

October Volunteer Meeting Summary

- As of Monday December 8th our membership numbers are as follows:
 - 4,400 Girl Members
 - 1,643 Adult Members
 - 1,660 Lifetime Members
 - Overall retention rate – 67.9%
 - Girl retention rate – 62.2%
 - Adult and Lifetime retention rate – 76.2%

Council news:

- Three new pavilions like the one at Kettleford have been purchased with one going up at Twin Hills, one at Seawood, and an additional one at Kettleford.
 - They are a bit larger to provide extra space during the summer to protect campers from the heat or rain
- The Long-Range Property Task Group has recommended funding for:
 - An above ground pool at Kettleford
 - A new furnace and water heater with an oil tank at Seawood
 - Reroof the Adirondacks at Twin Hills that weren't done last year
 - This will go up to the Board and Finance Committee at a later date
 - These are the top 3 priorities
- We have completed the ADA compliant ramp at Seawood and flush toilets
- The Task Group is also gathering quotes for:
 - Improvements to the big pavilions at Kettleford and Twin Hills
 - Lodge stability issues at Kettleford
 - Chimney work at all of the properties
 - Including the Pixie Cabin and pavilion at Twin Hills
 - We're also looking into moving some cabins around at Farnsworth
- The Task Group is also recommending we subdivide just under 24 acres at Twin Hills to sell
 - Any income received from the sale would be limited to going to the Twin Hills improvements
- We're looking for feedback about low-rope courses that we would install at the camps
- We are still looking into potentially having either a Dream Lab or a big program space, so troops have easier access to meeting space and we have additional space for programming

- Rallyhood is a great and easy way to communicate and coordinate with your troop or Service Unit

Membership & Volunteer Support news:

- Let us know if you need supplies for any events you have coming up
- There are a ton of training courses available on GSLearn
 - Both required and optional
- There are also in-person training courses.
 - Reach out if you would like to hear more

Girl Experience news:

- New and upcoming programs are on the website
- The first level of outdoor training, the Outdoor Adventure Workshop, is available on GSLearn and can be done at any time
- We do have CPR and First Aid courses coming up
 - We are in talks to open it up to Cadettes and up
- We also have a Basic Outdoor Living Skills course coming up
 - This is the 2nd level of outdoor training
- We are happy to work with you if these dates don't work
- We are planning on offering more archery and boating facilitator courses
 - As well as lifeguard training
- We are still looking for volunteers for:
 - Chaperoning the Global Leadership Conference Destination Trip
 - Gold Award Committee
 - Gold Award Mentor
- Magical Baking for January and February are on our website to sign up
- We do have on-demand programming as well as our 3D printing course
- Camp registration opens December 18th
 - Descriptions are available online
 - More programs geared towards older campers
 - At Farnsworth, we have varying options for length programs
 - We are hiring camp staff

Product Program news

- Cookie Season starts in just a few weeks
 - This year's theme is Brave, Fierce, Fun

- Our program runs from January 1st to March 15th
 - Initial orders run from January 1st through the 25th
 - Post-initial order sales and cookie booths open after that and will run through the end of the season
 - Digital Cookie will be open throughout the season
- We do have the new cookie, Explorermores
 - Sample packages with materials are coming soon
- Some other changes include new packaging for Adventurefuls
 - Similar improvement to Lemon Ups
 - Recycled tray, which is lighter and creates less weight
 - Won't change the amount in package
- Cookie Rallies are coming up January 10th and 11th. There are 7 locations across New Hampshire and Vermont. The locations are:
 - Manchester, NH
 - Moultonborough, NH
 - Greenfield, NH
 - Rochester, NH
 - Rutland, VT
 - Burlington, VT
 - St. Johnsbury, VT
- It's just \$10
- Some new rewards include:
 - Enamel coin for the top 100 sellers
 - Earn membership through the Troop PGA
 - That's for the entire program
 - PGA needs to be \$285 or more
 - Earn girl membership and 2 volunteer adult memberships
- All proceeds stay within council
 - 25% goes towards the cost of cookies, transportation, etc.
 - 75% goes back to Girl Scouts
- CPSC training has wrapped up and they will be getting in touch soon