

2017-18 Questions & Answers, Panel #1

GIRL SCOUTS

Have the Orrville and Dalton programs combined? *"East Wayne" Service unit helps girls in Orrville, Dalton, Kidron, Smithville and Marshallville. And have for as long as I can remember. So yes, Orrville and Dalton programs are combined under 1 umbrella. To help with clarification for our application, is the hierarchy of how Girl Scouts works.*

National: *GSUSA = The National Organization of Girl Scouts and Girl Guides within the United States. Girl Scouts is broken down into Councils, boundaries of which are set by GSUSA.*

Council: *GSOH - Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland is our Council. Headquarters are in Columbus, OH. The area the Council covers was dictated by GSUSA. The Council is broken down into Service Units, which is broken down into individual Troops.*

Service Unit (SU): *A group of Troops from a specific region of the "Council" is called a Service Unit. The Service Unit has a set of Registered Girl Scout Volunteers that serve in Leadership Rolls: SU Manager, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar and Delegates. We are a step between the Troops and Council that helps with communication, organization and answering questions. We are the voice of the Troops within the SU at Council Meetings. The Service Unit puts on "regional" meeting or activities for the girls so they can have exposure to other Girl Scouts near their area. This programming is an alternative to the Troops traveling long distances to Council sponsored events to get an all-around GS experience. The 2 Smithville, 1 Marshallville, 3 Orrville and 1 Dalton troop get together to do these Service Unit Events. This programming covers grades K-12. The Service Unit also helps new troops by mentoring them and giving financial assistance until the troop is up and running on their own (see above).*

Troop: *Has 2 (or more) registered Girl Scout Leaders with applicable training. Those Leaders do programming and lead meetings for the girls within that Troop. Most Troops are 1 or 2 grade levels put together (Daisy is grade K-1). The girls participate in 'Fall Product' and 'Cookie' sale programs to fund Troop Activities, pay for badges and supplies used by the troop. An example, Troop 914 participated in sales and uses those funds to earn patches and do learning activities. We have 14 girls participating at this level.*

Do you have any other revenue sources other than the United Way (cookie sales, etc.)?

The Service Unit does not have any other revenue sources other than the United Way. Troops do not give funds to the Service Unit. Council does not give funds to the Service Unit either.

Section 7: Financials - what is the Facility Rental expense for 2018?

Facility Rental - Any programs we did on the Service Unit level last year were done in facilities that did not require rental expenses. The budget surplus from 2016 is still in the account. We did not host as many Service Unit programs as we had originally intended to - that were on our budget. Since the application has gone in the Service Unit team has been reviewing how we can service the girls in other ways other than programming.

Section 7: Financials – what happened to the 2016 budget surplus (\$2,700 revenue - \$665 expenses)?

The budget surplus remains in the East Wayne SU bank account.

Section 10: Why were Financial Aid / Scholarships so low in 2016? *There were not applicants in 2016, so there were no Financial Aid/Scholarships given. We know there is a need in the community so we still budget for this type of expenditure.*