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 888.747.6945

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



Check out what Chloe's been up to! See the last page for the latest *Chloe's Corner*.

Thank You for Making a Difference!

Dove, a brand of the Unilever Group, is launching a new campaign to continue communicating the importance of building positive self-esteem in girls. The purpose of the campaign, entitled, "Thank You for Making a Difference," is to show the positive effects self-esteem programs have on girls, and to thank consumers for making a difference. Dove is partnering in the campaign with charitable organizations who have programs designed to build and support girls' self-esteem, including Girl Scouts of the USA.

Girl Scouts of the USA and the *uniquelyME!* program will be featured on Dove's website - www.dove.com - and Dove will celebrate individuals who are getting involved and making a difference for girls.

Dove is running a special promotion in which anyone who buys Dove products can have \$1 from their purchase donated to one of the three partner organizations.

To participate, consumers who buy Dove products can go to www.dove.com, indicate the Dove product purchased via UPC code, and select the charity to receive the donation. All donations directed to GSUSA will go toward funding additional *uniquelyME!* programs at the council level. Consumers have until December 15, 2009 to donate to the charity of their choice.

Learn more about the *uniquelyME!* program by visiting www.girlscouts.org/uniquelyme.

On Your Mark, Get Set, GO!

Amazin' Race! Saturday, November 14, 2009

The race is on! Teams will compete in the Amazin' Race to solve clues, find different places and perform fun tasks at each location. Will you make something, collect something or showcase a skill? See if you can make it to the pit stop, while being aware of surprises along the way such as: detours, speed bumps and roadblocks! Do you have what it takes? Girls will be divided by age, and the older the girls the tougher the clues and tasks.

See page 11 for locations.

Please note: active hyperlinks are indicated by underlined text



GSNWGL Product Programs

2009 Girl Scout Fall Product Program Wrap Up

Remaining Fall Product Program Dates

November 17 – 30	Girls deliver nuts/chocolates to customers
Late November/Early December	Girls receive recognitions
January 30, 2009	Deadline to report any Fall Product Program recognition discrepancies.

Please ensure timely delivery of the nuts/chocolates to customers and recognitions to girls!

We thank each of our Fall Product Program Volunteers for giving their time to assist with the 2009 Fall Product Program! Without you, the program would not have been possible!

2010 Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program: A better world... Inspired by U.

This Cookie Season, Girl Scouts across the country will be inspiring change!

- Girls will **discover** what matters most to them.
- They will **connect** with people in their communities.
- And they will use the power of Girl Scout Cookies to **take action** in their own neighborhoods and far beyond!

2010 Licensed Cookie Baker

GSNWGL will again be using Little Brownie Bakers as the licensed baker for our 2010 Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program. If you are new to Girl Scouting or the Cookie Sale Program, we recommend visiting the Little Brownie Bakers website at www.littlebrowniebakers.com to view tips, games and activities!

For every grade level, Little Brownie Bakers offers a specially designed Cookie Activity Kit for volunteers. Award-winning youth educators and communication experts created the kits with input from some of the nation's most successful Girl Scout volunteers.

Packed with fun and inspiring activities that build essential skills, the kits are based on the latest GSUSA leadership research and are developmentally appropriate for each grade level. These materials bring GSUSA's Leadership Experience to life!

Cookie Activity Kit booklets were handed out at September and October Service Area Meetings by your Membership Managers. If you did not receive a copy, please check with your Membership Manager or download the appropriate grade-level kit [here!](#)

GSNWGL Product Programs

New for 2010 – Individual Recognitions and Troop Profit

NEW FOR 2010! We love your input, and we listened! After reviewing the 2009 Cookie Sale Program survey responses, speaking with SACMs, and brainstorming ideas with the Volunteer Kitchen Cabinet, the following improvements have been made:

1. Troops will earn the profit amount determined by their Per Girl Selling Average (PGSA) on ALL cookies sold – both initial orders and secondary orders (e.g. cookies picked up from Cookie Cupboards)!
2. Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors can receive a “cash option” in place of their recognitions! The Girl Scout Cadette, Senior or Ambassador troop as a whole will need to agree that their troop will NOT receive individual recognitions or Cookie Dough during the 2010 Cookie Sale Program, but will instead receive an additional \$0.10 per box profit based on the PGSA (see above)! Troops will still receive all earned patches.

2010 Individual Recognitions

Check out the individual recognitions you could earn this Cookie season!

NEW this year, girls will be able to earn individual recognitions on cookies sold during both initial orders and secondary orders (e.g. cookies picked up from Cookie Cupboards)!

Volunteers also benefit from this new arrangement because they will not have to maintain duplicate troops or enter information twice on eBudde. Hopefully, this makes tracking payments and additional cookies much simpler for TCMs, SACMs and the Council!

Click [here](#) for Juliette recognitions and profit.

