding troop location. There were a few new leaders in attendance tonight – welcome all! Kelly said she can be a resource for new leaders with questions or she can connect them with the best person to help rather than everyone reaching out to the SU Managers. She also provides conflict resolution for those times when there may be tension between co-leaders or between leaders and parents. Robin advised that the Webster SU has 101 leaders and 45 troops.



Service Unit Business

Welcome Letter – Katie directed all to the letter included with the agenda. She commented that the goals of the SU this year are aimed at recognizing and supporting leaders and girls to create a healthy service unit.

Finances – Amy Scheible stated that any troop with an existing account at CNB must have their signature card re-signed. In order for troops to have online banking, one person must be on all of the accounts. That person was someone in Brighton who is now stepping down. Amy will now be that person and her name needs to be added to the bank cards for every account at CNB within the Webster SU and three others. The cards are ready at CNB (Jackson Road branch only) for troops to sign. On each account, there should be at least two signers; there can be more, but all must be registered in GS and have a background check done. New this year – each signer on an account can get a debit card. For any troops that have not set up an online account, Amy will take care of that for them.



Recruitment

- Beth Cunico brought yard signs that the SU would like all to take and put up around town. We can put them up at schools and in neighborhoods, but especially in places where there is already a Boy Scouts sign. It's suggested people check with a church first before placing at sign on their property. She thanked everyone who helped out with the events held September 3rd. Beth does not have access to all school pages, so if anyone knows of an event coming up at their school that they think would be good to have a GS table at, notify Beth via the SU email address: webstergirlscouts@gmail.com. A Daisy placement meeting will be held September 16th. This was successful last year by gathering interested parents together and encouraging them to become troop leaders. The agenda also listed two upcoming Daisy Community Meetings – 10/3 and 10/24.



Calendar of Events

- Jen Shaw went over the Calendar of Events, a copy of which was provided to everyone. All events will also be listed on the Facebook page and website. The SU Managers have decided to use Cheddarup.com instead of PayPal this year to reduce the fees associated with payment. Many of the events listed already have sign-ups available.
- In October, Raymour and Flanigan at Eastview Mall will host a "Spooky Spectacular" at their store. Cost is free and R&F will make a donation to Webster Girl Scouts.
- No events planned for November yet. The Cadette Initiative will be doing a badge; other levels can as well.
- In December, Camp Piperwood has been reserved for the weekend of December 13-15 for Journey overnights – Daisy through Senior. The SU will not be planning these.
- For January, there will be a roller skating event at Horizon Fun FX which can accommodate 1,000 people. The cost will be \$10/person which includes skate rental.
- Lia Cookinham stated that Camp Out in May will be girl-led. At the SU Kick-Off event on September 21st there will be "Jar Wars" to determine the theme of Camp Out. Katie stated that Camp Out takes place every 2-3 years and because Webster has one of the largest Service Units, we rent out all of Camp Cutler. It will be held the weekend after Memorial Day. There will be indoor sleeping (lodge) for younger girls and those not wanting to be outside, in addition to platform tents and tent camping for others. Leaders of older girl troops received a paper outlining the request for older girls to plan and run sessions at Camp Out. The sheet listed the due dates for planning. If an older troop wants to plan and run a session, it will take place on Saturday and programming for them will be held Sunday because we will have Camp Cutler up until 3 PM on Sunday. One leader advised that for the last Camp Out, the cost per girl was prohibitive for some of her troop. Katie stated that the cost to rent out Camp Cutler has risen to \$1,300. The plan is to keep the cost at \$50/girl and \$35/adult which covers all programming, lodging and food for the entire weekend and this year, troops will have the option of staying both nights. Friday night will not be only for older girls like they did for at last Camp Out. Katie advised that it's likely the rental cost for Camp Cutler will go up again in two years and they may need to pass that cost onto troops.



Middle School Initiative

Robin said the Initiative was well-received last year. There are more troops this year and she is encouraging troops to help with some of the programming. The first event is an Ice Cream Social on 9/17. The goal is to hold an event once/month.

High School Initiative

Shannan Monrad said this is the first year for the HS Initiative. The first event will be held 9/29 and an email went out late today to leaders of older troops.

First Aid/CPR

There is only one session being scheduled for the SU. There are other sessions offered through GS Council. Each troop must have someone certified in First Aid/CPR for Camp Out. Camp training is no longer needed for troops going camping. As a reminder though, anyone supervising children other than their own must have a background check done.

Gluten Free Cookies

Robin said they are the same flavor as last year – caramel chocolate chip. If troops are ordering by the case, they must place their order by September 25th (www.gswny.org and link is on the Home Page). If troops need less than a case, email Robin by 9/22.

Magazines and Munchies . . . and More

Nancy Smith presented on the Fall product sale. The timeline was outlined on the agenda. The sale runs September 28-October 27. No more door-to-door sales. Leaders were provided packets to take to their troop(s). New this year – all magazine sales are online – no paper orders. Also new this year, parents can enter their daughter's sales online through Unify and provide payment to the troop volunteer. The troop volunteer can still enter the orders as well. Delivery of items will be November 16th. Girls must be a registered Girl Scout by 9/27 to sell.

Next meeting will be October 8, 2019, 6:30–7:30 PM