

Service Unit Quarterly Agenda

April, May, June 2021

How to use the Quarterly Agenda

As you plan your next few months, use the following information to prepare Service Unit agendas, meeting activities, enrichment and communication to troop leaders. Share information in small tidbits that are timely. Don't forward the entire document to troop leaders. This document is designed to give you the information needed to lead and manage a service unit. There will always be last minute additions, but the Quarterly Agenda should prepare you for the majority of upcoming requests and happenings within our council. If you have recommendations for the Quarterly Agenda, email ctaylor@girlscoutsp2p.org.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **COVID Updates**
 - Please click the link below for current troop and Service Unit guidelines in regards to COVID-19, including service center and shop openings. <https://blog.girlscoutsp2p.org/2020/07/27/covid-19-update-for-gscp2p/>
- **GSCP2P Shops**
 - We are open! Drop by and see us Monday –Thursday 12-5 p.m. and on select Saturdays. For up-to-date information on shop openings, please visit our blog at blog.girlscoutsp2p.org/2020/07/27/covid-19-update-for-gscp2p/
 - Curbside Pickups- The Girl Scout Shop order form is a convenient and easy way for you to place a Girl Scout Shop order for curbside pickup. Click on the link <https://girlscoutsp2p.wufoo.com/forms/m1yrt4fj1y1aon2/> to be redirected to the Girl Scout Shop order form. Enter your information and click submit.
 - We are open 24/7 online! Visit our online store at girlscoutshop.com/carolinas-peaks-to-piedmont
 - Feature Items- Check the council Facebook page every Thursday for some great deals and new merchandise in the store!

SERVICE UNIT OPERATIONS

- **Spring Renewal is getting ready to launch! Theme: Be Early**
 - Officially opens April 1, GSCP2P to promote starting April 6
 - Girl and Adult Incentives
 - By 4/30 - Troops that renew 100% plus 2 adults will be entered into a drawing for one of ten Troop VIP experiences
 - By 4/30 - All girls and adults who renew will receive a FREE Special Event ticket to a GSUSA hosted event.
 - By 5/15 - All girls and adults who renew will receive a \$5 GSCP2P Shop coupon
 - By 5/30 - One entry per girl in a troop for several drawing for Troop Funds
 - 10 at \$250 and 3 at \$500
 - By 5/31 - All girls who renew will receive a GSCP2P Spring Renewal Patch
- **End of Year Reports are getting ready to launch!**
 - Each year GSCP2P needs to report our progress and success to our communities and membership. The Troop Year End Review allows us to gather this critical information. These reports include:
 - Annual Troop Progress Report
 - Annual Volunteer Progress Report
 - Annual Troop Financial Report
 - Annual Service Unit Finance Report
 - Completion of these reports helps us update troop records and have a better understanding of how we can best support troop volunteers. Your help is greatly appreciated with this important task. GSCP2P reserves the right to audit troop and service unit bank accounts and financial information at any time, this information may be used for such purposes. All troop reports are due June 30th and service unit reports are due July 30th. These reports will be made available in April using a whole new form! Be on the lookout!!
- **Service Unit Plan of Action for 2021-2022 is around the corner**
 - Success depends on planning, effective leadership, and using resources wisely. The Service Unit Plan of Action will help your team evaluate success. In partnership with council staff, you will map-out Service Unit goals for the upcoming year. This tool is designed to help build an action plan for your Service Unit. Most effective planning

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takes place between May and June to be prepared for the beginning of the new school year! Look for more guidance from your Troop Experience Manager in April.