2010 Troop Profit

Tiered Troop Profit Levels are back!

Per Girl Selling Average*	Troop Profit**
Equal to or less than 149 boxes	\$ 0.50 per box
Equal to or greater than 150 boxes but less than or equal to 199 boxes	\$ 0.60 per box
Equal to or greater than 200 boxes	\$ 0.65 per box

*Per Girl Selling Average (PGSA) is calculated by taking the total number of boxes sold during the entire 2010 Cookie Sale Program divided by the total number of girls selling.

**Troops who reached a per girl selling average of \$165 during the 2009 Fall Product Program will receive an additional \$0.03 a box in troop profit. This will automatically be calculated in eBudde.

Cookie Sale Dates

December 2009	Service Area Cookie Managers (SACM) train for Cookie Sale Program
December 2009 – January 2010	Troop Cookie Managers (TCM) train for Cookie Sale Program
January 22, 2010	Girls begin taking cookie orders
February 7, 2010	Girls stop taking cookie orders
March 3 – 21, 2010	Girls deliver cookies
March 26, 2010	Troop payment for Initial Cookie Sales due to SACM
March 12 – April 11, 2010	Cookie Booths held Council-wide
April 12, 2010	Final recognition order entered into e-Budde and troop payment for Cookie Booth Sales due to SACM
May 2010	Girls receive recognitions earned during Cookie Sale
June 30, 2010	Deadline to report any Cookie Sale Program recognition and Cookie Dough discrepancies.

Updates & Reminders from the Membership Department

Membership Update

As of October 30, there are 9,846 girls registered at GSNWGL.

The Council goal is 19,022 girls.

We are 51% of the way there!

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

October Service Area Leader Meeting Recap

- We learned about how we can increase the amount of the allocation our Service Area gets in November in order to have more money to do Service Area activities!
- We heard about the 2008-2009 Super Service Areas.
- We tracked our progress on the Fall Product Program.
- We learned about upcoming Council programs in our areas!

It's Not Too Late To Register!

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

Tell your friends and neighbors! As the world's largest organization for girls, Girl Scouts is a catalyst for positive change in girls' lives. Through engaging service projects and unique troop experiences, girls first Discover their own interests, talents and values; then learn to empathize and Connect with others of diverse backgrounds; and finally Take Action to make their world a better place. This three-step process is research-based, and optimal for girls to feel empowered as leaders of their own lives.

Super Service Areas

For the 2008-2009 troop year, four Service Areas reached both their girl membership and Family Partnership goals. These Service Areas were recognized at October Service Area Service Area Meetings with Super Service Area Awards.

The 2008-2009 Super Service Areas are:

- Antigo
- Northern Lakes
- Northwoods
- Red Cedar

For the 2009-2010 troop year, Service Areas can earn the Super Service Area Award and additionally one Service Area will be further honored with the Trefoil Award. Certificates will be presented to all Service Areas who earn the Super Service Area Award. A special Trefoil Award certificate will also be presented to the Service Area chosen for the Trefoil Award. This Service Area will also be presented with the Trefoil Award flag. A traveling award, this flag can be used at Service Area events, parades, flag ceremonies, etc. by troops in the Service Area. Only the Service Area who currently holds the distinction of the Trefoil Award can use this flag. After one year, the flag will be passed to the next Service Area that earns the Trefoil Award.

Updates & Reminders from the Membership Department

Tips for New Leaders: *Are you are encouraging a "By Girls, For Girls" approach in your troop?*

Here's how you can tell:

1. You know that every girl's opinion counts, and you actively encourage them to speak up and share their ideas.
2. You show respect for what girls say and value their opinions regardless of their age. You recognize that even Girl Scout Daisies can begin to develop their leadership skills by sharing, voting and choosing.
3. You actively encourage girls to follow the Girl Scout Law, which includes the statement: "be a sister to every Girl Scout." You remind them how much they learn from each other.
4. The girls suggest how they want to spend their time in Girl Scouting and where they want to take trips, and your response is something along the lines of "How can we make that happen?" or "How can I help?"
5. Girls are not afraid to disagree with your suggestions, but they are also open to your ideas.
6. Your first reaction to an outrageous suggestion, such as a year off from school to cruise around the world, is not "That's impossible!" but rather "Why are you interested in doing that?" as an attempt to figure out what's behind the statement. Probing the suggestion could lead to another idea that might be a little more realistic.
7. If you're not comfortable with an activity suggested by girls – maybe you'd rather not go snow-tubing – you help them find an adult who can make their ideas a reality – as long as those ideas are okay, according to *Safety-Wise*.
8. You help them evaluate the value of their experiences: What did you learn? What was the best part of this day? How did this experience affect you? What might you do differently the next time?
9. You share your ideas with the girls in your group, but you don't expect or need them to jump up and down with great excitement each time they hear one of them.
10. Girls are clearly comfortable saying what they like and don't like about your ideas when you offer them as possibilities rather than as "must-do's."
11. Girls know they can come to you for help whenever they decide they need it.
12. You are always ready to offer support and encouragement.

