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Don't Miss GSNWGL's 2nd Annual Meeting: *Bold Leadership: Fueling the Future*

Mark your calendars and plan to join us Saturday, May 22 at the Appleton Service Center. Come for the fellowship and networking, come to honor our girls and volunteers who have received Girl Scouting's highest awards, and/or come to hear about and give your input on our Council's business - all members age 16 and older are welcome! Why not carpool with a few of your fellow Girl Scouts and make a day of it? We'd love to see you all there! Click [here](#) to learn more, including how to RSVP your attendance.

Schedule for the day:

- **9:00 a.m.:** Registration Opens - Early arrivers can begin the day with coffee, camaraderie and singing. Council Shop Sidewalk Sale from 9:00-10:00 a.m.!
- **10:00 a.m.:** Strategy Café Sessions - Strategy Cafés are high-energy, interactive sessions designed to give everyone a chance to share ideas and give input. We will focus on five strategic areas, and mix it up so everyone stays engaged and involved.
- **11:30 a.m.:** Lunch with Gold Awardee and Volunteer Recognition - Girls who have earned the Girl Scout Gold Award and volunteers receiving national awards will be recognized. *Lunch is complimentary; donations will be accepted*
- **12:30 p.m.:** Business Session - Delegates and visitors will hear GSNWGL's latest financial, program and membership reports. Election of board members, as well as members of the Governance and Leadership Committee, will take place.
- **2:30-4:00 p.m.:** Council Shop Sidewalk Sale

Milestone Membership Pins To Be Awarded at Annual Meeting

Are you attending the Annual Meeting? Is this your 40th (or 45th, 50th, etc.) year of Girl Scout Membership? If you answered yes, then we want to recognize you at the Annual Meeting! Here's what you need to know:

- **Who:** Girl Scout Members of 40, 45, 50, etc. years (in five year increments - membership years include years as a girl member + adult years) who will be attending the Annual Meeting
- **What:** GSNWGL would like to recognize your commitment and present you with a Membership Year Pin!
- **Where & When:** At GSNWGL's Annual Meeting, May 22 at the Appleton Service Center
- **How to RSVP:** Contact Theresa Brady: tbrady@gsnwgl.org or call your [nearest Service Center](#) and ask for extension 4016. When you RSVP, please be sure to include: years of membership, the name of your Service Area, and whether you will attend for the whole day (lunch included) or attend the business session only (no lunch)

If you know of another Girl Scout in your area who has reached this achievement, please share this information with them.

Council Facebook Pages

"Like" us on Facebook! Here's a list of all GSNWGL pages to date. Click on each name below and click "Like" to keep up on the latest news!

These pages were created by and are managed by GSNWGL staff. We will continue to announce new pages as they are created.

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| • Main GSNWGL page | • Camp Winnecomac | • Nokomis Service Area |
| • Product Programs | • Summer Thing (Camp Nesbit) | • Oconto Service Area |
| • Programs | • Door County Service Area | • Red Cedar Service Area |
| • Camp Birch Trails | • Eastern Horizons Service Area | • Riversmeet Service Area |
| • Camp Nawakwa | • Kewaunee County Service Area | • Shawano Service Area |
| • Camp Sacajawea | • Marinette/Menominee Service Area | |



GSNWGL Product Sales Programs

Remaining Cookie Sale Program Dates:

All Service Areas

May 10
Late May

All [Uncollected Funds Forms](#) due to GSNWGL Product Program Department Service Area Cookie Managers receive recognitions and distribute to Troop Cookie Managers (TCMs). TCMs distribute recognitions to girls

June 30

Final day to report recognition and Cookie Dough discrepancies or problems to Product Program Department

Thank you to all of our Girl Scout volunteers, girls and families for helping to make our 2010 Cookie Sale Program a success!

We also thank our communities and customers for their continued support of our annual Cookie Sale Program!

2010 Fall Product Program Sneak Peek

Get ready to "Design Your Future!" Girls will be able to construct a plan to reach their goals and create a blueprint for their future.

The Fall Product Program is an excellent way to generate "start-up" funds for your troop early in the year. Here is a sneak peek of some of the recognitions you could earn as we continue to build the 2010 Fall Product Program! Remember, your troop can earn an additional \$0.03 profit on the number of boxes sold during the 2011 Cookie Sale Program when they reach a per girl sales average of \$165.



Stay tuned to our website and the Product Program Facebook page for more details on dates, recognitions and other details.



Updates & Reminders from the Membership Department

Membership Update

As of April 30, there are 16,705 girls registered at GSNWGL.

The Council goal is 19,022 girls.

We are 88% of the way there!

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

April Service Area Leader Meeting Recap

- We learned about [Spring Registration Days](#) in the [Council Shops](#) and the Spring Registration incentives
- We talked about [2010 summer camp programs](#)
- We talked about the importance of completing and turning in an [Uncollected Funds Form](#) if we have any cookie collection problems
- We learned about Camp Clean Up Days and the dates the properties are available for troop usage this summer
- We learned about the [outdoor trainings](#) taking place this spring
- We learned more about the [Annual Meeting](#)

Disbanding Troops

If your troop is disbanding or merging you will need to take these steps:

If girls from a disbanding troop are placed in multiple troops:

- Complete the [Disbanded/Merged Troop form](#)
- Give the Girl's Record forms to the new Troop Leaders
- The disbanding troop treasury may be divided among the new troops based on the number of transferring girls
- Give the checkbook and records to your Membership Manager
- Give the troop's supplies and equipment to the School Organizer

If disbanding a troop and girls are not placed:

- Complete the [Disbanded/Merged Troop form](#)
- Give the Girl's Record forms to the girls for future reference and use
- Close the troop checking account and forward any remaining troop account money to your Membership Manager
- Shred and dispose of all blank checks
- Give the troop's supplies and equipment to the School Organizer
- The School Organizer will work with the Membership Manager to ensure that troop funds are handled appropriately

If the troop reactivates within 18 months and Council staff is notified, the funds are reissued to the troop. If reorganization does not take place within 18 months, the troop will be considered officially disbanded and the resources will be used by our Council in the interest of Girl Scouting, as designated by the board of directors.

