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Girl Scouts Forever Green

**Girl Scouts can change the world -
and you can be part of it!**

We are thrilled to announce that GSNWGL has been selected as one of only 36 pilot councils for the Girl Scouts Forever Green national initiative. Long-time advocates for the environment, Girl Scouts envisions being at the forefront of environmental sustainability, leading schools and communities in using resources wisely. Girl Scouts Forever Green will be a vehicle to help girls develop their leadership skills while positively impacting the environment by working to improve air quality, energy use, water use, waste management, and the use of green space. The impact of this nationwide project will grow as we near the celebration of 100 years of Girl Scouting in the United States in 2012!

Who Can Get Involved

All Girl Scout troops, Juliettes (individual Girl Scouts), alumnae, friends and families can get involved today and be Forever Green! Participants will connect with schools, churches, and other community organizations to complete their community action project (CAP). Also, a Forever Green CAP can be used towards earning the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver or Gold Award!

Check out GSNWGL's Forever Green webpage [here](#) for more information and to [download the Forever Green information packet and application](#).

If you have any questions please contact Danielle Polzin at dpolzin@gsnwgl.org.



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

Please note: active hyperlinks are indicated by underlined text



GSNWGL Product Programs

2009 Girl Scout Fall Product Program Reminders

- Please ensure timely delivery of nuts/chocolates to customers and recognitions to girls!
- January 30, 2010, is the deadline to report any Fall Product Program recognition discrepancies.

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

This Cookie Season, Girl Scouts across northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan 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!

***Check out the
2010 Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program section of our website
for more information!***

There are great recognitions for the 2010 Cookie Sale Program, too! All participating Girl Scouts will have the opportunity to earn cumulative recognitions and non-cumulative "Cookie Dough." Girls can earn awesome Cookie Sale Program recognitions such as the participation patch, the cute Miranda Panda stuffed bear (Miranda is the mascot), a sweet room makeover set, a colorful spa wrap set, GSNWGL Camp certificates, Associated Bank Prepaid MasterCard gift cards, and so much more.

Cookie Sale Program 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.
September 30, 2010	All 2009 Fall Product Program Credit and 2010 Cookie Dough expires

Updates & Reminders from the Membership Department

Membership Update

As of November 24, there are 12,563 girls registered at GSNWGL.

The Council goal is 19,022 girls.

We are 66% of the way there!

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

November Service Area Leader Meeting Recap

- We learned more about the [Girl Scouts Forever Green](#) program and how troops can find resources about doing Forever Green service projects in their communities.
- We heard some tips about how to recognize fellow volunteers through [adult recognitions](#)
- We got a sneak peek at the [GS Cookie Sale Program!](#)

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.

**Save the date!
March 6, 2010**

**GSI: Girl Scouts Investigate
Council-Wide Program**

Registration is now open!

Click [here](#) for details.

Tips for New Leaders: *'Tis the Season to Simplify*

The holiday season is upon us! Smiling faces, decorated stores and the general holiday hustle and bustle fill the air. How can you and the girls celebrate the season, keep traditions, share cultural differences, and end the year with good vibes? Keep It Simple, Sister!

Here's a holiday K.I.S.S. to help you and the girls plan for the holiday season:

- **Keep it Reasonable.** Planning ahead is what's needed to keep things manageable. The girls may want to go holiday caroling, but do they really have the time to spend the next six weeks practicing? Hanging holiday decorations in a children's hospital ward or a nursing home takes one afternoon and is appreciated and welcomed by many! Take a close look at time constraints as you and the girls plan for the holiday season.
- **Involve the Girls.** Everyone loves a holiday party, but keep in mind that the definition of "party" can vary. Ask the girls how they want to celebrate the holidays as a group. Do they want to cook and prepare their favorite holiday dishes for all to enjoy? Or is swapping holiday cards over a pizza more in line with how they would like to spend their time?
- **Spend Time Together – or Not.** Ask the girls whether they want to stay connected over the holiday break or not. If not, the first meeting back can be a great opportunity for everyone to share holiday experiences. If the girls decide they want to stay connected, are they thinking of texting or taking trips with parents to the mall to use their gift cards?
- **Set the Tone for the New Year.** Take this time to have girls plan for the post-holiday season. Ask the girls if they want to come back together when school resumes – or do they want a longer break? After what may have been a hectic holiday season, an informal post-holiday season party can be a great way to come back together in the New Year.