"When I was younger, I always relied on my troop leader and my mom to tell me when my meetings were and what I had to do on my projects. But because my troop leader encouraged us to do our own planning and make our own decisions, now I can figure out what I need to do to achieve my own goals, and not just in Girl Scouting."

~Paola Capella, 17

Updates & Reminders from the Membership Department

Troop Activity Idea: Complete a Community Service Project with Your Troop!

What better way to give thanks in your community this November than to take action and do a community service project!

Seven Steps to a Successful Community Service Project

1. Identify a problem. Have the girls identify issues or needs of the community, problems observed or experienced first-hand or learned about from media or bulletins in places of worship. Ask girls to select one in which they have a genuine interest and narrow it to a scope and size they can handle.
2. Look at possible solutions. What can girls do to help? What other community groups might be able to participate? What resources or skills do the girls have that might make a difference? How much time are they willing to spend? Identify a target population and the number of girls available to serve. Evaluate practical aspects like transportation, safety, equipment, budgets, etc.
3. Make a commitment. Community service should be ongoing, not isolated. One time projects are not as effective as continued opportunities to serve. All projects need not be large or time-consuming but rather provide a series of experiences that help girls become responsible citizens.
4. Reflect on the impact of service. Giving service can change the way we look at our own lives. Service can influence career plans and promote new attitudes. Beyond evaluation, reflection allows girls to consider what the experience has meant personally.
5. Be safe. Refer to *Safety-Wise* for health and safety guidelines for all Girl Scout activities. Each troop is given a copy of this book in their initial troop packet. Check with your Service Team or Membership Manager if you need a copy of *Safety-Wise*.
6. Don't forget! Girl Scout service projects cannot raise funds for another organization, endorse commercial projects or services, or include work or support for a political campaign.
7. Tell us about your service project. If you participate in a service project of any kind, please let us know about it! Your project and photos may appear on our website or other promotional material (with permission), and will inspire others. Email your Membership Manager to let her know about the great things you and your troop are doing!

Click [here](#) for more tips for successful community service projects. And click [here](#) to find about the community service projects currently sponsored by Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes.

Council Shop News

Holiday Open House

(Hours vary by location; see below for details)

Join us on Saturday, December 5 for a holiday open house. Shop without crowds and support our Council programs for girls. There are many new items in all price ranges plus some old favorites. A sample of holiday merchandise:

- Holiday-themed embroidered pins: \$1.25
- Holiday-themed pencil and pens: \$0.50 to \$2
- Collectable glass, tin and pewter ornaments: \$10 - \$30
- "Daisies Have Attitude" and "Brownies Can Do Anything" T-shirts for the plush GS Daisy Dog and Patches Bear
- For a very special Girl Scout, the GS freshwater pearls for \$65.

The shops also have a great assortment of GS merchandise as well as new Council T-shirts, sweatshirts and more. All in stock patches will be 20% off during the Open House. Special orders are not included. We have lots of new holiday themed patches to choose from.

Holiday Open House Hours

Appleton: 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.	Marquette: tbd
Eau Claire: tbd	Schofield: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Green Bay: tbd	Wisconsin Rapids: tbd

Fun Patch Catalog

The new 2009-2010 Fun Patch catalogs are in; visit your local Council Shop to receive a copy. Please place orders at least two weeks in advance.

G-Scoutmate

This recordkeeping software for Girl Scout troops and Service Area retails for \$29.99 and is a great tool for busy volunteers.

My Journey through Girl Scouts

My Journey through Girl Scouts is a software program for individual Girl Scouts. The program makes tracking all activities fun and easy. \$14.95.

Badge Magic

Hate to sew patches on vests and sashes? Badge Magic is the answer that makes attaching awards and patches quick and easy! Badge Magic is available in cut to fit sheets as well as sheets for grade level insignia and awards. Prices range from \$4.99 - \$6.99.

Think Spring!

It's never too early to start planning for your spring award ceremonies! While all Council Shops try to keep official insignia, awards and uniform pieces in stock at all times, there are times when we can be out of a particular item that you need. Please place orders at least two weeks in advance so that the items can be ordered for you, and call ahead if you will need large quantities of any item. Call us with your order ahead of time and we'll make every effort to have all you items ready for you when you arrive at the Shop!

Closings for all Council Shops and Properties:

Thursday, November 5

Thursday, November 26
(Happy Thanksgiving!)

