



September 10, 2025- Welcome Back, Troops!

Questions & Answers

Refer to [September 10th 2025 Slide deck Document](#)

1. How can we increase attendance and participation in Service Unit (SU) events?

Answer:

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- Guest speakers or engaging short segments
- Offering babysitting services
- Consolidating events like World Thinking Day
- Starting and ending meetings on time

Discussion Highlights:

- Leaders are often busy; timing and relevance matter.
- Partner involvement and older troop-led events are popular ideas.

Resources:

- Council Band: Invite URL: <https://band.us/n/a0adb0fbW5ee3>
- First Year Experience Band: Invite URL: <https://band.us/n/aeaebalbr008K>

3. Are leaders and volunteers aware of the Council & National pins and awards available to them?

Answer:

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Discussion Highlights:

- Many leaders are unaware of recognition opportunities.
- Workshops and SU meeting agenda items suggested.
- New GS Leadership Awards replace journey awards, not Bronze/Silver/Gold.
- Summit pin is being sunset

Resources:

- Navigating Updated Pathways to Bronze, Silver and Gold (ZOOM) invite:
<https://www.girlscouts-ssc.org/en/sf-events-repository/2025/navigating-updated-pathways-to-bronze--silver-and-gold--zoom-0.html>

4. What are best practices to start the year off strong?

Answer:

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Tips from Leaders:

- Create parent packets and troop calendars
- Use SignUp Genius for organization
- Host initial meetings for new leaders
- Encourage older troops to host events for younger ones

5. I'm new! How do I recruit more girls into my troop?

Answer:

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Resource:

More Friends More Fun link: <https://www.girlscouts-ssc.org/content/dam/girlscouts-ssc->



[redesign/redesign-forms-and-documents/recruitment/more-friends-more-fun/More%20Friends%20More%20Fun%20Flyer.pdf](#)

6. Why did we stop hosting events at Wahooz?

Answer:

Venue choices are based on value and perks. Current focus includes events like Girl Scouts Night at Boise Hawks and Roaring Springs discounts.

Discussion Highlights:

- Museum events are being explored
- Age-appropriate activities are being considered

7. What were the results of the Voices Count survey from April?

Answer:

- Positive trends in values and relationships
- Decline in cooperative learning
- Programming will focus on improving cooperative learning and expanding activity options

8. What's happening with TAM?

Answer:

The 20-year TAM permit is being renewed. SU- and council-led camps will continue. Suggestions for partners can be sent to Angela: Ahemingway@girlscouts-ssc.org

Additional Resources from the meeting:

Bylaws- visit the Governance webpage: <https://www.girlscouts-ssc.org/en/discover/our-council/Governance.html>

- [CEO Patch Contest](#)

Join us for the next Let's Talk event, October 8: Strategy & Stewardship [Register Here](#)

Overview of key strategic-plan aligned Council initiatives and intended outcomes slated for the 2025-2026 membership year. Discuss how budget decisions were made and shine light on timing, resourcing, and impact considerations made by the Council. Learn how you can get involved with initiatives aligned with your skills, passions and interests.