Remember: the goal is to reduce holiday stress, have time to relax, AND have fun! So K.I.S.S. your way through the season- both with your Girl Scout group and at home!

Updates & Reminders from the Membership Department

Bring a Friend to Girl Scouts!

Bring a Friend

The girls in your troop are gaining great skills and experiences, all because you have stepped forward and said “Yes! I will volunteer!” Thank you for your generosity of spirit as a volunteer. Without your energy and enthusiasm, we would not be able to provide this great leadership program for girls!

Take a second and think about the girls who are in your daughter’s class at school, in your neighborhood, at your place of worship, or that you come in contact with throughout your day who are not in Girl Scouts and are missing out on the leadership experience that is like no other. If you introduce even one more girl to Girl Scouts, that is one more girl whose life you will make a real difference in and who will be impacted in a way that she cannot get anywhere else. Think for a second what sort of impact you would have on your school, your community, your town if you included more girls in Girl Scouting.

We’d like to encourage you to consider holding a “Bring a Friend” event where you open up a troop meeting or event and encourage the girls in your troop to invite a friend who is not yet in Girl Scouts to come along. You can even click [here](#) for an invitation that you can use to have the girls in your troop

invite a friend along. You can use this as a template, or create your own. Brainstorm with the girls in your troop on what the meeting could look like to include non-Girl Scout friends, and have them help pick out the activities to do at the meeting or event. The girls that are brought as friends can be added to your troop. If you do it before the cookie sale program starts or while it is going on, they would even have the chance to start gaining leadership and entrepreneurial skills, increase their self-confidence and self-esteem, and feel like a contributing member of the team right away! Remember, the girls need to register as Girl Scouts at their first meeting, or you need to do extra activity insurance for those that are just seeing what it is all about before joining.

Additionally, we have a special offer for you:

If your troop registers three or more additional girls between December 1 and January 16, you will receive a \$5 coupon for the [Council Shop](#) (good towards a purchase of \$25 or more) AND for every girl who registers between today and January 15, your troop will be entered into a drawing to win:

- A free weekend at the [camp](#) of your choice OR
- Passes for your whole troop to attend the [Crazy Olympics](#) Council-Wide Program on April 10 OR
- A certificate for free use of a [Portable Program](#) box

(All registrations need to be received at a Council Service Center on or before January 15, marked clearly with the troop number and grouped together as three or more girls to be eligible for these incentives.)

Our program is truly special, let’s see the impact we can make on the community when more girls take part in the premier leadership experience for girls!

Reminder: Girl Scouts May Not Raise Money for Other Organizations

Girl Scouts can Take Action through service projects or donations from troop funds but not by raising money for other organizations (for example, ringing bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign, walkathons, telethons or similar activities that raise funds for other organizations). According to *Safety-Wise*, Standard 33: “Girl Scouts, in their Girl Scout capacities, may not solicit money for other organizations. Girl members may support other organizations through service projects or a donation from their troop treasury.” If you have any questions about this standard, please contact your Membership Manager.

Fund Development News

Save the Date!

Celebrate Girl Scouting



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.

Adult Development Updates

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.

GSNWGL's 2010 Council-Wide Leadership Conference

Saturday, March 20, 2010

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Jefferson Street Inn, Wausau WI

For more information on accommodations, breakout session topics, registration materials, and more, please revisit November's issue of *Connect*.

Program Department Updates

Upcoming Council Programs

Creation Sensation

Registration is closed for this program

Date/Time: Saturday, December 5, 1-4 p.m. (Appleton location 9 a.m.-12 p.m.)