Friday, November 27

Special Shop Hours:

Appleton Council Shop only:

Saturday, November 7:

10 a.m. – Noon

Thursday, November 19:

8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Holiday Open House:

Saturday, December 5:

8:30 a.m. – Noon

Schofield Council Shop only:

Holiday Open House:

Saturday, December 5:

10 a.m. – Noon

New Marquette Service Center and Shop hours:

12:30 - 5 p.m.

We are managing our staff resources while maintaining customer service in the Marquette Service Center.

From 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the phones will be automated for you to access staff using their extensions. The Shop and Service Center will be open 12:30 - 5 p.m.

Fleece Vests are Here!

We have a new fleece vest with a Girl Scout emblem in navy and red. At \$19.99, these are a great value. This was a one-time offering so there is limited quantity. Shop early for the best selection in color and size; these are ladies fit and come in sizes XS – 3X.

Fund Development News

Take Action Annual Giving Campaign

82% of GSNWGL Girl Scouts feel that girls their age CAN make the world a better place!

- 2009 Program Evaluation

The culture of the United States has changed dramatically since Girl Scouting began in 1912. In the 21st century, girls in Wisconsin and Michigan face extraordinary challenges, including illiteracy, bullying, online predators, obesity, drugs, homelessness and poverty. This is why we need your help.

The Council's Board of Directors and staff kicked off Take Action Annual Giving campaign efforts with pacesetter gifts in October. In mid-November we will send letters to individuals, businesses and service clubs to ask for their support. We work diligently to raise funds necessary to make Girl Scouting available to every girl. In this challenging environment, the mission of Girl Scouts is more critical than ever.

Individual Gifts: Regular annual gifts from individuals are an essential element in funding Girl Scouting. All contributions are tax deductible and will be acknowledged.

Matching Gifts: Your employer may offer a program to match contributions to not-for-profit organizations. This initiative provides direct support to community organizations in which employees and their families are involved. Check with your personnel department for details. Please contact us if you have any questions or if tax-exempt status documentation is required.

Please consider helping us extend Girl Scouting to girls in your area by participating in the Take Action Campaign! Contact the Fund Development Department for more information, development@gsnwgl.org.

Save the Date

Celebrate Girl Scouting Event

When: Saturday, March 6, 2010

Where: Wausau Country Club

Time: Appetizers 6 p.m., Dinner 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$60/person

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

Girl Scouts are on the Highway to Health!

Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes has partnered with Wausau Aspirus hospital to educate girls about their own heart health.

Stettin area Girl Scout Junior Troop 7338 participated in the "Highway to Health" Badge Program at Aspirus Hospital on September 28, 2009. The Girl Scouts learned about healthy snacks, viewed an enlarged heart model to understand its functions, visited the heart catheterization lab, and enjoyed exercising in the cardiac rehabilitation area.

Adult Development News

GSNWGL's 2010 Council-Wide Leadership Conference

Saturday, March 20, 2010

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Jefferson Street Inn, Wausau WI

Join in the fun with Adult Volunteers and Girl Scout Cadettes - Ambassadors from throughout our Council, for opportunities to learn, share and celebrate!

Participants may select up to six interactive breakout sessions on topics such as Troop Leadership, Science/Technology, Social Issues, Careers, the Arts, and more! Activities will celebrate WAGGGS 100th Anniversary, Global Involvement and the new GSLE Take Action emphasis.

Cost for this event is \$25 per person, and includes lunch. Rooms will be available at the beautiful Jefferson Street Inn (<http://www.jeffersonstreetinn.com/>) for a special rate of \$89 per night (4 people per room, maximum). Accommodations will also be available at Camp Del O' Claire's Alexander Lodge for \$5 per night per person (maximum 24 people). Complete registration materials will be available Monday, January 4, 2010. In conjunction with this event, social activities will be hosted at the Jefferson Street Inn on the evening of Friday, March 19, 2010, and an Outdoor Education training will be offered at Camp Del O' Claire on March 21, 2010.

We are still looking for session ideas, facilitators and volunteers for the planning committee. If you are interested, please contact the Adult Development Department at 888.747.6945, ext. 3341.

Do you know a Volunteer Whose Courage, Confidence and Character Truly Inspire Others?

*It is never too early to nominate them for GSNWGL's
2010 Volunteer Recognition Process!*

Show them how much their gifts of time and talent mean by nominating them for a Council award. Nominations and all supporting documents are due February 15, 2010, but nomination materials may be turned in at any time during the year. Award Categories include Outstanding Volunteer, Outstanding Leader, and more! Complete information on specific awards, criteria and nomination procedures may be found in Section C of [The Source](#), or by visiting the [Adult Recognition section](#) of our website.

Looking For New Resources For Your Leader Tool Kit?

The new [Grade Level Leader Resource Guides](#) and [Volunteer Essentials Learning Module](#) are now available. Each Leader Resource Guide contains helpful tips, activity ideas, and sample meeting agendas specifically designed for each grade level. *Volunteer Essentials* is a comprehensive guidebook for all Girl Scout volunteers. If you have limited Internet access, and would like to review these resources, please ask your Membership Manager for a paper copy.

