**Service Unit 762 Leader Meeting. October 9, 2014. 7 pm. Browning Center. Rm #9**

New Leaders!!!!! **Welcome to SU training** from 6-7 pm. Same room and date as meeting.

**Other Trainings**

Sat. 10/11: Super Saturday at Camp Sugarbush. Classes offered in the outdoors, the arts, and Girl Scouting. MUST REGISTER HERE BY TUE 10/7: <http://www.gsneo.org/training/search.aspx?date=&focus=&keyword=super+saturday&code=&county=&search.x=45&search.y=11&search=Start+Search>

Sunday, 11/2 from 6-8:30 pm: *Troop Fundamentals*. Maplegrove Grange. 2454 River Rd., WH

Sunday, 11/9 from 6-8:30 pm: *Daisy-level Fundamentals*. Maplegrove Grange.

Sunday, 11/16 from 6-8:30 pm: *Brownie-level Fundamentals*. Maplegrove Grange.

Saturday, 11/22 from 9:30-3:30 at the Edgewater Program Center at Camp Timberlane in Wakeman, OH (Huron County) Leadership and Learning Conference. $20. Open to Ambassador scouts too. Register at gsneo.org/special-events.

CPR/First Aid training is offered for $10 and you can be in and out in less than four hours at Northwest Ambulance in Geneva. Check their website calendar. <http://www.northwestambulance.com/EVENTCALENDAR.html> Trainings offered twice a month on Tuesdays. Once during the day and once at night.

You can go here on the GSNEO website and insert key words or click on dates to see training offered through Council: <http://www.gsneo.org/training/search.aspx>

**Registration**: Parents go here to register themselves and their daughters: <https://gsusa.ebiz.uapps.net/vp/?pid=32> . First-time users need to create a log-in.

**SU Roster.** (Attached). Look it over and get your corrections to Dawn Obrenski Riffle at dawnobrenski@yahoo.com

**Council News**

***K-5 Customer engagement initiative:*** three major strategies and systems improvements:

1. The National I Can’t Wait To… Recruitment campaign for K-5 that talks to girls, parents, and volunteers simultaneously… going on now. 2. A brand new Volunteer Toolkit which will include digital tools that can be put in the hands of the volunteers to make their experience better and more successful. - "We'll have an app for that!" 3. A new volunteer system, and new business processes to recruit, retain, and engage volunteers.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGSi_nu5GvM&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MTPaWTbezlM>

Council is looking for volunteers to help them develop the online toolkit. Contact Megan Patsch at mpatsch@gsneo.org if you’d like to help GSNEO pioneer this GSUSA initiative. Some of the questions being asked right now: Will leaders have electronic access to girl health forms? Can SUDs get the info they need to manipulate and generate reports? **The toolkit will feature** a sample curriculum for that age level, a cookie sales timeline, finance report and re-registration reminders, the ability to manage badges and forms, and meeting reminders.

CFO Patch! Explore what happens to your troop’s dollars and cents! Patch available for all age groups. <http://www.gsneo.org/girls-only/cfo-patch.aspx>

**Fall Product**: Ashdon Farms is this year’s nuts and candy supplier. We’re selling magazines again, and new this year: photobooks. 17% profit on every item sold. Snack and magazine order forms due 10/8. Snack delivery: early November. Money due: 11/14.  Call/text/email: Tiffany McNamara (440) 725-7690. tiff\_faye@yahoo.com

**Treasurer’s Report**. Marge Ziegler margarez951@gmail.com

**SU Events:**

October 16, 7-9:30 at the WH Grange. Funtastic Night of Fortune Telling event for Cadettes and older: Cathi Weber/aka the Ghost Lady of Lake County ghostlady@cathiweber.com $5 ea. girl/$4 leaders who want to make craft and eat snack. Drop dead date for payments is 10/9.

October 19, 6-8, Eastlake Comm. Ct. Halloween party for Daisies, Brownies and Juniors: Tiffany McNamara tiff\_faye@yahoo.com Payment of $5/girl was due 10/4.

Also on 10/19, but from 1-4 showtime, is a Pinewood Derby crafting session at the Cub Scout cabin at Eastlake City Hall. Cub Scout leaders will take your Pinewood template and use their saws to cut your car to size. Jennifer Mills onegr8gem2@aol.com . All Pinewood Derby requests must be received by Jennifer by Monday, 10/6. Payment of $6/car is due no later than the leader meeting on 10/9. Pick up cars either at the leader meeting or at the Cub Scout cabin on 10/19.

