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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*.

2010 Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program: A Better World...Inspired by U

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

Click [here](#) for our 2010 Cookie website!

Cookies are coming January 22!

Top 5 Reasons for Girls to Participate in the Cookie Sale Program

1. Girls will participate in the nation's premier hands-on leadership and entrepreneurial experience. They gain a wealth of real-life skills that build a foundation for success such as leadership development, ethical decision-making, presentation skills, teamwork, setting and reaching goals, customer service, financial literacy, and money management. Many successful businesswomen and community leaders credit the Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program for sparking their entrepreneurial spirits!
2. Girls can "Fund the Fun!" The program helps fund [summer program adventures](#), troop activities, trips, and [community service projects](#) that make a difference in the community. But most importantly, it empowers girls to contribute to their own activities, which is an unbeatable way to build self-esteem and responsibility!
3. Girls build relationships that last a lifetime.
4. Girls earn great recognitions and Cookie Dough. Click [here](#) to see 2010 recognitions!
5. It helps our Council keep [properties](#) in optimal condition, provides [volunteer training](#) and support, and keeps [program](#) costs affordable. These benefits come full circle back to the girls and their families!

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Check our [website](#) for the latest updates!

Please note: active hyperlinks are indicated by underlined text



A Visionary Future for Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes

A Fond Farewell

It is with much gratitude and best wishes that we say goodbye to our CEO, Mary Charles, who has recently chosen to pursue new opportunities.

We thank Mary for her strong leadership through the foundation-building phase of GSNWGL, and for seeing us through our recent Strategic Learning process; both of which have provided a clear and exciting course for moving forward. It is because of these achievements that our Council is well-positioned to continue our important work of building girls of courage, confidence and character.

Mary, we wish you the best as you pursue your new path!

2010 – Continuing forward: Implementation of our Strategic Vision

For the past five years, the entire Girl Scout Movement has progressed through its Core Business Strategy, updating everything from the uniforms Girl Scouts wear and the programs and method in which girls participate, to the structure of the organization itself.

This essential transformation is the groundwork to ensure that our nearly century-old movement remains relevant and innovative in meeting the ever-changing needs of girls, today and well into the future. It also helps us continually re-evaluate our use of resources for maximum efficiency.

At the local level, we continue to bring this process home to meet the specific needs of girls in our area with the first step, initiated many months ago, of a cutting-edge strategic learning process. Faced with the realities of increasingly competitive recruitment and funding environments, outmoded volunteer management systems and limited strategic partnerships, we have developed a comprehensive strategy to focus our resources for optimum service to girls.

While GSNWGL will continue to support programming for all girls in kindergarten through 12th grade throughout northern Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula, we will concentrate our resources on troop pathways for girls in kindergarten through 3rd grade in market areas with the highest density of girls. What this means is that the population distribution of our membership, with girls being more concentrated in some areas, by its very nature results in a greater expense of resources and services in those areas. Our resources are more heavily used according to where the girls and volunteers live. Every girl, whether she resides in downtown Green Bay or Laurium, Michigan, receives the same level of support, service and investment from GSNWGL. It's just that while GSNWGL invests the same \$234 per year in every girl we serve, the sum is higher where girls are concentrated. In the same vein, grades K-3 represent a majority (60%) of our overall membership, and therefore also a majority of our costs to serve.

It may also mean that we can set aside some resources to "test run" new ideas on a small scale before incurring the full expense and risk of rolling a new program or service out to the entire region. This lets us implement more ideas, more quickly, in areas such as the latest service delivery methods, new program pathways, innovative support and development opportunities for volunteers, continuing education opportunities, or novel recognition programs for volunteers. Once we find success on a small scale, we will expand the successful programs and services into all areas throughout the jurisdiction.

In addition, our intent in concentrating support in grades K-3 is only a starting point, so we build a solid and thorough base of training and support for our "freshman class" to ensure the long-term success of these volunteers. Once this group is stable in their roles and progressing up through the age levels with their girls, we can continue to add new pieces to their ongoing development, while at the same time providing the same sound foundation for the new 'freshman class' coming in - with the processes that proved most successful for the first group.

We came to these decisions through a focused effort driven by volunteers, board members, staff and community members from across our Council. We included a wide range of perspectives from both internal and external stakeholders to identify the best solutions for the key challenges facing GSNWGL today. Task group members conducted comprehensive situational analysis of research and data to provide the context for much-needed change and focused direction.

Our goal is to re-energize GSNWGL, with a firm commitment to inspire and prepare a strong corps of passionate people; diversify revenue streams for long-term sustainability; deliver innovative, relevant, multi-faceted programming that adapts at the speed of girls; develop and leverage a robust portfolio of strategic partnerships and relationships; and communicate, through today's many channels, consistently, transparently and effectively until the true message of our brand is heard, loud and clear.

We hold the door wide open for individuals easily to play a role in making our Council the place girls choose to experience fun, friendship, adventure and leadership. If you'd like to learn more, please contact our VP of Strategy, Mary Radke.