Reminder: Volunteer Application Updating Process for Wisconsin Rapids and Marquette Legacy Council Volunteers Underway

The Adult Development Department is still in process of updating Legacy Council Volunteer files and background checks. If you began volunteering prior to July 1, 2008, and are served out of the Marquette, Michigan, Service Center or the Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, Service Center, and have not yet completed the application process, please do so. (Volunteers served by other Service Centers will be notified at a later date.) The application may be found [here](#).

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the Adult Development Department.

Program Department Updates

Amazin' Race

Date/Time: Saturday, November 14, 1 – 4 p.m.;
Gogebic location 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Locations:

Camp Birch Trails, Irma WI
Camp Sacajawea, Wisconsin Rapids WI
Camp Nawakwa, Cornell WI
Camp Winnecomac, Kaukauna WI
Camp Ishnala, Crivitz WI
Camp Pow Low, Gwinn MI
Gogebic Community College, Ironwood MI
(9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Grade Levels: K-12 **Cost:** \$10/girl

The race is on! Teams will compete in the Amazin' Race to solve clues, find different places, and perform fun tasks at each location. Will you make something, collect something, or showcase a skill? See if you can make it to the pit stop, while being aware of surprises along the way such as: detours, speed bumps, and roadblocks! Do you have what it takes? Girls will be divided by age and the older the girls the tougher the clues and tasks.

Spectacular Science!

Date/Time: Saturday, November 7,
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Location: St. Norbert College, De Pere WI

Grade Levels: K-12 **Cost:** \$10/girl

Calling all mad scientists! We need your brain power in the lab. We'll be doing a little mixology, a bit of designology, and a lot of grossology! Here's your chance to get down and dirty all in the name of science. At Spectacular Science, you'll watch your ideas take flight - literally!

Winter Wonders

Date/Time: Saturday, December 19,
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Location: Camp Ishnala, Crivitz WI

Grade Levels: K-12 **Cost:** \$10/participant

Come see Camp Ishnala covered in snow! Spend the day cross-country skiing, sledding, hiking and other fun winter camp activities. Ski equipment, hot cocoa and lunch will be provided.

Free 2 Be Me ****DATE CHANGE****

Date/Time: Saturday, January 16, 2010,
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Location: YWCA Green Bay WI

Grades: K-12 **Cost:** \$8/girl

What do you like to do? See what you like by trying different activities like belly dancing, Tae-Kwon-Do, yoga and more. You'll get moving and discover fun new ways to keep your body healthy and fit.

Girl Scouts Forever Green

Attention Troop Leaders! Are you looking for a way your troop can help the environment? Do you want to get your school involved in making the world a better place? Check out the brand new Girl Scouts Forever Green project. Any troop is eligible to participate and complete a project. Troops are encouraged to work with their schools and focus on air quality, green space, waste management, and energy and water quality. The sky is the limit when it comes to helping your school go green! Download the information packet [here](#).

Questions? Contact Danielle at
dpolzin@gsnwgl.org

Program Department Updates

Portable Programs

It's that time of year again! The leaves are changing color, the air is cooler, and Portable Programs are flying out of our offices and into your troop meetings. All of the fun, educational kits from last year are still available for check out, and beginning November 9, 2009, we'll have our brand new kits available for check out. Here's a brief look at the new kits!

Coming December 2009:

On the Road to Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold

One is bronze, one is silver, and the other is gold! Is your troop ready to go for the three highest recognitions a Girl Scout can achieve? If the answer is yes, then your first step is to check out one of these training kits. This kit includes everything you need to get on the right track for an organized award-earning experience, including a detailed PowerPoint presentation outlining requirements, copies of essential books, and even tips on ceremonies for when everything's done!

For: GS Juniors, GS Cadettes, GS Seniors,
GS Ambassadors **Fee:** None

GirlSports on the Go!

Swing, kick, run and jump! Get your troop moving with this *GirlSports* kit. The colorful and detailed leader guide will help you teach your troop the basics, which include throwing, catching, kicking, volleying, striking, batting, dribbling, and passing. The program also provides a few basic locomotor and agility activities so your girls can easily pick up the skills. The kit includes a variety of things you'll need such as cones, balls, chalk to mark circles or lines, balloons, paddles, and more! After completing the activities in this kit, you girls will be the queens of the court!

For: GS Daisies, GS Brownies **Fee:** \$10

A Penny Saved

Grab your piggy banks because this program is all about money! Teach your troop about the importance of being financially literate. You'll learn about saving, smart spending, and how to count money and give change. Sound like a lot of money talk? Well, you'll love the simple activities, fun games, and realistic money manipulatives that make financial literacy a breeze! We've even included instructions to make your own piggy bank so you can start saving today!

