# 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: <u>https://blog.girlscoutsp2p.org/2021/05/19/covid-updates-for-gscp2p-troops-and-service-units-as-of-5-19-21/</u>
- CEO search
  - A huge thank you to Marcia Cole, former GSCP2P CEO, who came out of retirement to serve as interim CEO.
    Marcia stepped in and made sure council staff and volunteers continued pursuing our council goals and plans. Her support and compassion for the Girl Scout movement have been greatly appreciated.
  - The CEO search firm and committee are close to naming our next CEO. Please watch your e-mail for an official announcement sometime in July. Thank you to the volunteers who have served on the search committee.
- 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 website and click on the pink banner at the top.
  - 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 <u>https://girlscoutsp2p.wufoo.com/forms/m1yrt4fj1y1aon2/</u> 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

- Service Unit Plan of Action for 2021-2022
  - 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. This plan is a living document so make time each month to review it with your team.
  - 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. <u>This</u> <u>year our event is open to ALL volunteers.</u>
  - Save the date for August 14! 9am-12pm for Service Team, Adult Learning Facilitators, and other administrative volunteers. 12:30pm-5pm for ALL volunteers.
  - Registration opens mid-July for this virtual event! Make sure you watch your email and our social media pages for more details.
- Service Unit Meeting Log
  - Remember to have leaders sign in at each meeting.

#### July, August, September 2021

- o 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 membershipreporting 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: <u>https://www.girlscoutsp2p.org/en/for-volunteers/Service-Unit-Team-Resources.html</u>
  - 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: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/p2psuspecialists/</u>
- 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. New! Quarterly we will meet just with Service Unit Specialist. Beginning August 23rd

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6019186557 or you can join via Zoom using Meeting ID 601 918 6557

- June 28<sup>th</sup> at 8pm (SALT)
- July 26<sup>th</sup> at 8pm (SALT)
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm (Service Unit Specialist Only)
- September 27<sup>th</sup> at 8pm (SALT)

### **MEMBERSHIP GROWTH**

- Recruitment Opportunities
  - o It's a great time to grow our Membership for the 2022 membership year! How can you get involved?
    - Connect your local ORM to a school/day care/summer program that you have a special connection with
    - Help your ORM make phone calls
    - Set up a Girl Scout table at a community fair/festival
    - Deliver fliers this fall
    - Put a yard sign in your yard if you live on a busy road or take that yard sign to the ball field or put out at the playground while you are there
    - Connect with your local ORM and share current recruitment initiatives on Facebook, Instagram, Next door, mom's group etc.
  - Do you know any Rising Kindergarteners that has already registered for school this fall? She can sign up for Girl Scout now! Send her to <u>www.beagirlscout.org/connect</u> to complete the form and a staff members will help her start her Girl Scout experience!
  - 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? E-mail 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=IwAR3vI12TKYZCixUrP9ELMuA98y9N1efqzGUjN 61WQ9Odcr2romYlsl060F8

- \*Pro tip add this link to your phone desktop and fill out a potential new member's info on the spot. A staff member will follow up.
- Get a jump start on you SU Virtual Sash for the MY22 membership year! Help your SU with membership growth and retention.
- Membership growth starts with our girls. Make sure to attend the Volunteer Leadership Conference in August to learn more about how girls can get involved and earn a special patch.
- 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

#### **GIRL EXPERIENCE**

#### • 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: <a href="https://girlscoutsp2p.wufoo.com/forms/expert-connection/">https://girlscoutsp2p.wufoo.com/forms/expert-connection/</a>
- 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: <u>https://girlscoutsp2p.wufoo.com/forms/troop-request-for-expert-connection/</u>

#### • 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 <u>here</u>.
- 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! <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvP\_ud4TESQ&t=6s</u>
- We are thankful for the ingenuity and dedication shown by the GSCP2P Girl Scouts who earned the Girl Scout Gold Award this year. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UO\_1HNApj9E&t=38s</u>
- 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 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.
  - <u>Highest Award Facilitator</u>: 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

