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### GSNWGL Service Centers

**Appleton**  
4693 N Lynndale Dr, 54913  
920.734.4559

**Eau Claire**  
4222 Oakwood Hills Pkwy, 54701  
715.835.5331

**Green Bay**  
2430 Finger Rd, 54302  
920.469.4860

**Marquette, MI**  
131 W Washington, Ste C, 49855  
906.225.8020

**Schofield (Wausau area)**  
3511 Camp Phillips Rd, 54476  
715.355.9850

**Wisconsin Rapids**  
3910 Chestnut St, 54494  
715.423.6360

**General phone number**  
888.747.6945

*Call your nearest Service Center and we can transfer you to any other Service Center or phone extension!*



Chloe is taking this month off - check back next month for Chloe's Blog

## Dear Girl Scout Family and Friends,

As we learn more about the crisis in Haiti following the devastating earthquake on January 12, our thoughts and prayers go out to its people, their friends, families, and our sister Girl Guides there. We are Girl Scouts who care deeply about others and when we see people suffering we look for ways to lend a hand.

The need for help in Haiti is great and we can each respond in a personal way in which we are comfortable and able. While we send our condolences to the people of Haiti, please take this opportunity to remember that World Thinking Day is February 22 and this year's theme is "ending extreme poverty and hunger." The tragic events in Haiti can clearly serve as a way to educate our girls about the issues of extreme poverty and hunger throughout the world - and how acts of kindness can make such a positive difference.

As our Cookie Sale Program continues, troops may also want to think about donating a portion of their proceeds to the relief efforts in Haiti. GSUSA's board of directors recently voted to temporarily allow Girl Scouts to raise funds for certain relief agencies who are helping in Haiti. A full list of approved agencies is posted on our website [here](#). The page will be updated as changes are made by GSUSA.

It is at times like these that Girl Scouts throughout the world come together in sisterhood, take action to help those in need, and do what we can to make the world a better place.

## Congratulations to our 2009 Fall Product Program Ashdon Farms Trip Winners

The following troops won a trip to Ashdon Farms in Waukesha, WI:

- Junior Troop 4579  
Marinette/Menominee Service Area
- Senior Troop 5344  
Pentoga Service Area
- Junior Troop 2277  
Appleton West Service Area
- Cadette Troop 6453  
Marshfield Service Area
- Brownie Troop 7067  
Westmar Service Area

Thank you to all troops for participating in the 2009 Fall Product Program. We look forward to your participation in 2010!

## Join Us on [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#)

Become our fan on Facebook and follow us on Twitter for up-to-the-minute news and updates! Recent posts include: updates from GSUSA about fund raising for Haitian earthquake relief efforts, links to GS Cookie stories in the local media, Adult Recognitions deadline reminder, announcements about new GSNWGL department FB pages ([Product Programs](#), [Camp Birch Trails](#), [Camp Winnecomac](#), [Camp Nawakwa](#), [Programs](#)), and so much more! What are you waiting for - join us today!

Please note: active hyperlinks are indicated by underlined text



## GSNWGL Product Programs

### Cookie Sale Program Dates

February 7	Girls stop taking cookie orders
February 12	TCMs submit all initial cookie orders into eBudde
February 15	All Service Areas submit final initial cookie order
March 3 - 21	Girls deliver cookies
March 12 - April 11	Cookie Booths held Council-wide
March 26	Troop payment for Initial Cookie Sales due to SACM
April 12	Final recognition order entered into eBudde and troop payment for Cookie Booth Sales due to SACM
May	Girls receive recognitions earned during Cookie Sale
June 30	Deadline to report any Cookie Sale Program recognition and Cookie Dough discrepancies.
December 17	<b>NEW</b> expiration date for 2009 Fall Product Program Credit and 2010 Cookie Dough

### Cookie Cupboards

- GSNWGL will arrange Cookie Cupboards that will be available at each Service Center as well as additional locations throughout our jurisdiction. Cookie Cupboards will store a variety of cookies that any troop may access to fill secondary/Goal Getter Orders or to sell at a Cookie Booth.
- Cookie Cupboards will be available March 13 - April 11; however, they may have a limited supply of cookies.
- Troops do not need to pay when cookies are picked up. Upon pickup, the Cookie Cupboard Manager will transfer cookies to the receiving troop, then the cost of these cookies will be automatically transferred to the receiving troop and will be included in the "Amount You Owe Council" on the eBudde Sales Report screen.
- Troops may pick up cookies from a Cookie Cupboard by box or case. Troops are responsible for the cost of any cookies taken from a Cookie Cupboard. Cookies from Cookie Cupboards may not be returned or exchanged.
- TCMs or their delegate must sign for all cookies received from a Cookie Cupboard. TCMs should count and verify the cookies prior to leaving the Cookie Cupboard.