- You belong to a network of hundreds of adults who share an important commitment: supporting and guiding Girl Scout volunteers on the local level. Now you can prepare yourself to be a more successful administrative/service unit team members by talking with your Troop Experience Manager about your success and challenges from this year. Whether you've just joined your area team or are a Girl Scout volunteer veteran, we want to hear from you. Be prepared for when your TEM contacts you.
- **Volunteer Leadership Conference** – Theme: The Pride and the Promise!
 - Every August, our new and returning Service Team members are invited to join us at the annual Volunteer Leadership Conference. During this conference, we kick off the new program year with news and information.
 - Save the date for August 14th! If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please contact Crystal Taylor at ctaylor@girlscoutsp2p.org.
- **Service Unit Meeting Log**
 - Remember to have leaders sign in at each meeting.
 - Submit your meeting information to the online Service Unit Meeting Log after each meeting.
 - <https://girlscoutsp2p.wufoo.com/forms/service-unit-meeting-log/>
- **SU Membership Data/Roster — Looker**
 - If you are a SU Specialist or SU Cookie Manager, you have access to Looker. Looker is our new membership-reporting tool. SU rosters and lists can be populated. SU Specialists or SU Cookie Managers who need access should submit a request to info@girlscoutsp2p.org.
- **Get connected!**
 - Find Service Team resources on our HIDDEN website <https://www.girlscoutsp2p.org/en/for-volunteers/Service-Unit-Team-Resources.html>
 - Connect your Service Unit Team members with other team members across the council, share ideas and ask questions. Join the **P2P Service Unit Team** Facebook group. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/p2pspecialists/>
- **Service Area Leadership Team (SALT) Meetings** – SALT is a council-wide meeting for Service Unit Team leadership, specifically the SU Specialist(s) and other lead administrative volunteers. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6019186557> or you can join via Zoom using Meeting ID 601 918 6557
 - April 26th 8pm
 - May 24th 8pm
- **Virtual Service Unit Meetings** – Do you have troop leaders who can't make service unit meetings? Encourage them to log in to the monthly virtual service unit meeting hosted by Valerie King, Troop Experience Manager. Local service unit meetings are the preferred method of support, but in today's busy climate, a council-wide, generic, service unit meeting could be beneficial when leaders can't attend the local meeting. Join us on Facebook live every 3rd Thursday at 8:00pm.

Commented [CT1]: @Laura Allison Alright. Go ahead and take a look at the additional notes on renewal, EOY reports, and POA.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

- **Recruitment Opportunities**
- 3-2-1 S'more Girls for S'more Fun has been extended through April 30, 2021. Learn more <https://blog.girlscoutsp2p.org/2021/02/17/3-2-1-smore-girls-for-smore-fun/>



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- It's a great time to "Extend" the offer of Girl Scout membership to others. Whether you are growing your troop or giving every girl the opportunity to be a Girl Scout. All new girls and new adults can join Girl Scouts with an extended year membership. This \$35 membership includes a Girl Scout membership valid until 9/30/2022.
- Rising Kindergartners have the opportunity to join Girl Scouts with extended year memberships on April 1st! If any of your troops can accept rising Kindergartners or know of any opportunity to reach out to rising K, please connect with your ORM.

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- New girls in grades rising K- 5th can join a free Animal or Robot mini- series included with their extended year membership. More info can be found: <https://www.girlscoutsp2p.org/en/our-council/adventure.html>
- Communities and activities are allowing more in person opportunities. We are ready, are you? Do you have Girl Scout materials on hand to pass out to anyone who wants more information? If not? Email info@girlscoutsp2p.org and get in touch with your ORM to get some supplies.
- What do you say when a New Girl wants to know what kind of experience they can have? New girls can customize their experience here: <https://girlscoutsp2p.wufoo.com/forms/q1dnl8ic10w8b68/?fbclid=IwAR3v12TKYZCixUrP9ELMuA98y9N1efqzGUjN61WQ9Qdcr2romYlsl060F8>
- Congratulations to all Service Units who have added patches to their SU Virtual Sashes. Keep working on your goals. The membership year isn't over yet!
- Know any parents that would like their questions answered live by a staff member? Invite them to join a Sign-in and Sign-up session by visiting: <https://www.girlscoutsp2p.org/en/our-council/honor.html>
- Three months of Screen free Introductory Girl Scout programming mailed right to your door? New girls can get more information at <https://www.girlscoutsp2p.org/en/our-council/connect.html>
- Have any suggestions on ways to get Girl Scouts out in the community, new opportunities or open doors? Please send all ideas to info@girlscoutsp2p.org
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GIRL EXPERIENCE