Summer Services

In the summer your Membership Manager is available to you and will continue to provide all of the same valuable services. She can help you deal with challenging things that come up in your troop - such as cliques, difficult parents and bullies - and give you ideas for great service projects, field trips and guest speakers. Your Membership Manager will also be out and about in your community this summer. If you need a store order or another resource, call your Membership Manager to find out the next time she will be in your community.

Service Team Kickoff

Attention ALL Service Team members. 2010-2011 Service Team Kick-off events will happen on August 3 (6:00-9:00 p.m.) and August 8 (1:00-4:00 p.m.) at each Service Center! Please choose which to attend based on what works best with your schedule, and RSVP by June 1 to your Membership Manager, indicating which date you will be attending.

**Please note that all times are CDT. Please contact your Membership Manager if you have any questions.*

Encourage.Inspire.Empower

Spring Registration 2010

It's time to re-register for Girl Scouts! This spring at Service Area Leader Meetings, you can pick up a packet of everything you need to Spring Register for the 2010-2011 troop year!

We want you to start the year off right! Check out these extra opportunities for your troop when you Spring Register:

- All troops who spring register will be able to purchase spring registration patches from Council Shops at the discounted cost of \$.75. The patch will only be available for girls who register before July 12, 2010. After July 12, 2010 the patch will no longer be available.
- All troops who register 2 adult volunteers and 50% or more of the girls in their troop will receive a special "Summer Fun" troop activity kit to keep! This adorable kit is filled with ingredients for a snack, props for activities, and directions for a fun, no-hassle summer troop event at a park or a beach.
- All troops who register 2 adult volunteers and 75% or more of the girls in their troop will receive the "Summer Fun" activity kit AND a coupon for one girl to attend a Fall 2010 Council Program at no cost (when 5 or more girls attend at full price ~ limit one coupon per troop).

Spring Registration Days

Drop off your completed Spring Registration forms at one of our Spring Registration Days and see what exciting things are happening at the Service Centers those days!

- Tuesdays: May 18, May 25, June 1 and June 8 - 1:00-6:00 p.m. at [each Service Center!](#)
 - Drop off your Spring Registration forms
 - Get assistance with [Spring Registration](#) forms and end-of-the-year paperwork
 - [Council Shops](#) open 1 extra hour
 - Take advantage of our Spring Registration Council Shop Special: 10% off Leader Guides and adult clothing
 - Check out our [Summer Camp](#) display, learn more about camp sessions and sign up for camp
 - Go online and take the [year-end surveys](#)
 - Browse through resources for your troop
 - See a demonstration of eBusiness, the new online registration and troop management system that is coming soon

Year-End Checklist

Troop Leaders: Follow these hints to end the 2009-2010 troop year successfully!

- Survey girls and adults to find out if they're returning next year
- Complete Spring Registration forms. Send forms and dues to any Service Center by July 12. Or bring your completed forms in to any Service Center on one of the Spring Registration Days (May 18, May 25, June 1 and June 8 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.!)
- Balance the troop account and complete the [Annual Troop/Group Financial Report](#) by June 30
- Help your girls complete [year-end evaluations](#) online and fill out the volunteer one for yourself. The information you provide on these surveys is critical for GSNWGL's funding and guides the future for our Council!
- Use the [2010 Summer Fun camp guide](#) to get your girls excited about GSNWGL's summer camp sessions
- Plan final awards ceremony. Order all necessary insignia for your final awards ceremony
- Recognize the individuals, businesses and organizations who helped the troop during the year. Send them a note or nominate them for a [Community Participation Award](#)
- If you began volunteering before May 1, 2008 and you have not yet completed a GSNWGL volunteer application and background check, please complete this process. To access these forms, using our convenient, 1-step Internet portal, visit: <https://vapp.gsnwgl.org>. If you do not have Internet access, have questions regarding this process, or are unsure whether you have already completed a recent check, please [contact your Membership Manager](#) or the [Adult Development Department](#).
- Notify your Membership Manager about the adults in leadership positions – Are they returning?
- Plan summer fun activities for the troop
- Set a date for first formal meeting after summer vacation
- If the troop is disbanding, complete the [Disbanded/Merged Troop form](#)

If troop has bridging members:

- Make plans to earn the bridging recognition for your grade level
- Plan a [bridging ceremony](#) with the girls
- If bridging to a new troop, notify families of their new troop, give Girl Record Forms to new leaders and transfer appropriate amount to new checking account
- Gear up for the new grade level you will be working with
 - Read the [Grade Level Resource Packet](#) for the level the girls will be bridging to
 - Attend a [face-to-face grade level enrichment training session](#)
 - Watch for new online grade level enrichment options, coming this summer
 - Request a coach to help you understand the ins and outs of your new level

Summer Fun with Your Troop

Is summer the time to “shut down” all troop activities? Or can you connect the girls in a fun, relaxed way during the summer months?

Here are five tips to keep girls connected through the summer and into the new troop year.

1. **Set the Dates.** Before the girls grab their sunscreen and iPods and head off to the pool, create a calendar of summer activities. An e-newsletter that keeps everyone up-to-date on what’s ahead is a great way to start. You can grow your troop for next year and have fun.
2. **Fire Up the BBQ.** Have an international or themed barbecue. Plan an activity from a Girl Scout resource book the girls will be using next year. For example, from the Girl Scout Senior Journey book *Sow What?*, try the “S’more Off” activity. Challenge the girls to invent a new kind of s’more. Judge the s’mores based on how many food miles are needed for the ingredients in the s’mores and who used Fair Trade ingredients in their s’more.
3. **Thank the Village.** Choose a time and place for girls to thank their parents who helped make their activities possible this year. Block parties and picnics are great summer ideas. If you can’t use your street, reserve space in a community park. Use streamers or balloons to reserve your spot; enlist adults to barbecue and play games. This is a great opportunity to talk about next year’s activities as well as recruit volunteers.
4. **Make It “Fair”.** Almost every community has a fair or festival going on in the summer. Organize a trip to a summer-only event and plan activities that count towards earning awards. Why not contact your local science museum, university with an observatory, or astronomy club and arrange for star-gazing? All you need is a clear night. The girls can even make star-shaped cookies or moon pies to mark the occasion. You may even want to develop an ongoing relationship with your contact person for activities throughout the troop year.
5. **Go the Distance.** Some girls may be in camp for a part of the summer. Others may be visiting parents or relatives who live far away. Consider sending small, inexpensive care packages, funny jokes, a treat or two, and ideas for Girl Scout activities to keep everyone connected until September.