*Please remember most Cookie Cupboards are hosted by volunteers; please contact the Cookie Cupboard Manager before going to the Cookie Cupboard! Click here for more details on Cookie Cupboard locations.*

### Schedule your Cookie Booths!

Cookie Booths are a troop project and are to be held from March 12-April 11. This is a great way for girls to demonstrate their marketing, interpersonal and entrepreneurial skills. Not only are Cookie Booths a great leadership opportunity, but they can also **greatly increase your troop's sale goals, plus each participating Girl Scout will earn additional recognitions and Cookie Dough!** Since Cookie Booths are all about teamwork, credit for the number of boxes of cookies sold at a Cookie Booth is divided equally among the girls at the booth and applied to each girl on eBudde! Click [here](#) for great location ideas and tips for scheduling a Cookie Booth.

### Become Our Fan on Facebook

Stay informed on all of the latest Product Program news by following us on [Facebook!](#)

## Updates & Reminders from the Membership Department

### Membership Update

As of January 22, there are 14,918 girls registered at GSNWGL.

The Council goal is 19,022 girls.

We are 78% of the way there!

**Thank you for delivering the premier leadership program for girls to your girls!**

### January Service Area Leader Meeting Recap

- We talked about how we are going to reach our Service Area Family Partnership goal
- We put the final touches on the adult recognition nominations we are submitting
- We learned a lot about the Cookie Program - especially the Top 5 Reasons for Girls to Participate
- We saw highlights of the 2010 summer programs and learned how our girls can earn cookie dough to help fund their summer adventures!

### Troop Activity Idea: *Practice Troop Government*

In Girl Scouting, the activities are for girls and by girls. A great way to get the girls' input and to build the girls' leadership skills is to practice troop government in your troop. Every grade level of Girl Scouting uses some form of troop government.

- Troop government is a way for girls to learn responsibility, independence and how to become leaders!
- Troop government is designed to be progressive, building on the skills learned in previous years.
- When the girls reach Girl Scout Juniors and on through Girl Scout Ambassadors, the girls take on more responsibility of running the troop and thus should decide which form of troop government they will use.
- You may want to try more than one style of troop government before the girls make a final decision. And, if the system they chose is not working for the troop, the troop can then decide on another form of government for themselves.

#### Girl Scout Daisy Circle

Girl Scout Daisies can help make some of the decisions about their troop through the Girl Scout Daisy Circle. It is the business part of a Girl Scout Daisy meeting and at this age lasts only 5 to 10 minutes. This part of the meeting is led by the Troop Leader. It is best for the Leader to give girls two or three choices to pick from at this age. Decisions could include things such as where to go on a field trip or what kind of service project the girls would like to participate in. Simplicity is the key here.

#### Girl Scout Brownie Ring

The Girl Scout Brownie Ring is very similar to the Girl Scout Daisy Circle but expands to the abilities of these now somewhat "older" girls. Girls can now begin to lead discussions and "brainstorm" ideas. A Ring "Leader" may be designated to lead discussions, but make sure that all girls are given this leadership opportunity. When someone wishes to speak, a special "Talking Signal" is used in the Girl Scout Brownie Ring. This is indicated by the girl placing the two fingers of her right hand on the floor (or table, if you are seated at a table instead of the floor). The Girl Scout Brownie Ring is a good way to make all of the major decisions in your troop from how to spend cookie profits to which Try-It to work on next.

For more examples of how to use troop government, click [here](#).

### It's Not Too Late To Register!

With the school year well under way, some families may believe it is too late for their daughter to get involved in Girl Scouts. But in reality, an exciting year of life-changing opportunities awaits any girl who would still like to become a member.