Locations: See the [website](#) for locations

Grade Levels: All

Cost: \$10/participant

Easel? Check! Smock? Check! Creation Sensation has got it all and we want to bring out your inner artist! You'll have fun painting, sculpting, acting, and so much more. We will teach you tips and techniques about how to get your ideas on canvas or on stage.

Winter Wonders

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

Location: Camp Ishnala, Crivitz WI

Grade Levels: All

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

Location: YWCA, Green Bay WI

Grade Levels: All

Cost: \$8/girl

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

History Mystery

Date/Time: Saturday, January 16, 1 – 4 p.m.

Location: Marathon County Historical Society, Wausau, WI

Grade Levels: K-6

Cost: \$8/girl (patch included)

Tour the Yawkey House and discover the cultures of your ancestors, use melted wax for a fun project, and try not to get stumped by the traveling truck of trivia!

Spike, Swing, Swim!

Date/Time: Saturday, January 23, 1 – 4 p.m.

Location: Barron Area Community Center, Barron WI

Grade Levels: 4-12

Cost: \$10/girl

Join us for a great day of fun and friendly competition! Girls can participate in basketball, racquetball, swimming, volleyball, and much more. Get ready to show off your talents and challenge your friends!

Silly Science

Date/Time: Saturday, January 23, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Locations: Shiras Planetarium, Marquette, MI

Grade Levels: All

Cost: \$10/girl

Become mad scientists as you make things go boom, make icky goo and so much more. Explore the world of science with this hands-on day of fun!

Pulp to Paper

Date/Time: Saturday, January 30, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Location: Paper Discovery Center, Appleton WI

Grade Levels: All

Cost: \$10/girl

Roll up your sleeves and get ready to learn about the technology of papermaking. Find out where paper can be found, the process of recycling, and the history of papermaking. Here is your chance to play scientist and investigate what a career in the field of science and technology might be like.

Around the World

Date/Time: Saturday, January 30, 1 – 4 p.m.

Location: Camp Sacajawea, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Grade Levels: K-8

Cost: \$10/girl

Girls, pack your bags - we're going to travel the world! You'll learn more about different cultures, languages, and music! Try new dances, and create your own art.

Into the Woods Recap

On Saturday, October 24, 169 girls gathered at camps and outdoor education centers around the Council to go Into the Woods. Girls participated in a variety of activities including papermaking, nature hikes, Leave No Trace, obstacle courses, live animal demonstrations, and an invasive species control service project.

Fun was had by all, and it was a beautiful fall day to be outside. One participant noted, "Going hiking and playing games was fun and challenging."

To join in the fun at upcoming events check out the Activities & Programs Calendar [here](#). See you all soon!

Program Department Updates *Teen Hot Spot*

destinations

There is still time to apply for a Girl Scout *destination*! Girl Scout *destinations* can whisk you to the far corners of the world where you will meet remarkable girls, develop leadership skills, gain confidence, and enjoy valuable learning opportunities.

Explore Your World!

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***destinations* 411**

Want to learn more about *destinations* travel? Check out [Explore It! Your Guide to Girl Scout destinations](#). It's packed with information about trips and tips for filling out applications and writing essays.

Global Travel Toolkit

Got the travel bug? You're in the right place. [The Global Travel Toolkit](#) consists of four exciting resources to prepare you for international travel.

Want to Know More About *destinations*?

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

Be A *Justine* R.E.A.L Girl!

Girl Scouts everywhere are encouraged to tell the world how they are Remarkable, Energetic, Aspirational Leaders by entering the *Justine* R.E.A.L. Girl contest where the prize is a feature in the national teen/tween lifestyle magazine, *Justine*.

This R.E.A.L. Girl Contest is open only to Girl Scouts ages of 13-19, who are working to make the world a better place in their local communities and beyond. The winner will be featured in an article telling all about her activities as the R.E.A.L. Girl, and she will win a trip to the *Justine* offices in Memphis, Tennessee, for a professional photo shoot, as well as other fun prizes and *Justine* subscriptions for her troop and her school library.