Keeping girls connected throughout the summer and getting ideas for the new troop year can certainly make a big splash with the girls throughout the season!
Adapted from “More Than Summer Fun” by Helen Orloff

Adult Development

Outdoor Trainings

Leave No Trace Training Just Scheduled - May 8 at Camp Nawakwa, Hobbs Dining Hall; 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Instructor: Dave Burke, Master-Level Leave No Trace Facilitator

This course will be offered at no cost to all registered adult volunteers and girls ages 14 and up. Feel free to bring a bag lunch, and enjoy the opportunity to network with others at our beautiful camp.

This Basic Leave No Trace course teaches the necessary skills to minimize your impact on the environment while hiking or camping, and preserve our natural resources. During this session, participants will learn the basics of the [seven principles of Leave No Trace](#).

Register by Monday, May 3 to training@gsnwgl.org or by phone: 1.888. 747.6945, ext 4510

**Please note that this course does not replace the required Outdoor Education course.*

Don’t miss out on these upcoming Outdoor Education training sessions! Click on the name of each training course for description.

May 15 at Camp Winnecomac, Hawk’s Haven: [Outdoor Education](#) 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Cost \$20)

[Tent, Trip and Travel Camping](#); Overnight - 5:30 pm Sat.-12:00pm Sun. (Cost \$20)

May 23: [Outdoor Education](#) at Camp Birch Trails, 9:00 am-3:00 pm (Cost \$20)

New 1-step Volunteer Application Portal

This spring, the Adult Development and IT Departments have been hard at work, streamlining the volunteer application process. We want the experience to be as easy and convenient as possible! Our new Internet portal combines the application and background check (including all former names) in one easy step. Volunteers may access the new portal by visiting <https://vapp.gsnwgl.org>.

All volunteers, including experienced volunteers who were appointed by a legacy council (pre-realignment) must complete the volunteer appointment process with GSNWGL. If you have not completed an application and background check since May 1st, 2008, please visit the new portal as soon as possible. The new process is quick and easy!

2010 Leadership Conference

On Saturday, March 20, GSNWGL's 2nd annual Leadership Conference was held at the Jefferson Street Inn in Wausau. The event kicked off on Friday evening with a variety of social and networking opportunities, including an interactive Murder Mystery, and stories of real-life local hauntings, presented by the Wausau Paranormal Research Society. Nearly 250 adult volunteers and Girl Scout Cadettes through Ambassadors attended the conference. Attendees had a great time participating in breakout sessions on a wide variety of topics and sessions, ranging from building rockets to Conflict Resolution, Living Life with Integrity and the Art of Sushi!



One of the highlights of the event was a keynote address by motivational speaker, educator, and children's author, Hilary Bilbrey. Hilary shared her own personal experiences developing authentic leadership, and using these qualities to make a difference in the world.



We have already begun planning next year's event. Hope to see you in Spring 2011 for an exciting weekend of excitement and leadership!

Here's what our conference attendees had to say:

- *The conference was exciting and fun! I especially liked the Southern Appalachian Mountain Dancing class!*
- *I loved this opportunity to learn new ideas and connect with so many other leaders!*
- *This was such a great way to spend quality time with my daughter, and learn new skills together.*
- *I can't wait to come back next year! I met people who were out of this world! Hilary was a great speaker!*
- *This event was really inspirational!*



We would like to thank all presenters, volunteers, attendees, and council staff for making this event possible. A special thank you goes out to the 2010 conference planning committee, which included Jeanne Poppy (chair), Sara Marquardt (co-chair), Robin Dietel, Pat Lamon, Gerri Meverden, Peggy Okenatez, Peg Ottum, and Lynn Reindl.

Fund Development News

Year-End Surveys Available Online

GSNWGL is beginning the year-end evaluation surveys process, which will help us improve Council functions and provide critical information to our funders. Would you please take a few minutes to [complete the appropriate survey](#) for your position, as well as assist your girls in completing theirs? Your participation is essential, and we thank you in advance for your support!

There are [several surveys](#) available; please complete the one that is appropriate to your position/your girls' grade level: Leader/Co-Leader, Parent/Guardian, GS Daisy, GS Brownie, GS Junior, GS Cadette, GS Senior, GS Ambassador, and Graduating High School Senior.

Please note:

- Based on feedback from last year's surveys, we are happy to offer shorter, less time consuming surveys this year!
- The surveys are completely anonymous. Please feel comfortable completing them thoroughly and honestly.
- Girls should complete the survey for the grade level that coincides with their school grade during the 2009-2010 school year.
- Be prepared to answer specific questions regarding community service projects completed during the 2009-2010 Membership Year (Sept. 2009-present).
- Remember to keep safety in mind whenever going online. Encourage girls (and help them) read through the GSUSA Internet Safety Pledge [here](#) as soon as they log on to the Internet.

Thank you for taking the time to provide us with this valuable feedback, and thank you for all you do for girls in your community! The information provided through these surveys will have an enormous impact on current and future GSNWGL programs and funding, as well as provide valuable insight to GSNWGL staff members.

Winner Trivia Contest

Do you want to be a winner? Of course you do! Join in the fun at our 10th Annual Winner Trivia Contest! Your participation will help create winning opportunities and financial assistance for local girls who participate in Girl Scout programs.