Help us spread the message! Tell your friends and neighbors! It's never too late to register. In fact, there are some great reasons to join Girl Scouting right now:

- Girls can participate in the world's premiere financial literacy program for girls - The Girl Scout Cookie Program. After the door-to-door sale, girls can participate in cookie booths!
- Girls can Discover, Connect and Take Action at our spring programs!
- Girls can build leadership skills and have an adventure of a lifetime - Girl Scout Summer Camp!

## Updates & Reminders from the Membership Department

### Tips for New Leaders: *How to Talk to Parents about Family Partnership*

Great girl experiences require adult volunteers who give their time, as well as families who donate their dollars. Because of your relationship with parents in your troop, we need your help asking them to give! Here are some tips for discussing Family Partnership:

1. Talk to the parents! Schedule a parent meeting or work the discussion into another event/meeting where you expect significant parent attendance! Volunteers all tell us the same thing- when they asked their parents to give to Family Partnership they got results!
2. Relax! Follow the Girl Scout motto, "Be Prepared" and you will feel more comfortable asking parents to give. If questions come up that you cannot answer, simply say, "That's a great question; I do not have the answer, but I will check with our Membership Manager and get back to you on that."
3. When you talk to the parents, describe why Family Partnership donations are needed and what they ensure for girls:
  - They provide support for activities for nearly 20,000 girls. Each donation lowers program costs, provides financial resources to develop new programs and funds financial scholarships for girls in need.
  - Every donation is a tax-deductible investment in your daughter's future as well as the ongoing work of the Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes.
  - It costs \$234 to provide Girl Scouting to one girl for one year. \$151 of that total comes directly from girls through the Cookie & Fall Product Sale Programs, leaving \$83 to be raised through Girl Scout Families and Community Friends.
4. Tell parents that Family Partners who make a \$25 donation will receive a Chloe patch for their daughter's sash.
5. Lead by example, make your own financial contribution to Family Partnership. Parents respond well when you share why you give. Tell your personal story and ask others to share theirs. Feel free to share this example of how Family Partnership dollars made a difference one GSNWGL family: "My girls wouldn't have been able to go to camp if it were not for donations from people who realize how important Scouting is. I feel that my girls are caring, compassionate and strong due to the things they learned in Girl Scouting."
6. Emphasize that every donation makes a difference regardless of the gift amount.
7. Thank everyone for their support and participation!

### Spring Registration 2010

It may seem early to be thinking about registering for Girl Scouts next year, but that's the whole point of Spring Registration! Spring Registration makes a lot of sense: families can check one task off their fall "to do" list and leaders can better plan the upcoming troop year, knowing how many girls they'll have! Watch for Spring Registration information in March/April leader meetings.

### Schofield Shop

This month we are trying something new in the Schofield shop. The front desk and the Council Shop checkout counter will be located in the same place. Please stop by the Council Shop counter for all your customer service needs!

## Fund Development News

### Family Partnership Supporters

Thank you to the individuals, families, troops, and Service Areas that have given gifts through the Family Partnership Campaign. You can view a list of these donors [here](#). Be sure to support additional Family Partnership efforts and events in your area now through March 2010!

### Join Us!

Saturday, March 6  
Wausau Country Club  
\$60/person  
Appetizers 6 p.m., Dinner 7 p.m.

For more information on purchasing tickets, sponsorship opportunities or auction item donations, call Karen at 715.355.9850, ext. 4518 or email [kpelot@gsnwgl.org](mailto:kpelot@gsnwgl.org).

## Adult Development Updates

### Last Call for Nominations

***Don't miss out on this chance to recognize the many accomplishments of our volunteers!***

The nomination deadline for 2010 Adult Recognition process is February 15. To access complete information on awards, criteria, and nomination forms, check out [Section C](#) of [The Source](#), or visit the [Adult Recognition section](#) of our website.

### Spring Training

Spring Learning Opportunities are in full swing! Click [here](#) to locate Leadership Essentials, Outdoor Education, Grade Level Enrichments, and other offerings in your area.

Looking for a training opportunity in your area, but do not see it on the calendar? Contact the Adult Development Department, and we will do our best to meet your training needs!

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### Leadership In Action: GSNWGL's 2010 Council-Wide Leadership Conference

Saturday, March 20, 2010

8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

[Jefferson Street Inn](#), Wausau WI

Join the excitement, and restock your leadership tool kit! This annual event offers diverse training opportunities, social activities and the opportunity to network with others from across our Council. Leadership Conference is open to all adult volunteers, as well as Girl Scout Cadettes through Ambassadors. Highlights include keynote address *Take Action and Live Your Story!*, presented by Hilary Bilbrey and more than 30 breakout session topics - including NatureMapping, leadership, stress reduction, health, and more! For more information on our keynote speaker, accommodations, breakout session details, registration materials, and more, download the conference packet [here](#).

