



Museum Community Partnerships – Part 2: Girl Scouts

Online Workshop chat box transcript
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Susan Mays: Susan Mays from Museum of Arts and Sciences in Macon, GA

Jeff Nee - Museum Alliance: Call in number: 1 646 558 865601:00:44

vgilmart: Hello, I'm Victoria from Exploration Place in Wichita, KS

Jeff Nee - Museum Alliance: Meeting ID: 651 221 9434

donnadione: Hi I'm Donna from Children's Museum of SECT in Niantic, CT

Mess Hall: Lynn Backes, Pensacola MESS Hall

Frank Kusiak - Lawrence Hall of Science: Hey! I'm Frank from Lawrence Hall of Science. Western NISE Net Coordinator

Lisa Hoover: Hi Everyone, Lisa from Chabot Space & Science Center's scout programs.

molly russell: Hi I am Molly Russell from The Children's Playhouse in Boone, NC. Thank you!

Kat Hunt Ingram Planetarium: How does one get certified for compliance?

Jamilia Martineau-Lopez: How can we get information about the new series and badge requirements?

Jeff Nee - Museum Alliance: What's the best way to find and contact our local Girl Scout troop leaders?

Richard Stember: What do you mean by Outside STEM? Can you provide examples?

Courtney Hromada: I went to my council and they were only able to give me the Brownies information for journeys and badges and not the Juniors, is there a way I can get that information?

Courtney Hromada: The Engineering, Computer Science and Outdoor Stem

Maureen Davis, Challenger Learning Ctr. of Lake Erie West: I am interested in the Daisy's Engineering Journey too and couldn't find it.

Sarah Taylor: So if I am a registered Girl Scout volunteer I can access the badge PDFs when I log onto my volunteer account?

Courtney Hromada: Thank you!

Maureen Davis, Challenger Learning Ctr. of Lake Erie West: I am very interested in the Space Science badges also.

Jeff Nee - Museum Alliance: What advice can you give about working with Girl Scouts versus Boy Scouts formally? For example if we have existing programs for boy scouts (e.g. the Nova award), how much adaptation should we expect for these Girl Scout stem programs?

Jeff Nee - Museum Alliance: Great, thank you!

Jazmin: Question for Stephanie: Does the \$15-20 cost per participant include materials and staff time?

Courtney Hromada: Do you have separate staff for scouts and school programs?

Porsche Ray: Do you all facilitate Journey Quests? How do you go about creating the workshops and facilitating them to scouts?

Jeff Nee - Museum Alliance: So you found that programs need to be on the weekend? I.e. Afterschool hours isn't feasible for people?

Megan Norris: Do you run scout programs year round?

Melissa: Does anyone have kits/traveling trunks that have activities targeted at specific badge requirements that scouts could rent? They could earn the badge if they complete the activities in the kit, but they are run by the scout leader and not museum staff.

Katie Speckman from Bell Museum in MN: Do you buy the badges or do the troops do that?

Bernadette Uzzi: They don't run because they are undersubscribed?

Meghan: Hi All, I am the Scout Coordinator for a midsize science museum. I am the only fulltime scout staff. I have a part-time crew of 8-10 mostly school teachers that i tap for nights and weekends. We do overnight camp-ins, badge workshops, museum scout days, and we have free scout museum guides on our website that they can download.

Meghan: For camp-ins, we have a museum fun patch for participants. No official badges go through us

kmartin: What is the maximum capacity per class?

Ian: We have found out that allowing the leaders to schedule the workshop that fits their schedule works best to increase the amount of scout bookings

Jennifer Williams Children's Museum of Brownsville Texas: We have had local troops express interest in having a badge day but they want to bring all levels at the same time. How would you accommodate them?

Meghan: We offer museum journey guides as an add-on to any visit to the museum and no longer offer journeys as workshops. Follow the link to

see downloads <http://discoverycentermuseum.org/education/scout-leaders/girls-programs/girls-programs-scout-days>

Jennifer Williams Children's Museum of Brownsville Texas: Thank you

Bernadette Uzzi: We've worked with multiple levels on the same day. Different programs in different spaces, sometimes different times. Logistically challenging, but it worked well

Katy Accetta: We put together a few backpacks with all the materials to complete 3 Brownie and 3 Junior badges, troops sign up for a time and they get a room and it is a self-guided activity while they are here.

