

## **Girl Scouts – Northern Horizons Service Unit Leaders Meeting**

### Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2015

Time: 7:10 PM

Presented by: Sherri Little

Minutes Prepared by: Julie Rudinski

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***It's not that volunteers have the time, they just have the heart.***

Special thanks to all volunteers. Your help is appreciated.

#### **I. Business Portion**

- Check your troop Roster for accuracy. Update school and membership information as needed.
- Punch cards – last chance to redeem them. Cards reset in September.
- Service Unit Team Nominations
  - Email Nominations to Sherri Little [northernhorizonscommunity@yahoo.com](mailto:northernhorizonscommunity@yahoo.com)
  - Need Troop Organizers
    - Ridgeview, Hidden Lakes, Shady Grove
    - Willis Lane: Sonya Parkey
  - Website Manager
    - Julie Rudinski to volunteer if no one else is interested.
- Storage Unit Task Force
  - Need volunteers to help.
  - Email Sherri Little [northernhorizonscommunity@yahoo.com](mailto:northernhorizonscommunity@yahoo.com)
- Financial Reports due June 15. Need to complete once May bank statement received.
  - 01 – Leaders to receive link to report
  - Need help filling it out? Questions?
    - Email Sherri Little [northernhorizonscommunity@yahoo.com](mailto:northernhorizonscommunity@yahoo.com)
  - All troop leaders must due this per council.
  - Membership Registration line only needs to be filled out if troop registration was paid with troop funds.
- Girl Scout Shop
  - Price on core items will increase on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Buy your supplies now.
- Tax exempt form
  - Obtain from Dorcas
  - Use to save money on taxes!

#### **II. Announcements**

- **Past Event Recaps**
  - Cookie Sales – Results
    - Made our goal of less than 1% cookies left in inventory.
    - Service Unit Earned \$722.38
    - Gluten free cookies will be back in 2016 & supported in SNAP.
    - There will be no new cookie in 2016, instead a new cookie will be released in 2017 for the 100<sup>th</sup> year of cookie sales.

- Cookie Team Gifts distributed
    - Next year cookie character will be a hedgehog.
    - Service Unit Sales were up 1.4% Per Girl Average increased to 261 boxes
  - Community Camp (Franzi Hazelton)
    - Patches distributed
    - Let Franzi Hazelton know if there are suggestions for next year or ideas on theme
- **Upcoming Events**
  - Jean Quilt Squares Service Project
    - Jean Squares distributed, Instructions will be emailed
    - Need to use Black Sharpies only
    - Words only, no pictures
    - Include First Name, Last Initial & Hometown.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
    - Looking for girl scouts to participate
    - Sherri Little will email details
  - Bob Jones
    - Lots of classes and field trip possibilities for scouts
  - Hawaiian Falls
    - Discounted prices for Girl Scout troops
    - Patch available (be sure to ask)
  - Twilight Trails Summer Camp
    - Need volunteers to help out as unit & game leaders.
    - Will receive free camp or refund of camp dues
    - Visit [twilight.trails.southlake.com](http://twilight.trails.southlake.com) for more information
- **Service Unit**
  - Farrar Family Award distributed
  - Adult Registration
    - 01 = Leader/Co-Leader
    - 02 = Assistant Leader
    - 03 = Troop support/Community Member
    - Everyone needs to Self-code
    - There should be no adult registered coded as a 14, all support should be 03.
  - Girl Registration
    - Approximately 25-30% re-registration achieved.
    - 4000 girls not yet met, T-shirts are still available.
    - Troops with 2 adults (01 & 02) and 5 girls registered by June 15 will receive 25% discount on 1 item, \$5 store coupon & entered to win 1 of 5 camps.
    - If troop leader re-registers girls, need parent permission.
    - Early Renewal important to ensure troop continues in the Fall.
  - Recruitment Carnival (Nancy Longbottom)
    - Johnson Road Park Saturday, August 22
    - 6-8 PM

- Need troops to run “carnival style” booths
- If you need scouts for your troop, please plan on attending.
- Volunteer by emailing
  - Nancy Longbottom at: [nancy.longbottom@verizon.net](mailto:nancy.longbottom@verizon.net) or
  - Email Sherri Little [northernhorizonscommunity@yahoo.com](mailto:northernhorizonscommunity@yahoo.com)
  - Troop 3315 Volunteers
- Meet-the-Teacher (elementary schools) Thursday, August 20
  - Need volunteers to help staff the Girl Scout table
  - Promote the recruitment fair
  - Older Girls needed to help run the tables/
  - Email Sherri Little [northernhorizonscommunity@yahoo.com](mailto:northernhorizonscommunity@yahoo.com)
- Yard Campaign
  - Ask parents if they are willing to display a yard sign promoting recruitment carnival, display for approx. 5 days.
  - Email Sherri Little [northernhorizonscommunity@yahoo.com](mailto:northernhorizonscommunity@yahoo.com)
- HOA Newsletter Campaign
  - Let Sherri know of any HOA advertisement opportunities
  - Email Sherri Little [northernhorizonscommunity@yahoo.com](mailto:northernhorizonscommunity@yahoo.com)
- Lions Club Support September
  - Open to suggestions
  - Possible Soap/Toilet Paper Collection
- Patch Swap (September)
  - Logistics still being planned. Will be able to trade bages.
- Goodie Giveaway (October)
  - Old Journey Books, Craft Supplies, etc.
- **Badges**
  - Handshake Project Swaps were distributed.
  - New Badge: Outdoor Skills badges Arriving in September
    - Brownie: Outdoor Adventurer (a choice of outdoor activities)
    - Junior: Horseback Riding
    - Cadette: Archery
    - Senior: Paddling (canoeing, kayaking, or paddle boarding)
    - Ambassador: Ultimate Recreation Challenge (a choice five outdoor challenges)

### III. Resources

Official Web Page for Girl Scouts Texas Oklahoma Plains <http://www.gs-top.org>

Activity Resources -

- Making Friends <http://www.MakingFriends.com>
- WAGGS Pin Explanation [http://www.girlscouts.org/who\\_we\\_are/global/waggs/explanation.asp](http://www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/global/waggs/explanation.asp)

