I. Introductions

II. Join GS Week

This week kicks off GS Week: Make the World a Better Place! Troops will be coordinating a service project this week. They can win a pizza party for up to 20 people!

We showed a video of a call for action from First Lady Michelle Obama. The Region that gets the most "hits" on Facebook for the video will receive \$5,000 award toward communication efforts!

III. Adult Awards

Think about adult awards now even though nominations are not due until December 20th! On Saturday April 26th, 2014 is the Recognition Luncheon for the Council located at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing, MI.

Adult Award Nomination Packet:

Please pay attention to bullet points on the bottom of page 2 and top of page 3.

Please send nominations and/or any questions (i.e. who has been awarded the Thanks Badge in the past?) to Katie Galloway via email and/or fax

Staff is eligible for Adult Awards! Staff cannot nominate, but are more than happy to write a recommendation!

Please contact Peggy Fisher if you know an individual that is worthy of this award!

There are 3 NEW awards added this year! Check them out!

IV. ARE

- Please expect to see Training Reports sent your way! Please let Katie Galloway know of any discrepancies.
- ALL ABOARD: October 25-27th, 2013 Theme: Fun at Camp!
- Outdoor Skills I and II! Training by Request: Please contact Katie if your Area needs a facilitator to get your Leaders trained!
- Troop Camp Plus:

Adults can get Outdoor Skills I & II Training while their girls are at camp!

The next Troop Camp Plus is at Camp O'The Hills Oct. 12th, and another on Dec 6-8th at Camp Merrie Woode!

• Online Learning!

Website: Under Volunteer, there is an Online Learning Tab!

- Member Advisory Committee (MAC) Heart to Heart Leader chats. (Go-To Webinars and phone calls).
- The Leader Chats coming up:

October 22- Ceremonies- 7:00pm- 9:00pm

November 12- Journeys- 7:00pm-9:00pm

December 10- Trips/Travel- 7:00pm-9:00pm

Use the following link for Leader Chat registration:

http://gsusa.ebiz.uapps.net/vp/FamilyManagement/Activities.aspx?forward=1

It is FREE and easy! All you have to do is log-in and join the meeting!

V. Fund Development- Family Partnership - New Patch and Pin!

- Troops who contribute to a Family Partnership receive 15% Council credit of the troops' total Family Partnership donations! Please remember to indicate Troop Number!
 - Access www.gshom.org
 - On home page in the menu at the top, click on "support"
 - In the next drop-down menu, pause your mouse over "donate"
 - A menu appears at the right. Click on "Family Partnership"
 - The next page that opens, explains all of the details of Family Partnership.

With donations still coming in, Bake-Offs net total is \$22,000

VI. Product Program

• Area Bonuses:

This year we are doing an area bonus for QSP Product. If your area increases its sale at least 2% from last year, your area will receive 1% bonus check back! Areas that increase by at least 5% will receive a 2.5% bonus check back!

- Some areas do not currently have Area Product Managers- if you know of a volunteer in such an area, please encourage them to step up and have them contact Christina Detgen.
- Remember: Troops earn 14% of Gross Sales and \$2 for each completed address booklet. (This can mean more start up money for new troops, funds for camps, trips, program, etc!)
- Hometown Heroes: Support our local heroes by connecting \$5 donations for Nut & Candy items to be donated to local fire departments, police departments, and military troops!

VII. Retail

We are open the 1st Saturday of each month from 9am-12pm!

This month's Shop Promotion: 10% off Basics in a Bag

Every Girl Deserves a Book! Please encourage each parent and troop to make it possible for each girl to have her own Journey book!

Store hours can be adjusted if necessary, so please let us know what days/times work best for you! Don't forget to pass out cards to parents to help make their retail experience easier! Retail store is available to travel to your Area events!

VIII. Program

Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards: November 9th- all trainings in ONE day!

Jackson Regional Center: November 16th!

1 hr for Bronze Award Training

1.5 hrs for Silver and Gold Award Training

Girl Recognition Award: May 31st, 2014 at Washtenaw Community College (Eastern) 2-4pm

with reception immediately following.

May 4th, 2014 at the Kalamazoo PATC (Western)

May 10th, 2014 in Owaso at Baker College (Central)

Mackinaw Island Honor Guard: 7901 applications due by November 1st. *We need adults for this program!; 609 applications NOT available until December-January Destination applications due November 10th and available at www.gshom.org Mall Overnight: March 22-23rd, 2014 at Southland Mall in Taylor, MI; Registration opens November 1st - You may register ONLINE! *Looking for adults and girls for the Planning Committee. Minimum of 4 meetings! Free admission to the event and free dinner on Erin! After-School Programs on Tuesdays and Thursdays evenings starting October 22nd! Erin is looking for some volunteers to help facilitate and co-teach with Erin. Each class starts at 4:30 and goes for 3-3.5 hrs. Volunteers will be required to be here at 3:30pm for set up until one hour after program ends.

Cookie Tip-Off: Women's Basketball game UoM vs. Notre Dame, December 14th at 7pm! Activities will start at 5:30pm at Chrisler Arena!

VIII. Property

- Adopt A Cabin: If your troops are interested in getting involved with the Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor Regional Center and camps, please contact Chelsie Johnson.
 There are great opportunities for Bronze Award! Adopt a Cabin, a trail, or the Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor Troop House! Landscaping is also needed at the Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor Regional Center.
- Troop Rental Rates: Troops are given 6 free hours of Troop meeting space in our Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor Regional Center. To make reservations, please contact Chelsie Johnson or Kim Ford.

Share your Successes

- Dexter was able to have past Troop Leader to become QSP Product Manager.
- Gold Award recipient in Dexter!
- Saline: Round-Up formed 5 new Daisy Troops!
- Troop41818 travelled to Savannah, Georgia last year and visited the birthplace of Juliette Gordon Low! This year, they are going to a Lions Game for a meet-and-greet!

SAVE THE DATE:

Girls Development Summit at Washtenaw Community College, March 18th, 2014

Next Meeting dates:

Go-To Webinar Tuesday, January 14th at 6:30pm! You can come into the Regional Center OR JOIN US FROM HOME! ... in your pajamas... no make-up!