For: GS Daisies, GS Brownies, GS Juniors **Fee:** \$5

Reserve your Portable Program today!

Click [here](#) to download the
Portable Program Reservation Form.

Historic Uniforms

Try them on for size! This kit comes with historic uniform components as well as accessories and guides to help you identify the uniforms. Work together as a troop to guess from which era the provided uniforms are from and why Girl Scouts even have uniforms. Choose to use the uniforms to put on a fashion show to give others a walking history of Girl Scouts! If your troop likes fashion, design, and history, this kit is for you!

For: All grade levels **Fee:** \$5

Peacemakers

Learn how to handle dicey troop situations like bullying, conflicts, and fighting in your troop. In this kit, girls will learn how to handle people who are aggressive, assertive, and submissive and how they can work through disagreements using various problem solving activities. Discuss characteristics of bullying and what can be done to stop someone displaying bullying behaviors. Girls will discuss the qualities of a peaceful community in a take action service project! This kit is perfect for troops who need a little help getting the conversation started and getting girls on the right path to healthy relationships.

For: GS Juniors, GS Cadettes, GS Seniors,
GS Ambassadors **Fee:** \$5

Program Department Updates

Girl Scout *destinations*: Your Passport to Travel

Did you miss the November 2, 2009 deadline for *destinations*?

Don't worry!! There is a "late" application date. Girls ages 11–17 can still apply for a *destination*.

Just log on to www.studio2b.org/destinations to pick your *destination* and mail all applications by February 1, 2010 to

Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes

Attention: *destinations*

3511 Camp Phillips Rd, Schofield, WI 54476

Want to know more about *destinations*?

View a *destinations* slideshow [here](#), visit the *destinations* website [here](#), or contact Michelle Carr at mcarr@gsnwgl.org.

Girl University (GU) *Save the date!!*

GU is a two-day leadership conference for girls in grades 7-12. The event will be held at the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point June 19 - 20, 2010. Watch the [website](#) for more details on this special event just for Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors.

Leader-In-Training (LIT)

Did you miss out on the LIT training dates in October?

Don't worry! We will be offering LIT training at the Leadership Conference on March 20, 2010. We also have a take home packet for you to do the training at home.

For more information, contact Michelle Carr: mcarr@gsnwgl.org or ext. 4517.

Congratulations to Kathleen Wolfgram on completing her Girl Scout Gold Award project!

Katie wanted to increase environmental awareness among students at the elementary-school level. She designed a program for grades 3-5 that introduces students to skills they can use to help their planet. For each program she created a lesson plan that includes a combination of information about a particular subject, followed by a hands-on project to keep the kids engaged. Way to go, Katie! We are very proud of your hard work and dedication.

Girl Scout Bronze Award

The Girl Scout Bronze Award is a leadership adventure and the highest honor a Girl Scout Junior can achieve. As you and your team plan and complete your project, you'll develop more confidence, meet new people, and have the kind of fun that happens when you work with other Girl Scouts to make a difference. Download the [Girl Scout Bronze Award Guidelines](#) to find out how. You can choose to use either the summer 2009 Girl Scout Bronze Award guidelines or the previous guidelines to earn your award during the two-year transition period (summer 2009 through September 2011). Click [here](#) for more information about the Girl Scout Bronze Award.

Girl Scout Silver Award

Have you ever looked around your neighborhood or school and wondered how you could make a change for the better? Going for the Girl Scout Silver Award – the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn – gives you the chance to show that you are a leader who is organized, determined, and dedicated to improving your community. [Download the Girl Scout Silver Award Guidelines](#) to find out how. You can choose to use either the summer 2009 Girl Scout Silver Award guidelines or the previous guidelines to earn your award during the two-year transition period (summer 2009 through September 2011). Click [here](#) for more information about the Girl Scout Silver Award.

Girl Scout Gold Award

As part of a movement of 10 million girls worldwide, you are in an exceptional position to take action in your community to make the world a better place. By earning the Girl Scout Gold Award - the highest award a Girl Scout Senior or Girl Scout Ambassador can earn - you will be joining the ranks of generations of young women who have made a difference in their communities both locally and globally. There are new Girl Scout Gold Award Requirements, and these must be used by girls who will be submitting a Girl Scout Gold Award Proposal after September 30, 2011. There will be a two-year transition to the new requirements. Click [here](#) to learn more about the Girl Scout Gold Award.

Property Updates

First Aid and CPR Requirements

When planning your event or meeting at any of our properties, please keep in mind that you may need a person who is certified in First Aid and CPR. Currently, these are the types of events/activities that require someone certified in First Aid and CPR:

1. Overnights at any of our properties
2. A day event/activity with over 200 participants
3. Any physical or high-risk activities as required by *Safety-Wise*

Do I need to have Child and Adult CPR? If you have girls attending your event that are under the age of 8 years old, you are also required to have a certification in Child CPR in addition to the Adult CPR certification.

