

## **Rockford Girl Scouts Leader Meeting – April 11, 2011 Minutes**

### **Upcoming Events:**

April bowling event for Dads and girls is full. Thank you Corie for organizing this.

Seniors offering Make It Eat for Brownie troops. Event is on April 18<sup>th</sup> in the evening. Register using the Service unit event form to be used.

Plush Pals –Daisy event – April 20<sup>th</sup>. Register using the Service Unit event form to be used.

Service Unit Campout – Service unit event form to be used. Registration is open till Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact Lynn Surdock or Corie Ripple if you have any questions.

May 9<sup>th</sup> – Leader banquet – Pizza, salad and an opportunity for new leaders to mix with experienced leaders and fill out all paperwork. Paperwork and assistance provided at the meeting.

May 10<sup>th</sup> – Junior Event – Art to Wear. Those Brownies in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade could come and earn their first Junior badge. Register using the Service Unit event form to be used.

April 26<sup>th</sup>. Blyfield Memorial Gardens (D-A) Flag Placement for Soldiers – 4pm with hotdog dinner to follow. No registration forms required. Please let Kathleen know if your troop plans on attending. Event starts at 4:00 so arrive at 3:45pm please. Girls should be in uniform (sash or vest).

Memorial Day Parade – No registration forms required. Parade is Monday morning and is a short parade. Girls should be in uniform (sash or vest).

Bridging Event – Amy is working on this. May 17<sup>th</sup> at East Middle School at 630pm..

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GS Rockford Evening Camp – World Traditions - July 18-20<sup>th</sup> – 3 nights. Registration form on the GSMISTS website should be up there. This is a council event – Register through council.

1. Reading Rocks in Rockford - Saturday August 13 from 10 am - 3 pm If interested in participating please contact Jane.

### **Volunteer Needs:**

Tents for authors...total of 30-35.

Hospitality for Authors - Tina Ramos, Scout Leader will coordinate scouts; Friends of the Library will coordinate breakfast/lunch for Authors

730am 4-6 scouts to help authors move things from their car in the Dam Parking Lot to their booth in Garden Park

10 am -2pm offer to get the authors anything they might need, serve them refreshments, carry their lunches to them

3 pm assist authors getting their supplies back to their car in the parking lots...usually goes very fast (like 15 mins ;))

Farmers Market 8am-1pm - having 1-2 scouts w/ adult directing people to the festival up in Garden Park or the Parade. Rotary provides a tent table / chairs and there is a story book board for photo op....we usually tell the public that there are lots more story book boards up on Squire Street.

Storybook Parade at 10am...having a scout presence in the parade with boys and girls wearing their uniforms and carrying their favorite book would be awesome and would say "Scouts love reading!"

Storybook Characters... 945am - 230pm

need older scouts to walk with 6-8 costumed characters with the large heads ...

need to be at least 5 foot tall to wear them....no longer than 30 mins

Each character needs 1 guide to be with them.

It works really nice if 2 partner for 1 hour shift and they take turns being the guide/character.

It would be especially helpful to have 2-3 adults that would share the monitoring of this activity across the day. The small children absolutely love the storybook characters and getting their photo taken with them. They walk in the parade and then are along the river walk side of Garden Park. We also have 3-4 D & W employees as volunteers to help.

All that said...Beverly if there is a patch that the scouts could earn by doing something different then lets talk about how to accomplish that because we did that with the Bishop Hills patch and it works very well from both sides. We are flexible...the goal is to have a day to promote the joy of reading.

2. 10th Anniversary of September 11 - Patriot Day

Links to see what the Healing Field is....will be at Cannonsburg Ski Sept 9-10-11-12-13 (not confirmed exact yet) rebar needs to be installed on Thursday 9/8)

Link about the Healing Field

[http://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=healing+field+of+flags&aq=f](http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=healing+field+of+flags&aq=f)

This is a video about why Colonial Flag, Utah got involved with creating Healing Fields

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B-E-sDW70bs&feature=related>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WUWwOlcAakc>

In this event the flags are up 24/7 and the field needs to be manned all that time. I believe there will be a variety of things scouts can help with but a brainstorming session would be good. There will be no need to sell anything. All the sales for the flags happen online and will be done through marketing efforts of the Rockford Area Endowment Fund.

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Poptops – save and bring them to our meetings. Ronald McDonald house will do tours and you can sign up to cook a meal there.

PACE program – for the elderly. Bring in small lotions, hygiene bottles, soaps, etc.

Reminder new books coming out in Fall 2011. Don't buy the books for next year yet.

### **Council Update:**

Mary is our rep. [mtinker@gsmists.org](mailto:mtinker@gsmists.org)

#### **Council Sales – Every month council has different sales.**

March – Additional 10% off Clearance Items

April – 22% off Adult Clothing

May – 10% off select Volunteer Thank You Items

June/July – 10% off select Camping Items

Basics in a bag are always 10% off.