

Brandon Valley Garretson Girl Scout Leader's Meeting

Date: Nov 18, 2019

Meeting location: Sioux Valley Electric Community Room

Present: Laura Spencer, Robin Nipp, Amanda Wixon, Robin Plante, Dawn Hieb, Audrey Nelson, Stephanie Kessler, Tanya Reyelts, Chelsea Stills, Vicki Arlt, Karla Chiarello

- Laura Spencer opened with a thank you for the wonderful turn out for the corn maze and the Daisy/Brownie event. We have 29 Daisies and 19 Brownies attend. The Girl Scouts attended for free. The Daisies earned the promise center and Daisy Safety Award and the Brownies earned their First Aid Badge and Safety Award.
- Council has some new events listed online. Please visit their website.
- Council is trying to assist our service unit with 3rd and 4th graders. We have girls signed up, but no leaders at this time for them. A meeting will be happening soon to attempt to get some volunteers.
- Introductions and updates from each troop present were reported.
- Currently our service unit has 132 girl scouts with 148 registered last year. Currently we have 80 adult volunteers registered with is down from 104 last year. Please encourage your parents to be registered volunteers.
- Updates on service unit events:
 - Tubing at Great Bear was attempted to be set up but unfortunately there has been some complications that have caused it to be cancelled this year. Possible alternate activities were discussed to be looked into for Winter Break. Watch the webpage if another event will be set up and finalized for this time.
 - Event Coordination Please let us know if you are interested in organizing a regional event. We would like each grade level (team up if necessary) to take one activity/event a year. If we can fill 1 event for each highlighted month; that would be great.
 - Brownie WOW Journey Sleepover December 6th-7th Organized by Robin Nipp. Register by November 27th – to Robin Nipp
 - GS at the SD Capital Jan 17-18 Organized by Dawn Hieb Register online by 12/9 Event is for Juniors and on up. There are several badges to work on that can be completed during this event.
 - Courthouse Tour February 10th The event will happen right after school and done by 5pm. Organizer is Laura Spencer. This event is for Kdg on up to 5th grade. Please bring a canned food donation to thank the Judge for this event.
 - Awards Ceremony April 19th or 26th Time and place are yet to be determined. Feb 1, 2020 is the deadline for the paperwork.
 - Loyalty Day Parade May 3rd TBD Laura Spencer . Please let Laura know if you are interested in decorating a float for the parade.
 - Laura will update our events and a few council ones when the calendar comes out.
- Nuts information: Pick up is on 11/20 at Laura Spencer's garage for Fall Sales Coordinators. This year 14 troops sold. 121 girls sold which is 61% participation. Our service unit sold 100 more items that last year. Online sales were also increased this year.
- Cookie Sales: Service level training will be in the evening for cookie sale coordinators sometime prior to sales but after Jan 6. Date will be posted when it is decided. Sales are Feb 21 to March 23. There will be an instant reward like fall sales. Please have your Cookie Coordinator registered as such to receive the mail package. Council is holding Cookie University in Sioux Falls this year. Please note the details of the event on the Dakota Horizons event page for further details.
- Troop T-shirt orders are due to Laura Spencer by mid Dec. Cost is around \$12.72/shirt. Please contact Laura if desired or any questions.
- Suggestions for further events for this year were also discussed. Ideas that were submitted were: Color Me Mine painting or similar, World Thinking Day event, Bug badge at Outdoor campus, outdoor badge for multilevel

this spring or summer, summer camp, Crazy Horse Volksmarch GS event, and Self-awareness event. Please watch the webpage for updates.

Resources: GSDH Service Center Online Program Guide: <http://www.gsdakotahorizons.org>

Website: bvvg.org (resource for events and information)

Future Meetings and Dates to put on the calendar:

Jan. 6 th 2020 – Leadership Meeting

March 9 th 2020 – Leadership Meeting