- **VIP Experience**
 - The VIP Experience is still happening! New VIP Menus are out!
 - Design your own program. Whatever badge you are working on, we will design a program specifically for your troop!
 - VIP is an answer to leader self-care. We'll take care of the meetings for you!
 - Request a session here: <https://girlscoutsp2p.wufoo.com/forms/vip-takeout-menu/>
- **Expert Connection**
 - Do you know an expert willing share their knowledge? Have them join the Expert Connection and get matched with troops who need experts: <https://girlscoutsp2p.wufoo.com/forms/expert-connection/>
 - Are you a troop leader who needs an expert to speak at a troop meeting about a specific topic. Now, you can request an expert and we will try to match one with you. Complete the form here: <https://girlscoutsp2p.wufoo.com/forms/troop-request-for-expert-connection/>
- **Highest Awards**
 - GSCP2P is so proud to announce that Kennedy Jeffers of Greensboro and Service Unit 147 is one of Girl Scouts of the USA 2020 National Gold Award Girl Scouts! Read more about Kennedy and her AMAZING Gold Award project [here](#).
 - We are proud of the girls who earned the Girl Scout Silver Award this past troop year, and we invite you to celebrate with us! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvP_ud4TESQ&t=6s
 - We are thankful for the ingenuity and dedication shown by the GSCP2P Girl Scouts who earned the Girl Scout Gold Award this year. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UO_1HNApj9E&t=38s
 - This year's Silver and Gold Award Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 3:00P.M. Please adhere to the March 15, 2021 deadline for the following o be recognized at the ceremony: Gold Award girls must have their Exit Interview held and Gold Award Brag Sheet submitted; Silver Award projects completed and Silver Award Brag Sheets submitted; and to be considered for a Bronze Award Marshall to help with the ceremonies, all Bronze Award projects must be completed and Bronze Award Brag Sheets submitted.
 - The Girl Scout Highest Awards (Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards) are about more than preparing future leaders- they are about girls discovering how they'll make their mark on the world. Whether they want to protect the environment or create an app that saves lives, our highest awards help girls explore their passions and aim for the stars. We are ready to motivate a new generation of girls to become confident leaders who will make the world a better place, but we can't do it without your support. There are so many ways you can support Girl

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Scouts through volunteering. And now it's easier than ever to make that connection both virtually and in-person!

- **Gold Award Committee:** These individuals review Gold Award paperwork prior to Gold Award interviews and work with committee members to approve Gold Award projects or make recommendations for improvement. You may be assigned a Girl Scout to mentor through the entirety of her Gold Award project.
- **Highest Award Facilitator:** These individuals facilitate Bronze, Silver and/or Gold Award workshops and provide guidance and support to girls, parents and troop leaders as necessary.

