

Girl Scouts – Ames/Gilbert Service Unit Minutes
Feb 17th, 2011

Announcements:

The Red Cross is soliciting nominations to recognize young heroes. Adults should nominate active youth whom have performed an extraordinary deed for the benefit of others. There will be seven categories based on age of the youth. Nominations are being accepted through 3/25/2011. For more information or a nomination form contact the red cross. Information for the Lincoln Way Chapter Executive: Kirk Brocker at 515-232-5104 or brockerk@lincolnwayarc.org

Old business:

As part of their Take Action Grant, the council office is looking for information on the Girl Scout journeys. They would like to compile a list and to compare council wide utilization of the program. So if you would please e-mail Baily, if your troop has utilized a journey, with your troop number, which journey and the status (i.e. finished, just started, in progress). Bailey will bring the new journey to the next service unit meeting for everyone to review.

Cathy Huck is transitioning into the webmaster position. She will be taking over completely in the summer. Until then you may still send information to Karla.

SU/Community Team Reports:

Snowshoe: Eight troops including the volunteer troop participated. The breakdown included: 6 daisies, 6 brownies, 12 juniors, 14 cadettes, 3 seniors, and 20 adults. Everyone enjoyed this event and all went well.

Establishing a new Try-It or Badge: The service unit was presented with the requirements, time commitments, and process involved with creating a new “Council Own” patch.

Girl Scout Valentine Dance: Thirteen troops consisting of 43 girls and 40 dads attended the Valentine Dance. There are some pictures that troops may take if they like. The event was successful and it was mentioned that this could potentially remain as an every other year event.

Product Program:

Cookies were delivered today. Cathy left at 5pm. Troops that had extra boxes in order to generate complete cases were to sell their extra boxes first at their booth sales. Only three troops were not having booth sales. They should contact Dee or Sue to perform a troop to troop transfer of their extra boxes to a troop having a booth sale.

Troops needing additional cookies for a booth sale need to place that order with the cookie cupboard at least 2 weeks before their sale. If your booth sale is at Jordon Creek, they take care of the extra boxes of cookies, so they don't need to be ordered.

The cookie cupboard cookies are to arrive on Thursday. A lengthy discussion on the concerns of the logistics of the cookie cupboard was held. Leaders note the hours of operation for the cookie cupboard are to be Mon. and Fri. from 5:30-7:00pm. Please remember to check the location and hours of operation of the cookie cupboard when you ordered your cookies.

SU/Community Updates and Planning:

Girl Scout Week Activity: In trying to put some faces out in the community for public relations. Saturday, March 12 there will be a blanket making party. If your troop hasn't signed up and still would like to come contact Cathy. It was noted that the group may need some scissors.

Bike Rodeo: Talked about postponing to maybe either May or June.

Bridging: Sign up with Dee

Day Camp: Scheduled for June 9-11. A survey is being drawn up to e-mail leaders

Court of Awards: Leaders start thinking of your end of year awards and plans

New Service Team Members: The service unit is in need of some younger members to lead.

Council Updates:

Cathy and Melissa are our two delegates for the Annual Meeting. Anyone can attend the meeting and this year it is in Ames on 4/9/11. There will be a presentation by the Monkey flying group.

Nominations for Volunteer Recognitions are being accepted on the council website until the beginning of March.

Camp Books have been mailed. Extras were available for anyone girl whom didn't receive one.

The service unit was not interested in having a family partnership representative at any service unit events, such as bridging or court of awards.

The Believe in Girls event is scheduled for 4/30/11. It is advertised in the camp booklets, but look for fliers in the near future. The event will host vendors with interactive displays, a keynote speaker, lunch and workshops. The cost will be \$9.00/person.

100th Anniversary Update:

Decade campout is on hold. They are working with camp sack and are waiting to hear back. This event will be in 2012, so there is plenty of time.

Next meeting on 3/21/11 is a planning meeting with dinner. Note the time change: 6:30pm.