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## Council Shop

### Now Available!

Booth Sale Patch

\$1

Gift of Caring Patch

\$1

### Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program Merchandise

Cookies 4 a Change Patch

\$1

Pewter Panda

\$6

**Stop in to your nearest Council Shop to see all of the great merchandise we carry!**

## Program Department Updates

### Upcoming Council Programs

#### GSI: Girl Scouts Investigate

**Date/Time:** Saturday, March 6 (**March 13 for Wausau location**), 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for Daisies and Brownies; 1:00-4:00 p.m. for Juniors and up

**Locations:** Chippewa Valley Technical College – West Campus, Eau Claire, WI; Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Green Bay, WI; Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton, WI; Emerald Elementary, Manistique, MI; Woodland Elementary School, Kingsford, MI; Boys & Girls Club, Plover; Northcentral Technical College, Wausau, WI

**Grade Levels:** All

**Cost:** \$10/girl

Spend an exciting day sleuthing with other Girl Scouts as you apply real crime scene investigation techniques to solve a mysterious case. Collect and examine evidence from the crime scene and experience firsthand forensic analysis techniques.

#### Crazy Olympics

**Date/Time:** Saturday, April 10, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Locations:** Eau Claire Gymnastics Center, Eau Claire WI; Michigan Tech University, Houghton, MI; Camp Winnecomac, Kaukauna, WI; Camp Birch Trails, Irma, WI

**Grade Levels:** All

**Cost:** \$10/girl

What does it take to be an Olympic Athlete? Answer that question and see if you're up for the challenge in the crazy day full of fun and games. Compete in Olympic style events, learn the history of the Olympics, and participate in games – Olympic style!

#### Power Up

**Date/Time:** Saturday, April 17, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Gandrud Auto Group, Green Bay, WI

**Grade Levels:** 6-12

**Cost:** \$8/girl

Life's about being crafty. Whether you're using your imagination on an art project or your craftiness to make smart decisions (like buying a car and taking care of it!), life's about being crafty. Have the experts from Gandrud Auto Group share the ins and outs of buying a car, safe driving, and car maintenance. After your head is full of great facts, take time to relax by being pampered with a massage and creating a genius work of art.

#### Gearing Up

**Date/Time:** Saturday, April 17, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for Daisies and Brownies; 1:00-4:00 p.m. for Juniors

**Location:** Camp Del O'Claire, Schofield, WI

**Grade Levels:** K-5

**Cost:** \$10/girl

Put your engineering skills to the test! Get your creative and scientific juices flowing by constructing and testing two interactive and fun designs. Strengthen team-building and mechanical skills through this exciting engineering experience.

#### Earth Day Bash

**Date/Time:** Saturday, April 24, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Appleton Service Center, Appleton, WI

**Grade Levels:** All GS and families

**Cost:** \$8/participant

Celebrate the Earth's resources and become an Earth Day activist as you complete fun activities and various projects that help the Earth! Go green as you celebrate the world and make a difference! Bring the family and explore the environment, contribute to your community and perfect an Earth Day art project.

### NEW Council-Sponsored Program Just Added!

#### Girl Scout Night - Little House on the Prairie

**Date/Time:** Friday, March 26, 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton, WI

**Grades:** 3+

**Cost:** \$22 or \$42/participant (depending on seat location)

**Deadline to Register:** February 28

Pre-show activities in the Kimberly-Clark Theater; performance starts at 7:30 p.m. This special event is open only to girls who spring register for the 2010-2011 troop year. *For more information on Spring Registration contact your Membership Manager. Be sure to bring your completed 2010-2011 girl registration form with \$12 payment the night of the show, checks can be made out to GSNWGL.*

### World Thinking Day: Together We Can End Extreme Poverty and Hunger

February 22 is World Thinking Day. Every year on this day, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides devote one day to thinking of one another with love and friendship. The theme for Thinking Day this year is "Together we can we can end extreme poverty and hunger."