• Faith Based Programs

- **Girl Scout Tree Promise™** - Join our mission to protect the planet from the effects of climate change. Girl Scouts is setting out to plant five million trees across the country in five years, and to protect and honor new and existing trees. Not only is this great for wildlife, it will also help ease the effects of climate change. *This program also has faith-based components!* This would be a great activity to do with your local faith communities. Full program information [HERE](#). You can find the downloadable toolkit [HERE](#) that includes the faith-based information (see page 12).
- **Mark your calendars!** Bible Basics RP3/My Promise, My Faith Series coming June 17th, 18th and 19th. Details to come soon. What is the Bible Basics RP3 Program? A PRAY patch series - find out more [HERE](#).
- **Virtual My Promise My Faith** – Don't forget! GSCP2P offers a virtual MPMF session every other month! Sessions are listed in the event calendar [HERE](#). *Facilitator: Alberta Swain*
- **Have you checked out our Girl Scouts and Faith webpage lately?** There are new resources on there from Troop faith-based materials to Religious Recognitions information and more! These programs are a great way to keep your Girl Scout moving forward into the spring and beyond. <https://www.girlscoutsp2p.org/en/about-girl-scouts/our-program/GirlScoutsandFaith.html>
- **GSCP2P Interfaith Committee** – P2P is now taking applications for the GSCP2P Interfaith Committee. This team will work to elevate faith-based initiatives through the following areas:
 - Troop/Sponsor Prospecting & Cultivation (Fostering relationships with the faith community.)
 - On-going Interfaith Troop Support (Educate & support our troops.)
 - Faith-Partner Relationship Development (Connecting with the various religious youth organizations.)
 - My Promise, My Faith & Religious Recognition Promotions (Materials & Marketing Support)
 - Faith-based Activities/Events (Service Unit/Council-wide/National)
- If you have a passion to connect faith and Girl Scouts in any of these areas, you are encouraged to apply [HERE](#). *Please see application for more details.* Deadline to apply is May 1, 2021.
- **Have questions about faith-based anything?** Contact: Alberta Swain - aswain@girlscoutsp2p.org

• Global

- Our council will be attending the 65th Annual Meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women again this year.
- **Global Action Award:** In 2015, leaders worldwide agreed to work together to accomplish 17 goals by 2030: the Global Goals for Sustainable Development (SDGs). They focus on topics like taking care of the environment, making sure all people have enough to eat, and improving people's health. Although they're big goals, Girl Scouts know a thing or two about changing the world!
 - Our Global Action award calls for girls to address the SDGs by discovering, connecting, and taking action in their communities and beyond. In 2020, we're emphasizing SDG #5 (gender equality). In 2021, girls will explore SDG #13 (climate action) to earn their Global Action award.
 - The Global Action award is an official national award, so Girl Scouts can wear it on their vest or sash, just like a badge.
 - <https://www.girlscouts.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gsusa/forms-and-documents/For-Girls/think-global/GSUSA-Global-Action-Award-2021-DBJ.pdf>
 - <https://www.girlscouts.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gsusa/forms-and-documents/For-Girls/think-global/GSUSA-Global-Action-Award-2021-CSA.pdf>

• Community Service Opportunities

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- Join us for our annual Weekend of Service April 9-11! Plant some flowers, help a neighbor bring in their groceries, clean up a local park- we hope you will do a good turn with us! Visit our website for more details.
<https://www.girlscoutsp2p.org/en/events-repository/2021/2021-weekend-of-ser.html>
- **Destinations**
 - Every year, Girl Scouts in grades 6-12 can apply to attend a Girl Scout Destinations trip. Sponsored by Girl Scouts of the USA, Destinations allow girls to pick from a variety of travel locations, immersing themselves in a new environment, developing leadership skills and confidence all while taking action outside of their normal communities.
 - Check out the [Destinations](#) website for new destinations for winter of 2021 and summer of 2022.
 - Round 2 applications open May 1, 2021.
- **Juliettes**
 - Juliettes receive a monthly newsletter; however, if you can, please also include them on your communication to troops so that they are getting all of the information that they need. Or, make sure to engage with them and send them current information that is relevant to their geographical area.
 - We encourage for an adult mentor to also register with a Juliette girl. This can be a parent/guardian or another adult: old troop leader or a troop that has now decided to disband, SU Juliette mentor, etc. As a registered adult, the mentor will gain access to gSLearn to see courses. There are no Juliette specific courses at this time, but the VTK videos are helpful since Juliettes now have access to create a VTK year plan.
 - Juliette Guidebook:
 - <https://www.girlscoutsp2p.org/content/dam/girlscouts-girlscoutsp2p/documents/Juliette%20Guidebook%202020-21.pdf>
 - Juliette VTK Guidebook:
 - <https://www.girlscoutsp2p.org/content/dam/girlscouts-girlscoutsp2p/documents/VTK%20IRG%20User%20Guide.pdf>
 - Juliette Networking Events for Juliette girls only:
 - <https://girlscoutsp2p.wufoo.com/forms/ryfme5n038c83p/>
- **Outdoor Experience**
 - Did you know that camp is open on Saturday's?! All three camps offer troop and individual girl programming. Stay up to date on all our offerings by visiting www.CampLikeAGirl.org. Come spend a day in nature at your favorite place!
- **Community Partners**
 - Our community partners help support the Girl Scout mission by offering programs and events for girls in their area. It is also a chance to show the community what Girl Scouting is all about! If you know an organization interested in joining our community partner list, we can provide guidelines and more information. Please contact Crystal Taylor at ctaylor@girlscoutsp2p.org
- **Service Unit Events**
 - Service Unit Event Reports – After each event, submit this short report to help us calculate the number of Girl Scouts engaging in service unit events. <https://girlscoutsp2p.wufoo.com/forms/service-unit-event-report/>