Submissions will be accepted until mid-January 2010, and the finalists and winner will be selected in February. For more information and contest rules click [here!](#)

Girl Advisory Board (GAB)

Girls, here's your opportunity to have your voice be heard. Girls in grades 8-12 interested in using your talents to assist with event planning, coordination and execution. Discover the leader in you, join GAB to make Girl Scouts what you think every girl wants and needs! For more info on how to apply contact Michelle Carr at mcarr@gsnwgsl.org for more information.

Program Aides

Program Aides (PAs) are girls in the 6th grade or older who have completed Program Aide training. Some of the great ways that PAs can get involved and utilize their training include: assisting with registration, leading activity stations, teaching songs, or helping younger girls at events.

If you know a PA who might be interested in volunteering at Girl Scout events, troop meetings, or camp (or if you are interested!), please contact the Program Department at 888.747.6945.

Portable Programs

Girls will get their hearts pumping and legs moving with the *GirlSports on the Go* Portable Program! This activity kit will have Girl Scout Daisies and Brownies learning new skills and testing their athletic abilities all while having fun with their team. Girls will use a variety of sporting goods to learn the basics: swinging, dribbling, kicking, batting, throwing, and more!

All equipment is lightweight and easy for little hands to grasp, catch, and maneuver. This kit is perfect for large groups or small, and includes plenty of activities to involve all girls. Whether you want to use a gym, community center, or even a parking lot, this kit will have your troop displaying good sportsmanship and teamwork! The cost is only \$10. Check out our [website](#) for info on all of our Portable Programs!

Program Department Updates

It's Never Too Early to Think Summer!

Missing our awesome summer programs already? So are we, but you won't have to wait that much longer to start planning your summer! Our 2010 GSNWGL Summer Program Guide will be released late January, so be sure to watch your mailbox and the [camp section of our website](#) for all of the great summer opportunities for you and your family!

Each of our camps has what you want: a safe, fun environment where your daughter can meet new friends, experience the outdoors and try new things. While they all offer this, each camp has its own personality and fits the level of adventure your daughter is ready for.

Camp Winnecomac is located in Kaukauna, WI, and offers a week-long day camp for girls who aren't quite ready to stay overnight, but are ready for days full of fun! Camp Del O' Claire in Weston, WI, and Camp Sacajawea in Wisconsin Rapids, WI, are great one and two day programs for girls who aren't ready for a full week, but still want to have a ton of camp adventures. Camp Birch Trails and Camp Nawakwa offer one, two and three week overnight and trip opportunities. These programs are for girls who are ready to stay for a week hanging out with their friends, biking, swimming, kayaking, and canoeing! If your whole troop wants to experience camp together, try our week-long troop camps at Camp Birch Trails or Camp Nawakwa, or spend the weekend with your troop in beautiful Door County at Camp Cuesta! Even more troop weekends and opportunities to bring your favorite pal or gal can be experienced at Camp Ishnala.



Property News

Featured Property

With winter quickly approaching, we are highlighting Camp Sacajawea! Located in central Wisconsin, this camp has cross country skis and snowshoes available for your use for those snowy winter weekends. Bring your sleds for a short drive to a nearby sledding hill! Even with Baptiste Lodge being "rested" for the winter, there are still two lodges available for your use: Charbonneau Center and Mead Hall. For available dates or any reservation questions you may have, please email property@gsnwgil.org or call your nearest Service Center and ask for extension 3349.

