

Recapping our meeting tonight, attached please find the Boonshoft informational flyer describing the 100th anniversary celebration scheduled for January 14 from 6-9 PM. Registration for this event can be done online on GSWO's website under eBiz: <https://gsusa.ebiz.uapps.net/vp/default.aspx?pid=48>. You must create an account if you haven't already and register before January 8 for this event! After logging in click on "Program Activities & Events" on the left menu then on the special "Now Featuring 100th Anniversary Events" logo on the left side of the page.

Also attached is the flyer for the upcoming registered adult event scheduled for next Sunday, December 11 from 6-9 PM. The deadline to register for this fun night just for registered adults is Thursday, December 8 so we bring enough materials. You can come for one or both of the planned times: 6-7:30 for leader orientation to review GSWO policies and procedures ("What Every Leader Should Know") and 7:30 – 9:00 for a get-to-know-you time when we'll share friendship and food while creating a holiday centerpiece in a mug. You only need to RSVP if you haven't yet, then pay that night (if you are only coming for the orientation there is no charge). See flyer for list of things to bring. Confirmation and directions to Casstown Fire will be emailed Friday, December 9. If you don't receive a confirmation please contact me since it would seem I somehow missed adding you to the list.

TME will be Christmas caroling at Koester Pavilion on Saturday, December 10 at 10 AM. Contact Terry Shetterly with questions: 339-7117 or [shetterly1885@frontier.com](mailto:shetterly1885@frontier.com). Terry is also coordinating a pull tab drop off for the Ronald McDonald House in Dayton during Tab-a-pull-ooza next spring: [http://www.rmhcdayton.org/events/2012-05-19\\_tab-a-pull-ooza.php](http://www.rmhcdayton.org/events/2012-05-19_tab-a-pull-ooza.php). You can bring your saved pull tabs to each monthly leaders' meeting or one donation at our May meeting. Your troop can also plan to attend the event with Terry at 2nd Street Market on May 19.

Cookie sale information is being distributed. There are many changes this year so all troops, including experienced troops, should contact Kay to receive the cookie book. Begin by reviewing the material, then REGISTER AND COMPLETE the online training. Kay will also work with individual troops as needed and will provide a quick review at January's meeting. Reminder: all troop leaders (01's and 02's) must be approved and trained in order for the troop to participate in the sale. If your troop is 2nd grade Brownie, 4th grade Junior, 6th grade Cadette, 9th grade Senior, or 11th grade Ambassador this means you MUST have completed the age level leadership training for that new level by January. Home Study packets are available as is an online training and the traditional classroom. Be sure you have completed this requirement before the sale starts. Contact Amita Snyder with questions regarding training options: 308-3564 or [meattruk@hotmail.com](mailto:meattruk@hotmail.com) and Kay Q with questions about the cookie sale and materials: 339-4928 or [yakbob@voyager.net](mailto:yakbob@voyager.net). Cookie sale information (including online training) can also be found at <http://www.girlscoutsofwesternohio.org/Cookies-Nuts/Cookies/Pages/default.aspx>.

Coming Soon: Information on TME's cookie kick-off event "Cookie Land Adventure" but it's scheduled for January 7th at the Fletcher United Methodist Church. Older Cadette, Senior and Ambassador troops that would like to help run a station should contact Renee Woodward at 214-2338 after 4:30 pm. or via email [Renee\\_Woodward@knl.cc](mailto:Renee_Woodward@knl.cc) ASAP! Check TME's website ([www.tmegirlscouts.com](http://www.tmegirlscouts.com)) for more information soon.

Also distributed during the meeting was Family Partnership packets which included a request for each family (remember, grandparents are also family) to save their change during December as a donation to GSWO. This should be turned in at the January meeting. The \$12 membership dues paid each year go directly to GSUSA (national) mostly to cover insurance costs. All Family Partnership money is kept at our council ("Local donations for local girls") to help with the cost of adult background checks and required training, and girl/adult program assistance and scholarships for families in need. Contact Renee Woodward for your troop's packet and be sure to distribute to all families without bias.

Renee also distributed photo packages taken during the "Me & My Gal" talent show event in November. If any of the girls in your troop attended this event contact Renee or pick them up at January's meeting.

TME's annual Thinking Day event is planned for February 25 at First Baptist Church in Troy. There are currently 11 countries being represented so this will be a great time for your troop to learn about Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding throughout the world. There's also still plenty of time to participate by choosing a country to learn about. After learning about the Girl Scouts/Girl Guides program in that country and how girls there live, your troop will create a display to teach others what they've learned. They can choose to share a food, a craft, a game, or anything they found interesting. They'll also be able to "visit" the other countries. Your troop can also come just to visit without creating a display but still needs to register the number of girls that will attend. SWAPS can be made and exchanged, and troops should begin creating 100-120 items if they plan to swap (this number may increase and will be shared as available). Contact Monica Justice to select your country and provide the number of girls you'll have attending: 368-3938 or justice@goinx.com. Find out more about SWAPS by doing a Google search for "Girl Scout SWAPS".

New leaders and co-leaders were welcomed and (some) received their membership pin and a felt tab on which to wear it during our investiture/rededication ceremony tonight. Thank you to Renee Woodward for coordinating the ceremony which is attached! Our apologies for not having sufficient quantities of pins and tabs but we'll restock and have them at January's meeting. If you were unable to make it tonight and you are a new leader/co-leader or you have a new co-leader, please let me know so we can add you to the list to receive a pin.

In addition to the membership pin, adults can wear the WAGGGS pin on the tab along with a position bar (these are purchased on your own). Leaders and co-leaders can wear a yellow position bar, between the membership pin and WAGGGS pin. The membership pin is placed at the lower part of the tab and the WAGGGS at the top with the position bar between. TME also provides membership numeral guards awarded in increments of 5 years. You can count your years as a girl member as well as years as an adult member to receive the appropriate guard (see also <http://www.girlscoutshop.com/gsusaonline/GSProductDetails.aspx?ProductID=NUMERAL+GUARD>). We'll have a sign up sheet at a future meeting so be sure to look up your years as a girl member if necessary. A diagram for wearing the insignia is also attached, or ask at the Girl Scout shop during your next visit.

Meetings to add to your 2012 calendar: January 5, February 2, March 1, April 12 and May 3.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

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