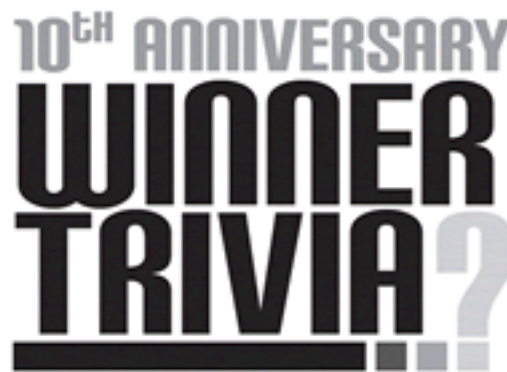
The Winner Trivia Contest is easy and fun! Gather a team of four - any adult can play! You can sponsor yourselves, or have your business sponsor you! Challenges between coworkers, media, paper and medical companies are encouraged. Try to outdo each other by answering the most questions correctly. The winning team takes home a traveling trophy!

* When: May 12, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

* Where: The Stadium View Sports Bar & Grille, Green Bay

* For more information, sponsorship opportunities and to register, download the event brochure and registration form [here](#)

Visit the [WTC webpage](#) and warm up with a few trivia questions!



Council Shop

Please note: Phone orders are eligible for in-store promotions as well!

Happy 2nd Birthday, GSNWGL!



GSNWGL
2nd
Birthday
Patch!

Come Celebrate With Us May 1, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

- Enjoy birthday cake and refreshments!
- Special Promotion: Receive a free GSNWGL 2nd Birthday patch with any \$10 or more purchase of apparel or Journey books! (*while supplies last, limit one patch per customer*)

Celebrate the Special Woman in Your Life During Mother's Day Week - May 10-14



Join in the Fun at your Nearest Council Shop!

- Bring in a picture of the two of you to be posted in the Council Shop
- Enter your name in for a drawing to receive a \$5 Council Shop gift certificate

Bridging Kits

Bridging Kits are now available in all Council Shops! Bridging Kits contain items for advancing to the next Girl Scout grade level, including:

- Grade-level award
- Membership star and disc
- Bridging certificate
- Surprise gift

Contact [your nearest Council Shop](#) for details and to order today!

Spring Registration Days

In conjunction with Spring Registration Days, Council Shops will be open until 6:00 p.m. and offer 10% off Leader Guides and adult clothing!

Spring Registration Days are 1:00-6:00 p.m. on May 18, May 25, June 1 and June 8. For more information, please see page 4 of this issue of *Connect*.

Camp Kits

Whether it is your girl's first adventure at camp, or she is a seasoned camper, we have a Camp Kit for her! Packages include:

- Summer Fun, \$18
- I ♥ Camp, \$23
- Horse Lover, \$28

In addition to lots of fun items to make your girl's camp experience great, each Camp Kit includes a coupon for 15% off an apparel item purchased through the Council Shops! (*not to be used for uniform pieces or at Camp Trading Posts*)

Contact [your nearest Council Shop](#) for more information.

Here's just a sample of what you'll find in each Camp Kit:

(each kit includes additional items & comes in a themed tote!)

I ♥ Camp



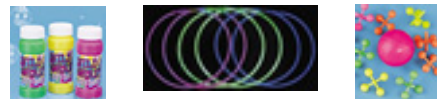
Journal, Flashlight, Plush

Horse Lover



Pillow Pal, Carabiner, Necklace

Summer Fun



Bubbles, Glow Necklace, Neon Jacks

Council Shop Hours

Regular Council Shop Hours:

- Appleton, Eau Claire, Green Bay & Schofield: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Marquette: Monday-Friday, 12:30-5:00 p.m.
- Wisconsin Rapids: Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

May Special Shop Hours:

- May 1: All Shops open 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- May 3: Marquette Shop open 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- May 4: All Shops closed for staff meeting
- May 18: All Shops open until 6:00 p.m.
- May 22: Council Shop at Annual Meeting, 9:00-10:00 a.m. and 2:30-4:00 p.m.
Wisc Rapids Shop open 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- May 23: Eau Claire Shop open 12:30-4:30 p.m.
- May 25: All Shops open until 6:00 p.m.
- May 31: All Shops closed for Memorial Day

Program Department

Spring is here with full force! Don't forget to check out these program opportunities in your area. There is a Council program for every girl this spring! [Registration is just a click away](#). Be sure to check out our [Collaborations](#) and [Portable Programs](#), too!

Culture, Crafts & Cuisine

Date/Time: Saturday, May 15, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Location: Bonifas Art Center, Escanaba, MI

Grade Levels: All

Cost: \$10/girl, \$5/adult

Deadline to Register: May 1

Experience art, food and entertainment from around the globe. Sample ethnic cuisine, try your hand at creating some authentic crafts and learn games kids play in other parts of the world.

Girls Go Green!

Eco-Action Event

Date/Time: Thursday, May 13, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Location: University of Wisconsin Stevens Point - Campus Sundial

Grade Levels: All

Cost: \$8/girl, free for family members

Deadline to Register: May 3

Go green as you celebrate the world and make a difference!

Bring the family and explore the environment, contribute to your community through the following activities:

- Each troop or family will make a rain barrel and learn about water conservation (one rain barrel per family or troop)
- Go Native! Discover what plants are native to Wisconsin and plant seeds to take home for your backyard. Then tread lightly past the UWSP prairie on an urban hike through campus
- Go Green! as you discover the principles of "Leave No Trace" in the outdoors and spring to action as you share your take home project with your school

Activities at this program are brought to you by Campus Girl Scouts

Camper Sampler

Date/Time: Saturday, May 22, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Camp Nawakwa, Cornell, WI

Grade Levels: All

Cost: \$8/person

Deadline to Register: May 7

Can't wait for camp to start? Maybe you're a first time camper and you want to check out Nawakwa. Either way, you won't want to miss Camper Sampler! This special event is open to girls of all ages, and we want you to bring your family! We'll have the waterfront open, all buildings open, guided hiking tours of camp, campfires, arts and crafts, and of course, S'mores! We'll also have experts on hand to answer your camp questions so you'll feel ready for summer sessions. C'mon everyone - let's go camping!