This year, Girl Scouts are encouraged to Take Action and to spread the word about poverty and hunger, both locally and globally. Whether your troop chooses to learn more about the refugees from Sudan, or donate food and clothing to the local homeless shelter, there are so many ways in which Girl Scouts can help end poverty and hunger. Some troops may also choose to send money to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund, or to support the WAGGGS World Centers (located in Switzerland, Mexico, India and England).

What began in 1909 as the Girl Guides Association in the United Kingdom, evolved into the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). Today, 145 countries have Girl Scouts and Girl Guides who are members of WAGGGS. More information and ideas to celebrate Thinking Day may be found at [www.worldthinkingday.org](http://www.worldthinkingday.org). Thinking Day patches are for sale through the Council Shop. Quantities are limited, so order now.

### Teen Hot Spot

#### Website Updates

Check out these recent updates to the teen pages of our website:

- [Just for Teens](#) tab added to [Girls Section](#) and [Program Section](#)
- New pages added to [Program Section](#) for [GS Gold](#), [Silver](#) and [Bronze Awards](#)
  - Each page includes both the existing and new award guidelines
- New [destinations](#) page

Questions? Contact Michelle Carr:  
[mcarr@gsnwgl.org](mailto:mcarr@gsnwgl.org) or ext. 4517

## Program Department Updates

### Summer Programs

Summer is around the corner, and to make the most of your summer it's time to start planning now! You should have received your 2010 Summer Fun Program Guide in the mail, and inside you will find pages filled with hundreds of opportunities for summer fun! You will find programs that fit everyone's needs, from one and two day adventures to week-long day and resident camps. Registration is now open so get yours in before the programs fill up! If you have not received your copy of the 2010 Summer Fun Program Guide, download it [here!](#) Please contact the [program team](#) if you have questions about any summer program! See you this summer!

### Become Our Fan on Facebook

Love GSNWGL Programs? Loyal to Camp Nawakwa? Biggest CBT fan ever? Camp Winnecomac in your blood? If you answered yes to any or all of the above, then you're just who we're looking for! Join us on Facebook to stay informed and connect with others who share your passion for our programs and camps!

The following Program Department Facebook pages have been developed (others are under development):

[GSNWGL Programs](#)

[GSNWGL Camp Birch Trails](#)

[GSNWGL Camp Nawakwa](#)

[GSNWGL Camp Winnecomac](#)

### Check Out Our Collaborations!

In order to bring even more programs to your community we partner with many local organizations that offer special programming just for Girl Scouts! Please check out our [website](#) to see all of the opportunities available to you!

## Property News

### Facilities Restings

As noted in previous issues of *Connect*, here is a reminder of the winter restings to the following buildings:

- Camp Cuesta - Troop House: December 12, 2009 - April 1, 2010
- Camp Ishnala - Troop House: December 20, 2009 - April 1, 2010

- Camp Sacajawea - Baptiste: November 16, 2009 - April 1, 2010

Graebel Lodge at Camp Birch Trails will be open again for business starting February 20 with our Council Sponsored Program *Winter Wonderland*.

Please note: If you have an event, meeting, or program already scheduled, these will be honored and our Property team will work with you to accommodate those reservations.

### Value Added List

Our property team is in process of developing a resource for troops/groups that are renting our facilities. This list will include things to do at camp or around the area such as museums, parks, boating, and other fun attractions.

Do you have anything that you would like to recommend? If so, email [property@gsnwgl.org](mailto:property@gsnwgl.org) or call your nearest Service Center, ext. 3349 with your information. Please include what camp you are referring to when offering suggestions. With your help, other troops/groups will get to see what is available at all of our camps!

### Camp Winnecomac Offers Winter Fun

*Trisha's group rented ALL of Camp Winnecomac last winter.*

"I wanted to let you know that we had a GREAT time. We tied 15 blankets for the homeless shelter. We hiked to Thousand Islands environmental center and went snowshoeing. Then we hiked back to camp (11,643 steps round trip). Our kindergarten Daisies wanted to know why we couldn't wait for the school bus – cuz ya know it takes where you need to gooooo! Then the 5th grade Juniors led the entire group of 80 people in outdoor cooking. They did an awesome job. Our only glitch was who would have thought the ice melting under our box oven would alter the bake time for our cake ---- AHHHHHH. Our girls will have some great memories and all of you helped make that happen.

THANK YOU!!!"

Trisha Tetzlaff