- o Girl Scout Tree Promise<sup>™</sup> 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 <u>HERE</u>. You can find the downloadable toolkit <u>HERE</u> that includes the faith-based information (see page 12).
- Virtual My Promise My Faith Don't forget! GSP2P 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. <u>https://www.girlscoutsp2p.org/en/about-girl-scouts/our-program/GirlScoutsandFaith.html</u>
- GSCP2P Interfaith Committee P2P is now taking applications for the GSCP2P Interfaith Committee. This team will work to elevate faith-based initiatives though 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)
  - Have questions about faith-based anything? Contact: Alberta Swain aswain@girlscoutsp2p.org

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 State Parks

- Mark your calendars for the weekend of September 11-12, 2021 for Girl Scouts Love State Parks! We have new state park partners joining us this year to offer a fun filled weekend of outdoor opportunities. Plans are underway. More details to come!
- Would you like to become a State Park Liaison? Are you passionate about Girl Scouts and the Outdoors? See contact info below.
  - Goals of this committee of liaisons:
    - Strengthen relationships with local State Parks
    - Plan and execute Girl Scouts Love State Parks Program
    - Look to identify future opportunities for State Parks and P2P
- Have questions about state parks anything? Contact: Alberta Swain aswain@girlscoutsp2p.org

### • Patch Programs

- Goodwill Patch Contest! <u>HERE</u> is the link for the Goodwill fun patch contest that is underway now! Deadline is July 9, 2021. The patch selected will be our design for the 2021 fun patch program!
- Good Turn for Goodwill Program materials will be finalized this summer to be released in time for back to troop season. Look for announcements and updates in Today's Tips and on our Patch Program website. Program is still set to run the month of October.
- Did you know our patch program website page has had an update? Check out Limited Time, GSCP2P, Community Partner and GSUSA patch programs! This is where we will share the most current patch program information for the programs listed on our site. We will try to keep you up-to-date as we can, even if it's just a save the date until we get more information.

### • Global

- Our council attended the 65<sup>th</sup> 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 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.
  - <u>https://www.girlscouts.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gsusa/forms-and-documents/For-Girls/think-global/GSUSA\_Global-Action-Award\_2021\_DBJ.pdf</u>
  - <u>https://www.girlscouts.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gsusa/forms-and-documents/For-Girls/think-global/GSUSA\_Global-Action-Award\_2021\_CSA.pdf</u>

## 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/girlscoutsgirlscoutsp2p/documents/Juliette%20Guidebook%202020-21.pdf
- Juliette VTK Guidebook:
  - https://www.girlscoutsp2p.org/content/dam/girlscoutsgirlscoutsp2p/documents/VTK%20IRG%20User%20Guide.pdf
- Juliette Networking Events for Juliette girls only:
  - https://girlscoutsp2p.wufoo.com/forms/ryfme5n038c83p/

#### • 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. <u>https://girlscoutsp2p.wufoo.com/forms/service-unit-event-report/</u>

## 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. <u>https://www.girlscoutsp2p.org/en/for-volunteers/online-support-for-volunteers/volunteer-reference-materials.html</u>
- Adult Learning
  - AWESOME Retreats Save the Dates!
    - Leaderee September 18, 2021 at Keyauwee Program Center
    - Trainfest October 15-17, 2021 at Camp Pisgah
    - Leaderfest November 5-7, 2021 at 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! Junior Grade Level Essentials Training is now available to all volunteers through gsLearn!
  - 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.
  - Updated list of Adult License Requirements can be found on the GSCP2P website: <u>https://www.girlscoutsp2p.org/content/dam/girlscouts-</u> girlscoutsp2p/documents/Adult%20License%20Requirements%207.2020.pdf

## **PRODUCT PROGRAM**

## Fall Product Program

- Virtual Service Unit Fall Product Manager Training, August 9, 6 pm
- Virtual Service Unit Fall Product Manager Training, August 17, 7 pm
- Fall Product Program Starts September 13
- Candy/Nut deliveries November 11-13