Taste of Camp

Date/Time: Saturday, May 22, 2010, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Camp Sacajawea, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Grades: K-6

Cost: \$8/girl

Deadline to Register: May 10

It's time to find out what camp is all about! If you've never been to camp before or if you just can't wait until summer to be at camp, this program is for you. Take part in all of your favorite camp activities: canoeing/kayaking, arts & crafts, nature hike, making s'mores at the campfire and so much more! Tour the camp and meet some of the staff!

Girls Go Green!

Eco-Action & Spring Registration Event

Date/Time: Saturday, May 22, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Camp Pow-Low, Gwinn, MI

Grade Levels: All

Cost: \$8/girl*, free for family members

Deadline to Register: May 7

**Girls who attend must register for the 2010-2011 membership year before or during the event. Financial Aid is available.*

Go green as you celebrate the world and make a difference!

Bring the family and explore the environment, contribute to your community through the following activities:

- Each troop or family will make a rain barrel and learn about water conservation
- Go Native! Discover what plants are native to the UP and take some home to plant in your backyard
- Go Green! Take action through an environmental service project at Camp Pow Low

All girls who attend will receive a Spring Registration Patch! Family Partnership Patches will also be available for donations of \$25 or more.

Girls Go Green! program partners: The Superior Watershed Partnership and The Marquette County Conservation District

Girl Scouts Rock the Garden

Eco-Action & Spring Registration Event

Date/Time: May 23, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Eau Claire Service Center

Grade Levels: All

Cost: Free*

Deadline to Register: Contact rerickson@gsnwg.org by May 14

**Girls who attend must register for the 2010-2011 membership year before or during the event. Financial Aid is available.*

Go green as you celebrate the world and make a difference! Bring the troop or family and explore the environment, landscape your Service Center and make it a warm and welcoming place for you to use, contribute to your community through the following activities:

- Girl Scout Daisies can plant a daisy flower
- Put up bat houses, bird houses, and bird feeders
- Each troop or family will make a rain barrel and learn about water conservation (one rain barrel per family or troop)
- Go Native! Discover what plants are native to Wisconsin and plant seeds to take home for your backyard. Plant wildflowers too
- Go Green! as you discover the principles of "Leave No Trace" to make the world a better place
- Meet people from Action City, the Metropolis Hotel and Chaos Resort and get stay and play deals
- See upcoming Children's Theater events and have fun with Rock and Roll to Go
- Learn about Camp Nawakwa
- See and touch the portable programs
- The store will be open so you can purchase patches or bridging kits or anything else

Girl University Rescheduled

After reviewing responses to a recent survey of teen girls and their troop leaders, we have decided to reschedule Girl University for next April in combination with the Leadership Conference. We received great input from more than 70 girls throughout our Council in which the girls seemed interested and excited about Girl University. They commented positively on the sessions offered, location, and the nightly entertainment, however, many girls expressed that they would be unable to attend due to the timing of the event.

Mark your calendars - Girl University will be a great opportunity for girls to develop essential leadership skills, and to develop personally and professionally. Through the surveys we were able to gain valuable input/feedback that we look forward to incorporating into the Leadership Conference as well as other older girl opportunities throughout the year. Thanks for your support, and please [contact the Program Department](#) if you have any questions!

Calling all Campers for Summer Fun 2010! Camp, Camp, I Love Camp! Especially Skits and Songs!

What do you get when you connect girls with old and new friends, outdoor adventures, crazy little art shacks and paddling around the area's prettiest bodies of water? You get memories that last a lifetime!

- **Camp Birch Trails** encourages girls to try new things and meet new friends at *Summer Explorers*. Girls can swim, kayak, bike and try their hand at archery. This is a great first time camper session and offers plenty for the experienced camper, too! Girls can also explore camp life from the water during *Lil' Mermaids* while swimming, snorkeling and soaking up the sun with friends.
- **Camp Del O'Claire** is excited for the upcoming camp season! GS Daisies can join us for *Daisy Divas* and get a taste of Girl Scout Camp! We also have *Dr. Doolittle's Interns* especially for animal lovers! Did someone say pizza? Girls can create their own masterpiece pizza recipe with all their favorite toppings at *Pizza Party*!
- **Camp Nawakwa** has several NEW and EXCITING programs, like *Beach Bums*! Girls can spend their days on the water at area beaches, then head back to camp for more fun! Girls can try *Simple Survival* and learn about jack knife safety, campfires, knot tying and more! If you know teens who want to spend time at camp with friends, recommend *Teen Explorer* where they can experience the best of camp while hanging out with their besties! Camp Nawakwa has a little bit of something for all ages!
- **Camp Sacajawea** has plenty of awesome camp sessions this summer. Girls who are interested in newspaper design will love *Extra, Extra* where she can meet a reporter and photographer, be the camp food critic and create a newsletter. Mini mad scientists will enjoy *Ooey Gooney*! Girls will explore and create concoctions like Bubble Ooze and Pickle Potion. Plus, girls that want a "girl style" adventure can attend *Girls Just Wanna Have Fun* and have a spa party, before heading out into the woods.
- **Summer Thing at Camp Nesbit** programs are filling up fast! Girls can try a little bit of everything at *Camp Quest* or pull out their flippers and goggles and spend their days in the water at *Mermaids and Polliwogs*! Girl won't want to miss this chance to connect with old camp friends!
- **Camp Winnecomac** has something for everyone! Girls will create a masterpiece in *Petite Picassos* and can sing and dance with their friends at *Rock Stars*! Bonus - girls will also enjoy the beauty of camp in these week-long day camp programs!
- Don't forget to check out **Camp Cuesta** and **Camp Ishnala** programs, too!

All GSNWGL camps offer awesome Summer Fun Programs! Click [here](#) to learn more!

Follow [Camp Birch Trails](#), [Camp Nawakwa](#), [Camp Sacajawea](#), [Camp Winnecomac](#) & [Summer Thing \(Camp Nesbit\)](#) on Facebook!

Property News

Camp Clean-Up Dates

Looking for a service project this spring? Have we got the job for you! If you or your troop is interested in assisting at any one (or more) of these events, please email property@gsnwgl.org. Include your name, troop number, and the date/location of the clean up that you would like to assist with. We hope to have many volunteers to help us keep our camps beautiful! Lunch will be provided.

