

Ames/Gilbert Service Unit Agenda/ (Lawn Meeting) minutes August 2016
(lots of information)

- Calendar of Events http://girlscouts.amesev.com/calendar/Events2015_2016.html
- Please review the August Checklist from “The Bridge”
- Reminder Cookie Dough Expires September 15th.

OLD “STUFF”/ PAST EVENTS

- Shawn has the Powder-puff Derby patches. She also has cookie recognitions that need to find a home. Please connect with her regarding recognitions.
- Day Camp review Great success! Over 60 girls attended. Several said that they want to do it again next year. Thank you to all you help out!
- July 4th parade. Approximately 25 girls/adults participated.
- Early Bird registration (DUE JUNE 30TH). Leader incentive: t-shirt if all parts of Early Bird are complete by June 30th. Can easily be done through MyGS on Council’s website. Melissa has Early Bird Patches for those troops that were able to get girls registered. Council is contact leaders individually regarding Early Bird and t-shirt sizing.
- Council news: **The Bridge:** “One-stop-shop” for Volunteer resources. Registered leaders should have received an email regarding this resource, also available on front page of Council’s Website.
- Training updates: New information was posted on Council’s website 2/19/16. Changing format/ requirements for Bronze, Silver, Gold Trainings. Going to a more of a Roundtable discussion for several trainings, including several different Volunteer trainings. Also, new leader trainings are available online through Council’s website.

NEW “STUFF”

- Recruitment Information posted on Digital Backpacks for Ames & Gilbert. A survey was sent out to all leaders in July to help with placement of girls and see which troops have openings. Please complete and get back to Cathy as soon as you can. A tentative date of September 15th

(pending confirmation from the church) has been sent for a Back To School Recruitment event 5:30-7:00. Cathy is in need of help with this. Please let her know if you are able.

- One **BIG** concern that was brought up was the need for adult volunteers/leaders. We have been receiving requests for placement of girls and no place to put them. Please pass the word along within your networks to see if there by chance is an interested person. Efforts are being done to work with the directors at Tanglefoot and Sacajawea regarding staff that may be attending ISU or living in the Ames area as this was discovered by some of the girls/parents attending resident camp this summer. Another suggestions was to have Council notify HS seniors that there are Campus Scouts at both ISU and U of I, so they can still continue to be a Girl Scout.
- Bridging: **SEPTEMBER 11 2pm at McFarland Park. Jana & Jeannette have started planning. Please complete information that was sent out to leaders and email back to Jeannette. Flyers/ permission forms were emailed to leaders to pass along to their troops. THIS IS FOR ALL TROOPS, NOT JUST THOSE BRIDGING! We feel this is a great way for girls to intermingle as we have several levels advancing.**
- Service Unit Campout: Update: **November 11-13 at Camp Sac. Campus Scouts are providing Saturday's program and a Senior troop will be cooking. More information to be coming regarding cost and times.**
- Fall Leader retreat **October 7-9** at Camp Sacajewea.
- **NEW COOKIE!!** S'more flavor. (Announced 8/10 on National S'more day)
- UPCOMING EVENTS: September: Canoeing event. she/she. Cathy is checking with Story County Conservation regarding getting canoes. Event will probably be held at Hickory Grove.
- October 16: Cooking with the Kappa Delts
- Trena will be contact Perfect Games this week for the Bowling Event in December.
- **NEXT MEETING: September 19. SWAP meeting (if you have items from the previous year(s) that you have extra and cannot use or if you are changing levels, please bring**