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The Newsletter For Our Volunteers

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 4222 Oakwood Hills Pkwy, 54701
 715.835.5331

Green Bay
 2430 Finger Rd, 54302
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Marquette, MI
 131 W Washington, Ste C, 49855
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Schofield (Wausau)
 3511 Camp Phillips Rd, 54476
 715.355.9850

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 3910 Chestnut St, 54494
 715.423.6360

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 888.747.6945

Call your local service center and we can transfer you to any other Service Center!

Connect - GSNWGL's Volunteer E-newsletter

Welcome to the premiere issue of **Connect**, our e-newsletter just for volunteers. Each month you'll find important, timely information on topics that will help make your Girl Scout experience the best it can be!

Connect is one of our trio of targeted GSNWGL newsletters - **Discover** is where Girl Scout families discover more about GSNWGL and opportunities for their girls, **Connect** is a monthly e-newsletter to help volunteers stay connected with staff and other available resources, and **Take Action** is designed to show our donors how their actions are positively impacting the lives of girls.

In Girl Scouting, Discover + Connect + Take Action = Leadership!

Save the Date!

Attend a Volunteer Listening Session with CEO Mary Charles

This summer, GSNWGL CEO Mary Charles will hold special Volunteer Listening Sessions throughout the council jurisdiction. This is your opportunity to share your thoughts, ideas, concerns and hopes for the future of Girl Scouting in your community!

You may attend any of the sessions listed below. Times for each date/location are 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.:

- Eau Claire Service Center: Tuesday, July 15
- Schofield Service Center: Wednesday, July 16
- Bay College, M-TEC, Escanaba, MI: Wednesday, July 23
- Huntington Bank Civic Room, Sault Sainte Marie, MI: Thursday, July 24
- Appleton Service Center: Tuesday, July 29
- Green Bay Service Center: Wednesday, July 30
- Camp Sacajawea, Charbonneau Lodge, Wisconsin Rapids: Monday, August 25

If you have any questions about Volunteer Listening Sessions, please contact Beth Hrubesky, Events/Corporate Sponsorship Manager, at 920.469.4860 x4013 or bhrubesky@gsnwgl.org.

Adult Development News

Please join us in welcoming Rebecca Sgarlotti, the Adult Development Director. Rebecca will be working out of the Appleton Service Center. She comes to GSNWGL most recently from the Fox Cities Rotary Multicultural Center where she served as Executive Director.

The Adult Development team will be hosting a trainers' event on August 9 from 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Schofield (Wausau) Service Center. This session will provide existing legacy council trainers the knowledge and resources required to implement the upcoming Leadership Essentials and council basic courses. In order to facilitate the Leadership Essentials program, which replaces age level trainings, all trainers must complete this session.

All current legacy council trainers will be mailed more detailed information soon!

Visit us at www.gsnwgl.org and look for our newly-designed website coming in July!



Updates from the Membership Department

Service Areas

Through a nation-wide realignment, our goal is to provide consistency, increased opportunities and optimum use of resources in this new higher-capacity council. Services and support will be close to girls, community-based and geographically dispersed throughout the new council's jurisdiction. With increased resources and combined strengths, the new organization will utilize best practices to equip our volunteers with strong tools to successfully mentor and impact girl members.

Just as councils are realigning nationally to increase capacity, Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes, Inc. is realigning former service units to create higher-capacity service areas. Using information about school districts and traffic patterns, we created these service areas to be community-based and utilize best practices to equip volunteers to best impact girl members.

Click [here](#) to find your service area and your membership manager. Questions regarding your troop or service area can be directed to your membership manager. Questions regarding policies and procedures can be directed to Amy Schultz, VP of the Western Region (715.423.6360 x5014 or aschultz@gsnwgl.org) or Val Plasky, VP of the Eastern Region (920.469.4860 x4018 or vplasky@gsnwgl.org).

There's still time to register for Summer Camp!

Download our 2008 Summer Opportunities Guide [here](#) to find the perfect summer program for your girl!

Troop Bank Accounts

As a newly realigned Girl Scout organization, all Service Area and troop bank accounts will need to be updated with our new name, tax ID number, and the four-digit troop numbers. Click [here](#) to download a packet with all of the information you will need to make these changes to your accounts.