SERVICE UNIT VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

- **Adult and Service Unit Awards**
 - **Volunteer Awards: Service Unit level is due 6 weeks prior to the date of the presentation.**
<https://www.girlscoutsp2p.org/en/for-volunteers/online-support-for-volunteers/volunteer-reference-materials.html>
- **New Leader Support: It Takes a Village**
 - Every member of the Service Team has a role in supporting new leaders. Below are some suggestions on who should reach out to your new leaders this quarter:
 - New Leader Coach – using New Leader Coaching guide for talking points
 - Service Unit Specialist – welcome new leader and get them connected to the service unit meetings
 - Fall Product Manager – introduce new leader (or 2nd year leaders) to the fall product program

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- Cookie Manager – introduce new leader to the cookie program
- Recruitment Specialist – help new leader recruit and fill their troop with girls
- Event Coordinators – share about your upcoming events and make sure they get a special invite
- Council monthly, virtual, enrichments for first year leaders:
<https://girlscoutsp2p.wufoo.com/forms/r1r4gprs02sk86p/>

- **Adult Learning**

- **AWESOME Retreats – Save the Dates!**
 - Leadeer September 17-19, 2021 Keyauwee Program Center
 - Trainfest October 15-17, 2021 Camp Pisgah
 - Leaderfest November 5-7, 2021 Camp Ginger Cascades
- **gsLearn** - gsLearn is Girl Scouts' official online and on-demand training forum. It empowers learners to complete training as it works best for them. gsLearn is accessed thru your MYGS membership portal on the council website. All adults with a current membership year have access to these trainings. Every learner has a dashboard where they can see their recent accomplishments, what courses they have started, and which courses they still have yet to complete. Use the Course Library Tab to view all of the courses available to you. New content is added regularly, so be sure to check back often.
- **Monday Minis** - Training is vital to the success of a Girl Scout volunteer. Invite your volunteers to join us for our new adult learning series to grow in a variety of skills. These courses should be taken with the expectation that they will help volunteers gain confidence in their abilities and understanding of Girl Scouts. All trainings are currently being facilitated via Zoom.
 - April 12th 7-8 PM Troop Government
 - April 19th 7-8 PM Camp Like a Girl
- Updated list of **Adult License Requirements** can be found on the GSCP2P website:
<https://www.girlscoutsp2p.org/content/dam/girlscouts-girlscoutsp2p/documents/Adult%20License%20Requirements%207.2020.pdf>

PRODUCT PROGRAM

- Thank you for your participation in the 2021 cookie program. Due to the extension of the cookie program, there will be a slight delay in rewards distribution. Rewards should be distributed sometime in May.