Saturday, May 15	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Camp Pow-Low	Saturday, June 12	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Camp Birch Trails
Saturday, May 22	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Camp Nawakwa	To be determined		Camp Blueberry Knoll
Saturday, May 22	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Camp Sacajawea	To be determined		Camp Hy-Da-Way

Summer Rental Blackout Dates

With our program department running many wonderful camp sessions this summer, the availability for renting a facility for troop/group use will be limited slightly. To help you with your summer planning, here is a list of dates when rentals will not be available:

Camp Birch Trails:	May 29 - August 13
Camp Cuesta:	June 24 - 28
Camp Del O'Claire:	July 19 - July 23, July 26 - 30
Camp Ishnala:	July 8 - 11, July 16 - 18, July 30 - August 1, August 6 - 8
Camp Nawakwa:	June 11 - August 13 (Reservations are being accepted for the use of Hilltop, Lakeview, Valley, and Timbercrest for weekends starting after 6:00 p.m. on Friday and departing by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday)
Camp Sacajawea:	June 14 - July 27 (Reservations are being accepted for Mandan, Shoshone, Minataree, and Mead Hall for the weekends starting after 3:30 p.m. on Friday and departing by 2:00 p.m. on Sunday)
Camp Winnecomac:	June 14 - August 26 (Reservations are being accepted for the use of the yurts on the weekends starting after 5:00 p.m. on Friday and departing by 2:00 p.m. on Sunday)
Camp Blueberry Knoll, Hy-Da-Way, and Pow-Low	are open all summer long for reservations

To check availability, please email property@gsnwgl.org or call your nearest Service Center and ask for extension 3349.

Girl Scouting's Highest Awards

Honoring our girl members who have earned the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards

Please join us in celebrating and recognizing GSNWGL girls who have earned these awards from April 1, 2009-March 31, 2010. If your troop or individual girl (Juliette) is missing from this list please contact Michelle Carr: mcarr@gsnwgl.org or call your nearest Service Center and ask for extension 4517.

All recipients are listed alphabetically by last name and are formatted: First name, Last name, Troop number.