November 23 at the American Legion Hall in Willowick from 2 pm until elimination. Pinewood Derby! A Cub Scout tradition! Girls will whittle and design wooden cars and race them against one another. Lots of design and performance prizes! This event is a great way to get the Dads involved! Jennifer Mills onegr8gem2@aol.com

Sat. December 6th from 3-5 pm at the Willoughby United Methodist Church. Frozen Winter Wonderland! $5/girl. Money due by 11/13. Troops bring plate of cookies to share and a nonperishable item for the food pantry. (Attached flyer.) Holly Bradley lightholl@aol.com and Sarah Pintar sneronha@yahoo.com

January. Mother-Daughter Bingo. Jeannie Widdowson. jwiddowson@sbcglobal.net

1/30-2/1 Winter Camporee #1 at Camp Fitch. SU 762 WINTER CAMPOREE
Where: Camp Fitch
When: Jan 30-Feb 1, 2015
Cost: approx $80 for the weekend & $35 for Sat only
Horseback riding: $10
(Prices may differ slightly, as I haven't received a final price yet)
There will be cross country skiing, indoor rock climbing, ice caves on the lake, badge opportunities and a Saturday night dance party just to name a few things.
Money due to Leader's by 12/1/14 & Leader's must turn money into me no later than 12/15/14
Cancellations between 12/1/14-1/8/15 lose $30 deposit. Those that cancel after 1/9/15 will NOT receive a refund. Please be sure parents are very clear on this policy.
I am also looking for a volunteer or two, from each level, to help decide which badges you would like to work on. Camp Fitch will help coordinate this too, but we need ideas. Please email me at gstroop1256@gmail.com if you would like to help. ~Sue Niemczura

2/27-3/1 Winter Camporee #2. Location and date TBD. Nicole Douglas Douglas-5@sbcglobal.net and Kathy Zusman davz440@att.net

February. Thinking Day. Troop 71009. Trying to get the WH Friend’s Church for Sunday, 2/22 from 5-7 pm. Choose your country! Each troop performs a kid's song, a traditional dance, or a micro play/folk lore skit. India, Germany and Greece have already been taken. Make or borrow flags (Dawn has a ton of professionally made country flags) for the Parade of Flags. Each troop brings a dish that represents their country for a potluck dinner. nancypitrone@aol.com

March. Easter egg hunt/party. Tiffany McNamara tiff\_faye@yahoo.com

April. Dance. Jen Parker. parker6827@roadrunner.com

May. Food Revolution Event. Last year the girls made pasta with a chef from the Loretta Paganini School of Cooking. Food Revolution is a celebration of real (and healthy) food. Christina Wiley. chrisnmatt@gmail.com

May. SU bridging event. If your troop will be bridging to the next level and wants to participate in a SU ceremony, let Dawn know. dawnobrenski@yahoo.com

June. Leader appreciation event. Talk at the last leader meeting was for a haunted event that Cathi Weber will help organize. Maybe at the Grange again? ghostlady@cathiweber.com

June. Pool party. Tiffany McNamara tiff\_faye@yahoo.com

Year of Service/Year of Healthy Living SU program for 2015-16. Dawn Obrenski Riffle dawnobrenski@yahoo.com

**Other Events**

For those 14 years and older: Lake Farmpark is desperately seeking help for Fall Harvest Festival weekends Oct 11,12,18,19 anywhere from  9- 5pm.. Also looking for help esp. for Oct.17 and 18 Haunted Hayrides. Contact Merle Walker at mwalker@lakemetroparks.com 440-585-3041 x-6322. Gloria Payne needs helpers for Whoolaween on Oct. 17. gpayne@lakemetroparks.com x-6520.

**Classifieds**

New fifth grade junior troop looking for gently used Junior materials. Please bring to October leader meeting.

Early Bird patches are in! Pick them up from the travelling mail box at the October leader meeting.

Marge Ziegler is still looking for some financial-minded soul to take over as SU treasurer. Contact Marge at margarez951@gmail.com

You should all be receiving the GSNEO e-newsletter once a week. If you aren’t receiving it, contact Megan Patsch at mpatsch@gsneo.org to add your address to the mailing list.

To all of the leaders of SU 762: Thank you for all of your help and support over the past 10 years. I treasure you and the wealth of experience and enthusiasm you bring to SU 762. I will be stepping down as SU Director and troop leader after the October leader meeting. I have accepted the CME job for GSNEO for Geauga and Cuyahoga Counties and am no longer allowed to volunteer for scouts. I will still be around; feel free to e-mail or call; but Dawn Obrenski Riffle dawnobrenski@yahoo.com will take over as your new SUD. ☺ Yours in Scouting, Kim

**Kudos**

To the lovely and energetic ***Dawn Obrenski Riffle*** for taking over the SUD reins a bit early. She & the parents and girls of Troop 70973 threw an incredibly well-attended Girl Scout Fun Day at Daniels Park on 9/14. More than 40 new girls attended & more than 25 registered on the spot!

To the charismatic and distinctly organized ***Jen Parker***, who has been working so diligently to place new girls in existing troops, recruit new leaders, and form new troops.

To ***Bobbie Compton*** bobbiecompton@yahoo.com and ***Holley Madigan*** holleymadigan@gmail.com, our new Daisy and Brownie/Junior consultants, who are really stepping up to assist new leaders.