Ames/Gilbert Service Unit Agenda October 2016

* Calendar of Events <http://girlscouts.amesev.com/calendar/Events2015_2016.html>
* **Please review the September Checklist from “The Bridge”**

**OLD “STUFF”/ PAST EVENTS**

* **Shawn has the Powder-puff Derby patches.  She may also has cookie recognitions that still need to find a home.  Please connect with her regarding recognitions.**
* Melissa had Early Bird Patches for those eligible troops. Some were picked up last night, but they need a home.
* 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.
* 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.**
* Fall Leader retreat  **October 7-9** at Camp Sacajewea.  Betsy and Melissa attended and had a great time!  Dates are out for next year--possibly 3rd weekend in October.  Be on the lookout for more electronic reminders/posts regarding next year.
* Scout it Out! Or SWE event--any attending?  Katie recap? SWE event was cancelled due ISU scheduling rules.  Well attended.  Girls had a lot of fun!
* Canoeing event was a great success.  The service part was a supply drive for Blessings of Hope at Northminster and the response was overwhelming,  THANK YOU!  In regards to this, a suggestion was made for those attending the leader’s meeting each month bring items as a “payment”/thank you for use of the building.  Next month is toilet paper month as this seems to be in great need right now.
* October 16:  Cooking with the Kappa Delts  Full event.  Again, lots of fun as told by the girls.

**NEW “STUFF”**

* **“Events” section on Council’s Website for Council events.  These events can fill up fast, so register as soon as able.  2 Big Upcoming events:  Disney on Ice pre-dinner and show the Friday after Thanksgiving (November 25) (Deadline is November 11th).  Cookie Kick-Off with the Iowa Wild (learn Cookie skills):  January 21 at Wells Fargo Arena.  Also under events are ideas for Field Trips and Girl Discounts, including college sporting events (ISU, Iowa, Drake), and many other businesses.**
* **Fall Product Sales:  In full swing.  Updates?  Ends Friday 10/21.  If you could please get your money/orders turned into Jeanette by October 26th, she would really appreciate it.  If you are a Juliette, then the date is earlier.**
* **Bowling/Toy Drive:** Trena has contacted Perfect Games.  It is December 3rd 1-  This is also the same date/time as the Craft Day.  One recommendation would be to move the Toy Drive to the Spring?  Email sent out regarding this conflict.
* Craft Day December 3 at Collegiate Presbyterian at ? (time).  Also, email sent out regarding conflict with Bowling.
* Service Unit Campout: Update: **November 11-13 at Camp Sac.  Campus Scouts are providing Saturday’s program and a Senior troop will be cooking.  Forms/ payment are due to Jana by October 19th.  So far only 3-4 troops are going and have paid.**
* **Prairie Rivers (Annie Fangman) looking to do a Pumpkin event with Girl Scouts the week before Halloween (October 26,27,28)  Suggestion was made to see if a Fall Pumpkin activity could be done at the Campout as this was a bit of short notice to do next week.  Annie has been emailed to see what options would be available.  Also, if there were other programs that they would like to do with the girls that we could hopefully help plan with enough lead-time.**
* **Alpha Phi Omega (APO) possible lock-in with Girl Scouts?**. Possibly next semester at Camp Juliette.  This is still in the works.
* **One BIG concern that has brought up and a current issue  is the need for adult volunteers/leaders.  We have been receiving requests for placement of girls and no place to put them.  This is especially true of the 2nd year Brownies (3rd grade)  Please pass the word along within your networks to see if there by chance are interested persons on being volunteers.   We currently have 13 girls that need placement.  We figured that there were enough for a 2-3 grade Brownie Troop on their own with 7 girls.  The others are 1 6th grader and a couple K-1 Daisies.**
* **Ami volunteered to lead the Cookie Rally for the Service Unit in January. (THANK YOU!)**
* **Campus Scouts are interested in doing more with the Powder Puff Derby this year.  This is great as we have lost Shawn’s co-leader that had helped out quite a bit last year.  Rachel will set up the logistics with the Cub Scout Pack for use of the track and space.**

**NEXT MEETING:  November 21.**