The Girl Scout Bronze Award

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Josie Afshar, 4087 | Makayla Doucette, 2520 | Megan Kapke, 6069 | Kinzie Olson, 6330 |
| Ashley Ahles, 6010 | Bailey Ducommun, 3020 | Renae Karman, 4010 | Amanda Osburn, 3155 |
| Alyssa Alcorta, 4340 | Julia Dudenas, 2076 | Abigail Katz, 3270 | Morgan Pagenkopf, 4346 |
| Annora Alfonso, 7065 | Jessica Ely, 5022 | Riley Keeffe, 7142 | Hanna Parisi, 7027 |
| Elizabeth Anderson, 6246 | Gabrielle Engel, 3067 | Jasmine Keller, 7224 | Bailey Parker, 6119 |
| Rachel Anderson, 6119 | Megan Eno, 7112 | Katie Ketterhagen, 3020 | Phelan Patten, 7142 |
| Destiny Applebee, 3517 | Hannah Erdman, 2076 | Kendall King, 3067 | Jordyn Pederstuen, 3379 |
| Sara Armstrong, 2259 | Elizabeth Eron, 6330 | Katelyn Kitowski, 6330 | Tesa Peel, 6330 |
| Megan Armstrong, 5022 | Caitlyn Esterly, 3242 | Miranda Klatt, 4346 | Sadie Peloquin, 3020 |
| Gloria Austin, 3311 | Ashley Ewald, 7308 | Alyssa Klein, 2040 | Lauren Percell, 6235 |
| Alix Austin, 5158 | Elizabeth Fahrenkrug, 4346 | Montana Kleinschmidt, 7113 | Tristan Persson, 6056 |
| Stephanie Austin, 6069 | Mikayla Fellenz, 6119 | Alyssa Knoeck, 2194 | Janelle Peterson, 3067 |
| Mariah Backin, 3517 | Kelly Ferris, 3067 | Hailey Koller, 6170 | Cady Peterson, 2520 |
| McKenzie Bainer, 7113 | Christina Fetzer, 3328 | Kelsea Kollmansberger, 7334 | Amanda Peterson, 2194 |
| Erin Barnes, 6069 | Abby Fjelstad, 3067 | Andrea Krahenbuhl, 2259 | Patience Peterson, 2194 |
| Jessica Bartkowiak, 4346 | Cassie Fletcher, 6330 | Leisha Krahn, 7338 | Katarina Petranovich, 3155 |
| Alexandria Beers, 3379 | Chloe Fowler, 7113 | Sierra Krueger, 2076 | Erika Pienckowski, 7308 |
| Kristen Behne, 6194 | Heather Frahm, 7062 | Ali Krupa, 5158 | Kaylee Pierce, 4491 |
| Mariah Behnke, 3117 | Ashlynn Franzwa, 3328 | Brianna Kurth, 7308 | Danielle Pierce, 3379 |
| Jennifer Belshe, 6170 | Sydni Frolik, 3067 | Emily Kutrieb, 3379 | Ginger Pinkerton, 3242 |
| Dani Bender, 6056 | Megan Gamble, 7113 | Maria Laakso, 4340 | Amy Piscopo, 4012 |
| Anna Benjamin, 6246 | Brianna Gaulke, 4491 | Miranda Lang, 7224 | Brianna Pleasant, 7308 |
| Sara Berg, 7224 | Carly Gauthier, 4340 | Raechel Lang, 6069 | Sophia Pollman, 4338 |
| Marie Berman, 3020 | Amy Genisot, 4417 | Emily Lawson, 5158 | Natasha Pongratz, Juliette |
| Miranda Bestul, 3328 | Anna Giblin, 4338 | Ellie Leafgren, 2076 | Jesse Praefke, 6330 |
| Mackenzie Betro, 6194 | Emily Giese, 4340 | Jade LeDocq, 4346 | Kendall Prehn, 2076 |
| Cheyenne Bilderback, 3345 | Katie Gilchrist, 6170 | Alexandria Lee, 3242 | Tamara Price, 2204 |
| Lily Birmingham, 4338 | Emily Gilles, 3067 | Kimberly Lenz, 7062 | Jessica Purgett, 6167 |
| Alexis Bittner, 7334 | Ashley Gillett, 3155 | Chassidy Leslie, 4417 | Abby Quinnell, 3155 |
| Morgan Blair, 3517 | Mackenzie Glodowski, 6330 | Beth Ann Lotton, 2060 | Nicole Rabovsky, 7224 |
| Patty Jo Bloczynski, 6056 | Kaitlyn Goodman, 5158 | Alyssa Lucas, 7175 | Rayanne Racine, 4346 |
| Nikole Blomquist, 4087 | Lauren Gray, 7175 | Emily Luebke, 4012 | McKenna Rahm, 7113 |
| Michaela Blood, 7342 | Kayleigh Green, 5022 | Majriela Macedo, 4491 | Lauren Ramer, 5158 |
| Kelsi Bloor, 4491 | Claire Greenlee, 6056 | Brianna Mackey, 3242 | Hope Ramer, 5158 |
| Kelly Bodette, 7224 | Alexa Grosz, 6114 | Audrey Macone, 3379 | Kallista Relford, 3117 |
| Brittney Bossany, 3067 | Hannah Guyette, 2605 | Erin Mader, 6167 | Kaitlin Resch, 4010 |
| Sophia Braschnewitz, 4356 | Della Haanen, 4010 | Natalie Magnusson, 7142 | Raven Rhodes, 4346 |
| Molly Brennan, 2326 | Madison Halterman, 3155 | Sheyanna Mairs, 3242 | Becca Ricci, 3242 |
| Kaylee Brown, 7010 | Alana Hardt, 4356 | Makayla Malone, 3379 | Jenna Richardson, 3517 |
| Samantha Brusky, 4010 | Sara Harpke, 3155 | Samantha Mansavage, 6194 | Jenna Rogers, 7113 |
| Virginia Bryant, 3242 | Mariah Haske, 4417 | Allyssa Mason, 3020 | Bridgett Romanowski, 3020 |
| Cassie Buelow, 2076 | Vienna Haunschild, 2605 | Kaylee McBride, 4282 | Jenna Romanowski, 3117 |
| Taylor Bugella, 3242 | Amber Hederer, 7334 | Kelli McCorkle, 2076 | Caitlin Rosemeyer, 3155 |
| Makayla Bunge, 6056 | Sarah Heider, 4417 | Emma McKeel, 6114 | Stephanie Rudolph, 7078 |
| Kate Burhop, 3270 | Jacqueline Heim, 4010 | Maggie McLoone, 3020 | Amber Rustlie, 4010 |
| Vanessa Buyarski, 2076 | Alison Heiting, 2605 | Shannan McMenamin, 7342 | Jazmine Sales, 7334 |
| Kendra Cassell, 3242 | Haley Herbst, 4356 | Jackie McPherson, 6119 | Sydney Salewske, 6330 |
| Haley Castle, 3379 | Anna Hietpas, 2326 | Peyton Medick, 7224 | Kate Sathre, 2194 |
| Kaela Chambers, 5158 | Krista Hintz, 6246 | Maggie Melotte, 4012 | Amanda Saunders, 3242 |
| Leah Chapman, 6170 | Sarah Hipke, 6194 | Amanda Mengel, 7342 | Amber Sawyer, 4338 |
| Sara Cheek, 6167 | Elizabeth Hoch, 6170 | Desire Mercer, 3328 | Michaela Scalzo, 3242 |
| Kyla Chester, 3379 | Annie Hoeser, 6235 | Vanessa Merrill, 4491 | Braze Schendel, 6170 |
| Kelsey Chester, 3379 | Crystal Hoeser, 6235 | Emma Metz, 2605 | Alycia Schenk, 4282 |
| Danielle Chilson, 3517 | Jenna Hoffstatter, 3020 | Megan Metzler, 4010 | Erica Schiebel, 3117 |
| Lindsey Christianson, 3242 | Amber Hofman, 2259 | Kayla Mitchell, 4346 | Brianna Schneeberger, 4491 |
| Kelsey Christianson, 3242 | Kara Hooyman, 2326 | Jessica Missall, 2520 | Jenna Schober, 7113 |
| Kate Cichon, 2259 | Sara Hopperdierzel, 6056 | Alison Molitor, 5158 | Jordyn Seefeldt, 4417 |
| Lauren Clark, Juliette | Mikenzie Howarth, 4417 | Angela Moore, 2076 | Michelle Seiler, 6170 |
| Janice Conlon, 6170 | Emily Howdeshell, 7342 | McKenna Morrow, 4012 | Josie Semerad, 3270 |
| Kiana Copiskey, 4338 | Carla Hull, 7062 | Kassie Morzewski, 7113 | Chelsina Sessions, 3328 |
| Sarah Cowan, 7078 | Kylie Hunter, 2605 | Candice Napiwocki, 6069 | Terri Sessions, 3328 |
| Cassidy Crunkilton, 6330 | Beverly Isabel, 5354 | Elissa Neaves, 5022 | Annamaria Sevcik, 6330 |
| Kristy Dahl, 7090 | Alexis Jackson, 2076 | Micaela Nelson, 3328 | Livia Seymour, 7224 |
| Holly Derenne, 4346 | Josie Jakel, 7334 | Holly Nelson, 4574 | Cera Shelafoe, 5022 |
| Lauren Derfus, 6056 | Michaela Jensen, 4491 | Mackenzie Neuner, 7342 | Marissa Shultz, 7062 |
| Sarah Dietz, 3242 | Ashley Johnson, 6170 | Kayanna Neville, 7342 | Mary Siebert, 6330 |
| Tessa Dimity, 4574 | Lexis Joly, 4338 | Mercedes O'Brien, 3067 | Rachel Simonick, 6330 |
| Maison Dodge, 3517 | Tess Julien, 2605 | Rachel Ohde, 3379 | Samantha Sivertsen, 2194 |
| Madison Dollevoet, 2326 | Halie Kahr, 4010 | Makenna Olson, 3117 | Karly Skaletski, 4087 |

