



Service Unit 444 Leader's Meeting

Clark Elementary School
335 1st Ave SE Issaquah, WA 98027

7:00-8:00pm Meeting

October 7th, 2024

Welcome ~ Allison Sweeney, Co-Service Unit Manager

*Allison approves Short Trip Forms- please bring the form to the meeting, along with your troop roster for immediate approval

*Lovenia Hardin Co-Service Unit Manager / Treasurer – Financial Update

*Girl Scout Customer Service Team- 1(800) 541-9852, email customercare@girlscoutswa.org

*Jannica Seaward -Troop Program Manager jseaward@girlscoutswa.org Approves money earning and trips greater than two days please give four weeks for approval.

Key GSWW Announcements – October

1. **Certificate of Insurance (COI)** - Starting October 1st, obtaining a COI is now required only for high-risk activities, as outlined in the Safety Activity Checkpoints. Be sure to review these guidelines for clarification on which activities apply.
2. **On-time Renewal Campaign** – get your troop renewed for the 2024-25 Program Year! - Troops that renew 80% or more of their troop members by 9pm on October 14 will be entered into a drawing to be one of 30 troops to win \$100 in their troop bank account!
3. **Participating as an IRM?** We've got an incentive for you too! IRMs that renew by the end of September will be entered into a drawing to receive \$50 on an IRM card to help fund your year of adventures.

Salmon Days Parade Recap – Becky Sosby

Fall Product Update – Megan Hill

Spring Cookie Updates – Becky Sosby and Megan Hill

Theater Updates – Tami Micheletti

Juliet Gordon Low Bday Party – Khanh Dang

Issaquah Youth Day Camp! – Lauren Bartholomew

Aegis Trick or Treating - Aegis Living Issaquah has invited SU444 troops to come Trick or Treat at their facility on Saturday, October 26th, 3pm-5pm. If troops are interested, please reach out to Chloe at Chloe.Kelsch@aegisliving.com to RSVP.

SWAP MEET!!!!!!!

Dates to Remember

- Juliet Gordon Low Bday Party – Oct 22nd, Newcastle Elementary, 6:30-7:30pm (Sign Up Event)
- Aegis Trick or Treating Oct 26th (see info above)
- Retail Store Events for New Leaders

Please join us for either of our new leader events in our retail stores.

1. Saturday, October 19th Tacoma 3-4 PM
5849 Tacoma Mall Blvd Suite D, Tacoma, WA 98409
 2. Saturday, November 9th Everett 3-4PM
3224 Wetmore Ave A, Everett, WA 98201
- Next Leader's Meeting – November 4th, Clark Elementary, 7pm (Delegates for Annual Meeting Nominated)

Financial Assistance

Beginning October 1, our financial assistance application for the 2024-25 year goes live on the website.

For the 2024-2025 membership year, we will be offering the following financial assistance grants:

- Adult/Youth Membership Dues (includes service fee)
- Staff-Led Council Events
- Service Unit Events
- Volunteer-Led Events/Camp Grants
- Youth supply vouchers will be renamed as uniform grants. These grants will be provided exclusively to new

Girl Scouts who join and those bridging between program levels.

Financial Assistance Eligibility Updates for the 2024-2025 Membership Year

We have updated our eligibility criteria to reach a broader audience. Applicants who qualify for free or reduced-price school lunch, are foster children, or whose families receive any of the following state or federal benefits will qualify for assistance:

- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)
- TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
- CHI (Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program)
- SSI (Supplemental Security Income)
- WIC (Women, Infants, and Children)
- FPH (Federal Public Housing Assistance)
- LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program)

Learning Opportunities

Check out the Adult Guide to Learning Opportunities to find out what kind of workshops are available for volunteers. There are also many more on gsLearn!

Upcoming Conferences!

- Northern Lights 2024 Learning Conference @ Mount Vernon

For D/B/J/C/S/A and Volunteers

Highlights: Space Scientist, Junior Rocketry Badge Workshops, First Aid/CPR, Conflict Resolution for Teens, Songs and Ceremonies, Knots, Cookie 101, International Travel for Teens, New Leader 101, Hiking 101.

- Super Saturday 2024 Learning Conference @ Silverdale Lutheran Church

For C/S/A and Volunteers

Highlights: Program Aide, Babysitting, First Aid/CPR, New leader 101, Travel Planning for Trip Advisors, Cookie 101, Big Bux for Big Ideas, Road Map to Highest Award and more!

Upcoming Workshop

- Blended Outdoor Overnight - Virtual Series: Oct 10 - Nov 7th, consists of four (4) live virtual sessions and 1 day-long in-person skills session. This is the registration for the virtual sessions. The in-person skills registration will happen separately.