Does the First Aider and certified CPR person have to be the same person? No, the First Aider and CPR person does not have to be the same volunteer/individual. You can have two different certified people – one for CPR and one for First Aid. This comes in handy especially if someone's CPR certification just expired but they are still current in First Aid.

What if I have a leader who is a nurse? According to *Safety-Wise*, a physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, paramedic, military medic, or emergency medical technician may also serve as your person qualified for First Aid/CPR. They are still required to provide a copy of a current license or certification.

How do I get certified? Check the [Council training calendar](#) to see if there is anything being offered through the Council. You can also contact your local American Red Cross, American Heart Association, National Safety Council, or even a nearby community college or university to see if they have any upcoming courses. This also gives you an opportunity to "shop around" and find the best rate available!

"We spent the time working on some Try-Its. The Chalet is the perfect place to work on *Make It, Eat It* and other 'together' type of projects in a warm and comfortable environment. They (the girls) learned to work together and be responsible for their actions (such as cleaning-up after themselves). Thank you for letting us/giving us the opportunity to enjoy this awesome site."

-Melissa Holman, Troop 3104,
who rented the Chalet at
Camp Nawakwa.

Cancellation Policy

When reserving a council facility, please keep in mind that we do have a cancellation policy in place. This policy requires a 30 day notification for a full refund of deposit and rental fee. If the notification is less than 30 days, the rental fee will be refunded; however, a processing fee of ½ of the security deposit will be kept. For more information, please see page 117 of *The Source*.

We suggest that groups plan an event (4) or more weeks in advance to ensure that enough people sign up and the reservation does not have to be cancelled for lack of interest.

Successful planning takes time. Make sure that you are allowing sufficient time to plan your activities/events to allow for a fun, successful event where people want to come back again and again!

Property Updates

Facilities Resting Reminder

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

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- Camp Birch Trails - Graebel Lodge: December 7, 2009 - February 19, 2010
 - Camp Cuesta - Troop House: December 12, 2009 - April 1, 2010
 - Camp Ishnala - Troop House: December 20, 2009 - April 1, 2010
 - Camp Sacajawea - Baptiste: November 16, 2009 - April 1, 2010
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This just in! The Chalet at Camp Nawakwa has been removed from this list! Our Property team has come up with an alternative way to save money while still keeping this building open as an option for troops/groups.

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

If you have any questions, please contact the Property Dept: property@gsnwgl.org or extension 3349.

Preparing for Your Overnight Camping Trip

When preparing for you overnight at our facilities, here are a few helpful tips to make the reservation process go smoothly:

1. Call for availability, but keep in mind reservations are accepted first come, first serve.
2. Verify that you have an adult/leader that is attending the overnight that is or will be CPR and First Aid certified.
3. If you are planning on building a fire, cooking outdoors, etc., verify that you have a leader who has taken or will be trained in Outdoor Education training or an equivalent legacy council outdoor training.
4. If you are doing any water activities, verify that you have an adult who is Lifeguard certified. If your activities involve canoeing, kayaking, or boating, you will also need an adult who is small watercraft certified or equivalent.

5. Send in paperwork with your \$50 security deposit. Once this is received you will be added to the calendar.
6. If the date you are reserving is less than one month away, all items should be sent in with the paperwork.

If there are any missing items, you will be notified right away. A confirmation packet will not be sent to you until all items have been turned in. Lastly, please take the time to read through your confirmation packet. This contains the information that you need in order to have a successful event including an equipment inventory, site specific information, and any last minute information that you need to know. Maps are always available upon request.

We hope that with these tips and the information you are given, you and your troop will keep coming back for more great experiences at any or all of our properties!

Closings for Deer Hunting

For the safety of the girls and our volunteers, our camps are closed during the main deer gun hunting season. Camp Winnecomac is the only camp that is not affected by these closings as it is within city limits. In Wisconsin, the regular season runs November 21 – 29, and in Michigan, the season runs from November 15 – 30. In addition to the regular season closings in November, the state of Wisconsin also has additional gun hunts for deer. In addition to the regular hunting season, the following camps will be closed for an additional gun hunting season December 10 - 13: Birch Trails, Cuesta, Del O'Claire, Ishnala, Nawakwa, and Sacajawea.