- Breanna Slusarek, 4010
 Hayley Small, 6069
 Samantha Smith, 5158
 Taylor Smith, 5158
 Aleesha Splinter, 6069
 Abigail Steffen, 4574
 Jacqueline Sporie, 4417
 Jamie Steiner, 7308
 Kayla Stemler, 6170
 Megan Stenstrom, 7342
 Alison Stephens, 4012
 Shelby Stewart, 3328
 Jasmyrn Stoik, 3379
 Rosalyn Stotmeister, 6056
 Kanielle Strassburg, 2605
 Alex Sturm, 2259
 Marissa Swanke, 6170
 Madeline Sweeney, 4010
 Danielle Szymanski, 3020
 Kayla Thielen, 4417
 Leah Thompson, 7090
 Cheyenne Thompson, 7113
 Karlyn Tiffany, 7308
 Hailey Tobin, 6235
 Elizabeth Tomashek, 4535
 Stephanie Towbridge, 6235
 Alexis Tremelling, 7113
 Molly Turner, 6010
 Brooke Tuszka, 6069
 Emily Van Handel, 2326
 Jadeysa VanBoxel, 4012
 Leah Vandertie, 4012
 Annah VanGheem, 4087
 Amber Vanidestine, 4010
 Kelsey Varnell, 2520
 Brienne Vasterling, 3074
 Taygen Viegut, 7334
 Julianna Voelker, 4574
 Hannah Voros, 6235
 Sophie Voss, 3333
 Katie Wagner, 4417
 Aleysa Wardall, 7342
 Sky Warner, 3242
 Victoria Warren, 6056
 Hannah Watzka, 4491
 Sara Weber, 2076
 Maya Weyenberg, 2520
 Alyssa Wilhelm, 6167
 Mikayla Wilson, 2605
 Caitlyn Wilson, 5158
 Alanna Wood, 3155
 Brianna Woyak, 6330
 McKenna Wucherpfening, 6056
 Ceceilia Wurz, 7090
 Devon Wylge, 4340
 Abby Yetter, 6010
 Erin Young, 4282
 Nicole Zador, 6167
 Samantha Zblewski, 6246
 Susannah Zblewski, 6069
 Jessie Zika, 3517
 Isabella Zimmer, 6330
 Elektra Zurakowski, 3155

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Girl Scouting's Highest Awards

Honoring our girl members who have earned the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards

The Girl Scout Silver Award

The Girl Scout Silver Award represents a girl's accomplishments in Girl Scouting and her community as she grows and works to improve her life and the lives of others.



Lauren Baker, 2174
Jennifer Bauer, 7197
Amanda Becher, 7135
Elizabeth Bennett, 4650
Megan Beuscher, 7197
Ariel Crego, 4268
Kathleen Cyr, 7260
Elizabeth DeSautel, 2174
Elizabeth Ebert, 2174
Delaney FitzPatrick, 7197
Cassie Flackey, 3207
Shasta Fleming, 3009
Mikala Geurink, 7146
Lauren Goulet, 2174
Christina Gutman, 3357
Margaret Hamilton, 4336
Stephanie Hilgart, 7197
BreShay Hill, 4230
Briana Hill, 4230
Morgan Hoef, 4650

Jennifer Hohol, 7260
Abbey Horsens, 4268
Elizabeth Kallas, 4230
Megan Kautz, 2174
Angelina Kirckof, 3009
Sara Kralweski, 3357
Brianna Lemirande, 4268
Maggie Leonardi, 2174
Katie Lipke, 3207
Jayden Mahon, 5268
Shari McCullick, 3009
Molly McLoone, 3009
Sydney Messerschmidt, 4650
Anna Miller, 4650
Riley Miller, 4230
Carissa Montgomery, 3357
Katelyn Neuberg, 7197
Dana Neufeld, 5268
Kyra Neufeld, 5268
Kayla Pawlak, 3116

Claire Peterson, 7129
Cheyenne Pooler, 3207
Alyson Reum, 4650
Katie Ricci, 3275
Allie Rittle, Juliette
Jennifer Rogalla, 3275
Nicole Rotter, 4268
Kimberly Schreiber, 2174
Megan Sitzberger, 2174
Sara Speier, 4650
Paige Sprague, 4650
Hannah Stewart, 4650
Danielle Timm, 4268
Clancy Tunstall, 5268
Marissa Westaby, 3009
Andrea Wians, 4268

***The first four requirements of the Girl Scout Silver Award help girls build skills, explore careers, gain leadership skills, and make a commitment to self-improvement.
Click [here](#) to learn more about the Girl Scout Silver Award.***

The Girl Scout Gold Award

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award that a Girl Scout 14-18 may earn. Someone once described the Girl Scout Gold Award as being "what you really want to be remembered for" in Girl Scouting.



Roberta Adams, 5213
Aubrey Atanasdoff, Juliette
Chelsea Barker, 2229
Emilie Benson, 6316
Jordan Binder, 6363
Amie Chaloupka, 4156
Miranda Czubakowski, 3289
Alyssa Freitag, 3210
Kelly Guden, 6333
Amy Henneman, 7130
Haley Holmberg, 5213
Kathryn Jenkins, 2476
Kaira Kamke, Juliette
Alicia Landreville, 5183
Samantha Lies, 5213
Laura Meinhardt, 7291
Tara Myers, 5152

Cheyenne Nunnery, 2127
Elisa Prebble, Juliette
Brittany Reddemann, 4156
Ashley Ritchie, 2229
Jennifer Schaefer, 2127
Erin Scherer, 2097
Leslie Schmidtke, 4279
Jessica Schuma, 6207
Danielle Selner, 4156
Emma Staudenmaier, 2097
Autumn Suttner, 2127
Jamie Szymanski, 3289
Alison Weiler, 3289
Maryssa Whitmann, 3210
Kathleen Wolfgram, 6280
Courtney Wright, 2127

***For many, the leadership skills, organizational skills, and sense of community and commitment that come from "going for the Gold" set the foundation for a lifetime of active citizenship.
Click [here](#) to learn more about the Girl Scout Gold Award.***