

Ames/Gilbert Service Unit Agenda March 2015  
(lots of information)

- Calendar of Events [http://girlscouts.amesev.com/calendar/Events2015\\_2016.html](http://girlscouts.amesev.com/calendar/Events2015_2016.html)
- Patches are in from December's Bowling event. **Please get Trena or Mikki the list of your troop attendees, if you have not already. Trena and Mikki were unable to make it to last night's meeting, so they still have them.**
- **Shawn has the Powder-puff Derby patches and they will be put in with Cookie Recognitions.**
- **Cathy has some Brownie Try-It Miniaturist badges left over from 2015 Day Camp. Please let her know if girls in your troops did not receive this.**
- **March 5th was the deadline for SU delegate to Annual meeting, which is via teleconference on 4/5/15 6:30 pm (approx 1 hr). All adult volunteers and Girls 14 y.o or older can attend. Rachel has volunteered to be our SU delegate, but will send out Delegate book to those that request to review for input on By-laws, etc.**
- **SciGirls Training: March 22nd at Ames Public Library. Cost \$5. Can't beat the price. Good training.**
- **April 16th 1-4 pm Kappa Delta (ISU sorority that is a mentor group with Melissa Murray's troop) is having a Photo scavenger Hunt on ISU campus. Open up to all ages and Council-Wide. Sign-up is now available on the Council's website. Cost \$5/girl.**
- **April 22nd-24th Women of the Wild Weekend at Camp Tahigwa in NE Iowa. A weekend away with other leaders/ladies in GS without the kids!**
- **April Activity: Disc Golf April 30th at Gateway Park.** Cathy has organized a fun activity at the disc golf course near the Ames/ISU Ice Arena. Information was sent out via email last week. Please RSVP by April 13th so Cathy can get the appropriate number of discs. This can be a troop or Individual activity.

- **Water Pollution Control Fun Patch Opportunity:** Information recently sent out via email regarding this information. Starts at 9:15 with activities and tour starts at 10:00. Located the Water Treatment plant SOUTH of Ames near I-35. RSVP by April 14th.
- 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: Melissa:** 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. Listings can be found under the events tab on the Council’s website.
  - Canoe Instructor training available through the DNR. Jana had sent out an email regarding dates. The cost is \$25 and the SU will pick up the cost for 2 people, if you are willing/able to help with Day Camp as Cathy will need an occasional break.
  - Outdoor Training 1 & 2 available at Camp Juliette in Marshalltown April 2nd 10-6pm. Registration is on the Council’s website and is available until March 30th.
- **Omaha Zoo Trip:** One group had already gone and had a fun time! Said that the guides were good and a really good experience. One suggestion would be not to the scout activity the next day as the girls are extremely tired. If you are unable to go on either one of these dates, there is an Overnight at the Zoo that is a Council activity June 4-5 as another option. It is listed in the Events section of Council’s website.
- **Summer Day Camp: SAVE THE DATE** info was sent out. Let Jana know if you are interested in helping. Rachel Wolf, ISU senior, has also volunteered to be a camp director. Dates are June 20-22 9am-4:30. Junior and older scouts will have an overnight Wed-Thursday. They will need to be picked up at noon Thursday. Still looking for adult volunteers. **This is great opportunity for Dads and older girls to help out with. Biggest need at the moment would be to travel with the individual groups from station to station each day (ideally same person for all 3 days).**

- **Membership/ Recruitment update:** Each troop that added 2 or more new girls during winter membership drive will receive a Bring a Friend patch and also a chance to win 1 of 10 New Friends to Best Friends Spa party. More information to come from Council regarding winners.
- **Kindergarten Round-up:** Council is inquiring if there are kindergarten round-ups happening that they can present information regarding Girl Scouts at these events.
- **Bridging:** Spring? Fall rededication/investiture? Thoughts from troops Bridging? **Need volunteers to plan.** Several troops did own ceremony last fall. Do we want to do it as a Service Unit again? **Consensus was to have it as a Service Unit again as there are several troops that have siblings in 2 different Bridging troops. Thoughts were that it was a neat idea to for all levels to see Bridging and recognition of Bronze, Silver, Gold Awards at this event.** It was discussed to have a Bridging/Rededication/Investiture Ceremony in the Fall. Mat is fast approaching and too much going on! More to be planned at April 18th meeting.
- **Troop updates: Daisy Troop 253 has a display at McFarland Park of different Iowa animals. Display ranges from drawings to collages. Take a look the next time you are there.**
  - **Also at McFarland Park: Pollinators are complete as part of a Silver Award in Melissa's Troop.**
- The SU Roster was forwarded to SU leaders for updates/changes. Feedback received has been communicated with Council.
- **Cookie update:** Ami Frank did the initial order and delivery. Cathy has volunteered to run the booth sign-ups. Shawn Blaesing-Thompson is now the "go-to" for final questions/troubleshooting/ recognitions person. **These ladies did a great job trying to answer questions and make the Cookie process go as smoothly as possible. (We all know of several hiccups). Final Recognition Orders Due March 27th at 11:59! Don't wait until the last minute to get these done as we all know the problems with SNAP+.**

- More information will be coming out next week from Council in regards to the \$10,000 donation from ABC Bakers to the Council. Last was mentioned that it will be invested in the the volunteers. We can only wait and see.

**Next meeting April 18th 6:30 p.m. (note time change) at Northminster Presbyterian Church. Please make every effort to attend as this is our annual planning meeting. (We need more than just a couple of us). Pizza will be provided by the Service Unit. Please bring a dessert or item to share.**