Water Updates

- Camp Pow-Low's water hydrant has been replaced! There will be water available in the lodge throughout the winter.
 - The hand pump by the tent cabins at Camp Ishnala is still shut down for our safety. The water had not passed the annual test required by the state. Wells of this type are particularly troublesome and this situation is common. Until the water tests come back satisfactory, the pump will remain closed and we will continue to supply troops/groups with five gallon containers of water.
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Sharing Our Success

Girl Scout Junior Troop 2220 Visits Camp Cuesta August 12– 14, 2009

We met on Wednesday at 10 a.m., loaded up the bikes and gear, and headed out. Our first stop was the Canal Lighthouse in Sturgeon Bay. We walked out to the North Pier to admire the view, which the girls thought was fabulous. Next, we drove over to the Cave Point County Park for a picnic lunch and some exploring – what a great park with lots of neat cliffs. Then on to camp, which took us awhile to get settled because we had to haul water from the troop house down to where we were staying in a platform tent. We rode our bikes around camp and checked out the neat stick teepees. For dinner, we cooked baked ziti in a dutch oven. Yum!

On Thursday morning, we got up and made pancakes on the camp stove. Then we drove over to Peninsula State Park. We biked 10 miles through the park, with a stop at the Eagle Lighthouse for a tour and lunch at the beach. On the way out, we stopped at the Eagle Tower, climbed to the top and then made it back to camp by 5 p.m. For dinner that night, we made quesadillas on the fire.

The next morning it rained – really hard – with thunder! Luckily, we had the shelter to eat breakfast and wait for the storm to pass. Once the storm passed, we packed up our gear, cleaned up camp and began our way out of town. Before we left, we visited the Bailey's Harbor Lighthouse, stopped for lunch at McDonalds in Sturgeon Bay and got back home around 3 p.m. It was a great adventure, and we all had an awesome time! All of the girls made a personal achievement they were proud of such as sleeping out in tents or biking 10 miles!

Just Juniors Camporee at Camp Winnecomac Sept 18-20, 2009

The girls arrived about 6 p.m. on Friday night, carrying armfuls of gear up from the lower parking lot. The tents went up, and the girls got settled including turning on the big lights and bringing over some picnic tables to the field. After getting settled, the girls made wood cookie name tags and sit-a-pons, then played a few games such as flashlight tag and lights out. That night the girls were so excited to be in their tents that it took awhile to quiet them down.

The morning was off to a brisk start as there had been frost warnings overnight, and the girls could still see their breath! After a breakfast of pancakes, cooked and served outdoors, we all gathered at the flag pole for a flag raising ceremony. Then we divided the girls into color groups, mixing up the troops. Each girl received a colored scarf to wear to identify their group. The groups rotated through six stations during the day, earning the United We Stand badge and doing outdoor activities such as team building games, knot tying, using a compass, making crafts, performing skits, practicing with the flag, and going on a long scavenger hunt/hike around camp.

For lunch, each girl roasted hot dogs and enjoyed chips, apples, cheese sticks, and Kool-Aid. The afternoon snack was an edible campfire that each girl had to build. By 5:45 p.m., we all met back at the flag pole to lower the flag, sing "Taps" and performed the Pledge of Allegiance in sign language. Dinner was beef stew cooked in dutch ovens in the fire pit. It was delicious. The girls used mess kits and were responsible for washing their own dishes for all the meals.

The evening campfire was full of songs, skits, s'mores and silliness. We ended with a huge friendship circle around the campfire and sang "Taps" and "Make New Friends." It was a perfect way to end our great day. After all of the festivities of the day, surprisingly, camp was much quieter that night.

Breakfast on Sunday morning was cereal and leftovers – a large pot of hot stew, hot dog buns with jam, watermelon wedges, apples, and cheese sticks. The early risers had the best selection!

The tents came down, loads were carried to the parking lot and the camporee was over. All in all, it was a great weekend – the weather was perfect, the girls (and leaders) made new friends, practiced patience, learned new things, and everyone had lots of fun!

Chloe's Corner

Hi!

Girl Scouts is so sweet, and we're so busy! We got to sell candy and magazines to the neighbors and friends. Even my mom bought some fruit slices. They're my favorite, and the orange ones are the best. And because I sold a few things I'll get some really cool prizes, the best will be Snoops stuffed animal and a necklace. My mom (who is my troop leader) called them 'recognitions', but I don't know what that means so I just call them prizes. I can't wait to deliver the nuts and candy to my neighbors so I can tell them all about my Girl Scout troop.

One of the things I'll tell them for sure is about being in the Veterans Day program at school! At first when my mom was talking about it, I thought we were going to go to the veterinarian that we take my dog to, and so did a couple of my friends in the troop. But Mom smiled when we told her that, then she told us about veterans, like my grandpa, and what they did to help our country and other countries too. Veterans are really special people! We made flag pins to give to them at the program. All the Girl Scouts in the school carried flags into the gym and there were lots of parents and veterans there to watch. They even saluted! It was really fun.

Soon my Girl Scout Troop will go to camp and do something called the Amazin' Race. Mom says we'll race against other troops to solve puzzles, and that there will be people there to help us solve the hard ones. Playing games is one of my favorite things to do, so I think it'll be a pretty cool day.

*Well TTYL,
Chloe*