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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 | |

Please note: active hyperlinks are indicated by underlined text



GSNWGL Product Sales Programs

Remaining Cookie Sale Program Dates:

All Service Areas

May 10

All Uncollected Funds Forms due to GSNWGL Product Program Department

Late May

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. This year’s mascot is an adorable monkey! *(see the [full-graphics version of this issue of Connect](#) for a sneak peek at pictures of the mascot, logo and more!)*

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.

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% of 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, fill out 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!

Adult Development

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 Billbrey. Hilary shared her own personal experiences developing authentic leadership, and using these qualities to make a difference in the world.

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.

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

See the [full-graphics version of this issue of Connect](#) for a few photos from the conference!

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.

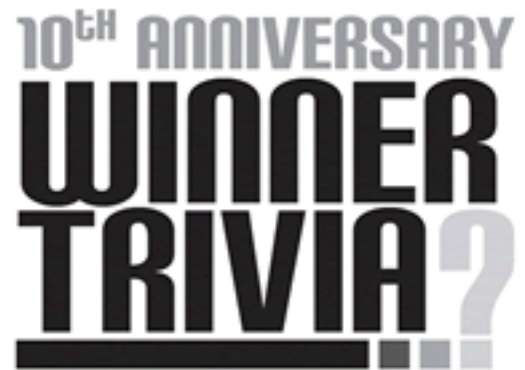
The Winner Trivia Contest is easy and fun! Gather a team of four - any adult can play! You can sponsor yourselves, or have your business sponsor you! Challenges between co-workers, media, paper and medical companies are encouraged. Try to outdo each other by answering the most questions correctly. The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



Live forever in the hearts and dreams of area Girl Scouts by including them in your estate planning. Contact us for details!

Council Shop

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

Happy 2nd Birthday, GSNWGL!

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.

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 Wisconsin'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

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 Hopperdietzel, 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

[Click here to learn more about the Girl Scout Bronze Award.](#)

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 Hohol, 7260	
Jennifer Bauer, 7197	Abbey Horsens, 4268	
Amanda Becher, 7135	Elizabeth Kallas, 4230	
Elizabeth Bennett, 4650	Megan Kautz, 2174	
Megan Beuscher, 7197	Angelina Kirckof, 3009	Claire Peterson, 7129
Ariel Crego, 4268	Sara Kralweski, 3357	Cheyenne Pooler, 3207
Kathleen Cyr, 7260	Brianna Lemirande, 4268	Alyson Reum, 4650
Elizabeth DeSautel, 2174	Maggie Leonardi, 2174	Katie Ricci, 3275
Elizabeth Ebert, 2174	Katie Lipke, 3207	Allie Rittle, Juliette
Delaney FitzPatrick, 7197	Jayden Mahon, 5268	Jennifer Rogalla, 3275
Cassie Flackey, 3207	Shari McCullick, 3009	Nicole Rotter, 4268
Shasta Fleming, 3009	Molly McLoone, 3009	Kimberly Schreiber, 2174
Mikala Geurink, 7146	Sydney Messerschmidt, 4650	Megan Sitzberger, 2174
Lauren Goulet, 2174	Anna Miller, 4650	Sara Speier, 4650
Christina Gutman, 3357	Riley Miller, 4230	Paige Sprague, 4650
Margaret Hamilton, 4336	Carissa Montgomery, 3357	Hannah Stewart, 4650
Stephanie Hilgart, 7197	Katelyn Neuberg, 7197	Danielle Timm, 4268
BreShay Hill, 4230	Dana Neufeld, 5268	Clancy Tunstall, 5268
Briana Hill, 4230	Kyra Neufeld, 5268	Marissa Westaby, 3009
Morgan Hoef, 4650	Kayla Pawlak, 3116	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	Cheyenne Nunnery, 2127
Aubrey Atanasdoff, Juliette	Elisa Prebble, Juliette
Chelsea Barker, 2229	Brittany Reddemann, 4156
Emilie Benson, 6316	Ashley Ritchie, 2229
Jordan Binder, 6363	Jennifer Schaefer, 2127
Amie Chaloupka, 4156	Erin Scherer, 2097
Miranda Czubakowski, 3289	Leslie Schmidtke, 4279
Alyssa Freitag, 3210	Jessica Schuma, 6207
Kelly Guden, 6333	Danielle Selner, 4156
Amy Henneman, 7130	Emma Staudenmaier, 2097
Haley Holmberg, 5213	Autumn Suttner, 2127
Kathryn Jenkins, 2476	Jamie Szymanski, 3289
Kaira Kamke, Juliette	Alison Weiler, 3289
Alicia Landreville, 5183	Maryssa Whitmann, 3210
Samantha Lies, 5213	Kathleen Wolfgram, 6280
Laura Meinhardt, 7291	Courtney Wright, 2127
Tara Myers, 5152	

*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.*