Camp Sacajawea		
Baptiste Lodge Capacity: Fee: Available:	50 – 70/day; 30/overnight \$24/day; \$36/overnight September – May (not available November 16-April 1)	Heated lodge with electricity. Fireplace, TV/VCR, fully equipped kitchen, microwave, stove/oven, toaster, coffee pot, refrigerator, tables, chairs, bathrooms, and phone.
Charbonneau Center Capacity: Fee: Available:	50/day; 30/overnight \$24/day; \$36/overnight September – May	Heated lodge with electricity. Fireplace, TV/VCR, fully equipped kitchen, microwave, stove/oven, toaster coffee pot, refrigerator, tables, chairs, bathrooms, loft area, and phone.
Mead Hall Capacity: Fee: Available:	30 day; 20 overnight \$24/day; \$36/overnight September – May	Heated lodge with electricity. Fireplace, TV/VCR, fully equipped kitchen, microwave, stove/oven, toaster, coffee pot, refrigerator, tables, chairs, bathrooms, and phone.
Mandan Capacity: Fee: Available:	32 \$18/day; \$30/overnight April - October	5 cabins are in this unit. All include electricity, no heat, access to water and bathroom, mattresses, fire circle, rake, bucket, picnic table.
Shoshone Capacity: Fee: Available:	36 \$18/day; \$30/overnight Year round	3 cabins in this unit. All have electricity and heat, access to water and bathroom, mattresses, fire circle, rake, bucket, picnic table.
Minataree Capacity: Fee: Available:	12 \$18/day; \$30/overnight April – October	3 platform tents in this unit. Access to water and bathrooms, fire circle, rake, bucket, and picnic table.
Red Arrow Capacity: Fee: Available:	30 Additional refundable deposit of \$50.00 September – May	A rustic, log-cabin style building that is used for programming only. There are nature program boxes available to use. This building is not heated. Access to water and bathrooms nearby.
Tent Site Capacity: Fee: Available:	40 \$15/overnight April - October	Clearing near Baptiste Lodge that can fit 10 (4-person) tents. Access to water and bathrooms, fire circle, and picnic tables.

Troop 2174 Girl Scout Silver Award Project Benefits Camp Winnecomac

By Chris Goulet and Denise Sitzberger, leaders of Troop 2174

Greenville Girl Scout Senior Troop 2174 had a beautiful day on October 4, 2009 when they implemented their Girl Scout Silver Award project. Armed with big hammers and electric screw drivers (among other tools) they installed 38 named trail signs that they made to identify the great trails that we have at Camp Winnecomac. They also added matching colored duct tape along the trail to color coordinate with the trail signs.

Property News

Facilities Restings

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 Ishnala - Troop House: December 20, 2009 - April 1, 2010 |
| • Camp Cuesta - Troop House: December 12, 2009 - April 1, 2010 | • Camp Sacajawea - Baptiste: November 16, 2009 - April 1, 2010 |
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Reminder: The Chalet at Camp Nawakwa will remain open this winter! 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 Department: property@gsnwgl.org or extension 3349.

Chloe's Corner

Hi, I'm a Girl Scout Daisy! Do you know what I got to do in Girl Scouts a couple of weeks ago? I went bowling with a lot of other girls from all the schools in town. Did you know that bowling is good exercise? I didn't, because we weren't running or anything, but those balls are HEAVY, so I got to try a new way to exercise. And bowling is awesome. After we got done bowling we went to a place called the food pantry and helped put baskets of food together for Thanksgiving Day. My troop leaders, one is my mom, told us that some people don't get to have a big turkey dinner with all the yummy food. I'd be really sad if I had to miss that, so we collected cranberries, corn, and sweet potatoes to put in the baskets for them.

Next I went to the Girl Scout office with my mom. I love to go there and look at all the colorful badges. She had to sign my troop up to go to something called GSI: Girl Scouts Investigate. I am SO excited! I heard Mom talking with the Girl Scout lady, who said we're going to solve a mystery, just like on TV! I think it's going to be great. One of my friends wanted to go too but she said she couldn't. But then guess what? My mom gave her mom a piece of paper to fill out and now she gets to go with us and solve the mystery, too!

Next week we're going to sing at a home for some people who live across from our school who are in wheel chairs. Our troop leaders said that we can even play bingo with the people who live there. Bingo is one of my favorite games. Girl Scouts is the BEST!!!

TTYL,
Chloe