Jeff Nee - Museum Alliance: The Lawrence Hall of Science used to rent out a portable planetarium to educators on a day to day basis.

Sarah Taylor: Do you ever have any troops express concern over the cost per girl?

Meghan: We've also worked with multiple levels. We usually have an overall theme, such as "Mad Scientist" that completes parts of different badges for different levels. On days like that, it's more about the experience and we let them know that not everyone will complete the badge that day. If that's the case, I try to send home a little half page flyer that says what they need to do on their own to complete it.

Meghan: Sarah Taylor, we have a scholarship fund that we base on a scouts status for free and reduced lunch. I never check this- it goes on the honor system and they have to call me directly. Our programming is healthy enough that discounted individuals are easy to cover.

Jazmin: Would Tech folks be willing to share PowerPoint?

Kayla Berry, Museum of Science: Jazmin, the entire presentation will be posted online within a week at <http://www.nisenet.org/events/online-workshop/online-workshop-museum-community-partnerships-part-2-girl-scouts>

Kayla Berry, Museum of Science: In addition to the presentation from today, the recording will also be posted along with additional link and resources discussed throughout today's workshop.

Jazmin: Thanks!

Porsche Ray: How do you all evaluate scout workshop?

Frank Kusiak - Lawrence Hall of Science: Awesome!

Kayla Berry, Museum of Science: Today's recording and all resources, including a PDF of today's presentation will be posted online at <http://www.nisenet.org/events/online-workshop/online-workshop-museum-community-partnerships-part-2-girl-scouts>

Richard Stember: Thank you. Excellent presentations!

Drew: Do you want questions via text only?

Kayla Berry, Museum of Science: Here's a great additional NISE Net resource about Museum Community Partnerships: <http://www.nisenet.org/collaboration-guide>

Bernadette Uzzi: Regarding Box Rental program, was that developed by The Tech? Is there a fee for troops to rent?

NISE Net Workshop: You can unmute to ask a Q if you'd rather at this point

Drew: OK, thanks - I will

NISE Net Workshop: Thank you everyone for joining us today!

molly russell: Do you pay experts who lead the science programs or do you have experts in the field on staff?

Kayla Berry, Museum of Science: There was a previous question asking about how scout workshops are evaluated.

Courtney Hromada: I am the Scout Coordinator at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery. We have a minimum program fee for 5-10 girls to include the smaller troops. We also let the troop leaders chose the day and the badge. We also offer Daisy Journeys, which has been successful.

Jazmin: Has anyone had any experience taking the NISE Net toolkits and adapting them to Girl Scout badges?

Jeff Nee - Museum Alliance: Do you ever do Professional Development purely for Girl Scout leaders?

Bernadette Uzzi: thank you!

Leila Nordmann: Thank you!

Meghan: Grown-ups in my opinion, are just big kids. We give them directions when we give the girls directions :)

Maureen Davis, Challenger Learning Ctr. of Lake Erie West: At Challenger we do the same and speak to the adults separately and ask them to be ambassadors, and if asked a question by a child, to reply with "I don't know, what do you think?"

Kayla Berry, Museum of Science: Great points, Meghan!

Rhiley Binns, Science Center of Iowa, Des Moines, IA: Thank you all!

Paige, JMU Planetarium in Harrisonburg, VA: For your fun badge, who did go through to get those made? Do you need permission from GS to get some made?

Maureen Davis, Challenger Learning Ctr. of Lake Erie West: Good idea!

Meghan: We do not use any GS logos or insignia - we use it for Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts so we don't need to run it by anyone. We use a local vendor, about .78 per patch expense for us

Courtney Hromada: We give out presenter evaluations to each troop leader.

Paige, JMU Planetarium in Harrisonburg, VA: Thanks!

Elsbeth Kersh - Girl Scouts NorCal: Thank you!

Kayla Berry, Museum of Science: The NISE Net has developed a great resource for evaluation, if you're interested learn more here: <http://www.nisenet.org/catalog/team-based-inquiry-guide>

Jeff Nee - Museum Alliance: Thanks everyone!

Maureen Davis, Challenger Learning Ctr. of Lake Erie West: Thank you so much for your time and information!! Nice presentation!

Meghan: And just FYI, badge and patch are not interchangeable - badges are earned, patches are for fun/participation

donnadione: Thank you everyone!!

Courtney Hromada: Thank you!!! This was full of great information!

Kayla Berry, Museum of Science: Thank you presenters!

molly russell: Thanks