We appreciate your patience and understanding on this project, as some of the required documents weren't available until after the first board of directors' meeting. Please make these changes to your troop and Service Area bank accounts by October 1, 2008.

Troop Numbers

Because after realignment the majority of troop numbers were duplicated at least once in other service centers, staff and volunteers created a new troop numbering system. All current troop numbers will stay intact under the new troop numbering system, but all troops will now have a unique four-digit troop number. To do this, each service center will add an identifying prefix to current troop numbers and add zeros (if necessary) to make a four-digit troop number. Specific prefixes were assigned as follows:

Appleton: 2
Eau Claire: 3
Green Bay: 4
Marquette: 5
Wisconsin Rapids: 6
Schofield (Wausau): 7

For example, troop 244 from the Wisconsin Rapids Service Center will become 6244 and troop 7 from the Schofield Service Center will become 7007.



The SOURCE

After July 1, as we create new forms and processes for GSNWGL, we will post these documents on our newly-designed website (www.gsnwgl.org). We are also planning to unveil a comprehensive leader resource guide at fall kick-off meetings. Called **The SOURCE**, this guide will include all of the forms and resources you need for Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes, Inc. Until **The SOURCE** is released, feel free to use the forms you will find on the new website or the forms from your legacy council, whichever is most convenient for you. So, whenever you have a question, you can go right to **The SOURCE!**

2008 Fall Product Program - Go Green!

QSP Be A Reader and Ashdon Farms Nuts and Candies

Ashdon Farms and QSP want to help Girl Scouts **Discover, Connect, and Take Action** by helping keep the world environmentally healthy. Doing so will help girls learn to observe and conserve through recycling, wind energy, renewable sun energy, greenhouse gases and much more. This year's fall program is sure to get the girls' attention!

This year's QSP/Nuts and Candy Program will be held October 3-19 and has a cool "Go Green!" theme and polar bear mascot. Participating in our fall product program is a great way for your troop to earn funds for programs, trips and other fun activities.



Join the team!

Become a Product Program Volunteer for your Service Area or troop:

Position: Service Area Product Program Manager

Purpose: Manage/coordinate GSNWGL product programs in a service area.

Position: Community Product Program Coordinator

Purpose: Manage/coordinate GSNWGL product programs in a specific school or community.

Position: Troop Product Program Organizer

Purpose: Manage/coordinate GSNWGL product programs in a specific troop.

Qualifications:

- * Computer skills, internet access and email
- * Registered member of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
- * Completed Application for Volunteer Service
- * Approved background check
- * Attend product program training
- * Willingness to accept responsibility for completing reports, handling product, and collecting, counting and depositing money into Girl Scout accounts

If you are interested in any of the above positions, please contact your service area's Membership Manager today!

Trainings for Product Program Managers and Coordinators will be held September 2-9 at several locations throughout the council. (Trainings for troop leaders will be held during September Service Area Meetings.)

- Marquette:** September 2, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Marquette location to be determined
- Appleton:** September 3, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Girl Scout Service Center
4693 N. Lynndale Drive
- Green Bay:** September 4, 12:00-1:30 & 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Girl Scout Service Center
2430 Finger Road
- Stevens Point:** September 7, 12:00-1:30 p.m.
Ramada (was Country Springs Hotel)
1501 Northpoint Drive
- Eau Claire:** September 8, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
The Plaza
1202 W. Clairemont Avenue
- Schofield:** September 9, 12:00-1:30 & 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Girl Scout Service Center
3511 Camp Phillips Road

FYI...

Dates for the 2009 winter/spring Girl Scout Cookie Program are still to be determined. We will let you know when they are set!

Important Fall Product Program dates



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| July 31 | Volunteer service area product program managers and coordinators in place |
| September 2-9 | Product program managers and coordinators attend training and pick up materials |
| September 9-30 | Product program managers and coordinators train troop product program organizers and distribute program materials at Service Area Meetings |
| October 3-19 | Order taking and money collection |
| October 20 | Orders and money due to troop |
| November 12-20 | Products delivered to area product program managers |
| December | Recognitions delivered to area product program managers |