GSNWGL Product Programs

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

Cookie Sale Program Volunteer Checklist for January:

- Verify that all girls in troop are registered Girl Scouts
- Attend Cookie Sale Program training
- Collect all Parent/Guardian Permission and Responsibility Agreements and Girl Scout Internet Safety Pledges
- Set up Cookie Club accounts for the girls
- Enter all information into Ebudde

***A great Cookie Sale Program
is led by girls...***

***...but it is inspired by you,
the adult volunteer.***

Thank you!

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 December 16, there are 13,690 girls registered at GSNWGL.

The Council goal is 19,022 girls.

We are 72% of the way there!

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

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.

Troop Activity Idea: *Do A Cookie Goal Setting Activity*

As the saying goes, you can't hit a target you can't see. The same is true in life ... and in the Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program. One of the most important skills you can teach a young person is how to set a challenging goal and reach it. The Cookie Sale Program is a great place for Girl Scouts to begin!

Activity: Dishing Up Ideas

Supplies Needed: Paper plates, markers, large piece of paper

Procedure:

1. Start by talking to the girls about their goals for the Cookie Sale Program. Encourage girls to set two kinds of goals:
 - What can we do with our cookie money to help others?
 - What can we do with our cookie money for fun and learning?
2. Next, hand out paper plates and markers to the girls. Tell the girls that each paper plate is a "cookie." On one side of each cookie they can decorate the plate to look like their favorite Girl Scout Cookie. On the other side they can write a goal idea. The girls can make a cookie for each idea.
3. Now, have the girls "vote" for their top choices using paper cookies. Count up the number of paper plate cookie votes for each goal idea. Help the girls create a graph of the cookie votes and use it to make a group decision.
4. After you have decided as a group what your goals will be, have the girls write their goals on their cookie order cards or create pictures of their goals to attach to their cookie order cards. Help the girls practice what they will say to share their goals with customers!

This activity is from the [Girl Scout Brownie Cookie Activity Kit](#). 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](#)!

Tips for New Leaders: *Six Parts of a Troop Meeting*

How do you structure your troop meetings? How do you plan for your troop meetings? Click [here](#) for a simple outline for putting together your meetings to keep you organized and prepared and keep your girls focused, interested and involved. The plan is to divide your meetings into six parts - start up, opening, business, activity, clean up and closing. Working from a written plan is often easier and more effective than improvising - the Six Parts of a Meeting concept can help!

Check out the [forms section](#) of our [website](#) for additional resources including [girl/adult planning](#), [troop government](#), [troop/group management basics](#), and more!

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!

Spring Registration 2010

It may seem early to be thinking about registering for Girl Scouts next year, but that's the whole point of Spring, or "Early Bird" Registration! Spring Registration makes a lot of sense: families can check one task off their fall "to do" list and leaders can better plan the upcoming troop year, knowing how many girls they'll have! Watch for Spring Registration information in March/April leader meetings.

Save the date!
March 6, 2010

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

Registration is now open!

Click [here](#) for details.

Fund Development News

Families Making a Difference!

As we start a new year, we say thank you to the individuals, families, troops and Service Areas that have given gifts through the Family Partnership campaign. These dollars are vital to the support and growth of Girl Scouting, and girls across our Council benefit from your generosity!

This initial list includes donors who gave between April and November 2009. The list will be updated and posted to the website each month. Be sure to support additional Family Partnership efforts and events in your area now through March 2010!

Council Shop

GSNWGL Council Logo Apparel Available

Leader polos, T-shirts and hooded sweatshirts are now available!

- **Polo shirts** available in Hibiscus and Navy, adult sizes S-3X \$26.
- **T-shirts** in Azalea, Navy and Carolina Blue, adult sizes S-XL \$15, 2X-3X \$17.
- **Hooded sweatshirts** available in Navy, Red and Carolina Blue, adult sizes S-XL \$27, 2X-3X \$32.

GS Cookie Merchandise

With the Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program just around the corner, be sure to check out your nearest Council Shop for cookie items.

- **2010 Cookie Activity Pin \$1.15**
- **Smile if you love Girl Scout Cookies T-shirt available in Orange and lime. Girls' sizes XS-XL \$18**
- **Save the World T-shirt available in Blue, girl sizes S-XL \$18 or Yellow, adult sizes S-XL \$23, women's 2X-3X \$26**

2010 World Thinking Day Patch

World Thinking Day is a day when Girl Scouts take time to reflect on our fellow Girl Scouts/Girl Guides around the world and what it means to be a member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). Pre-order your patches today to ensure availability. Sew-on patches \$1

**Stop in to your nearest Council Shop
to see all of the great merchandise we
carry!**

Adult Development Updates

2010 Leadership Conference: Leadership in Action

Saturday, March 20, 2010
Jefferson Street Inn, Wausau

Join the excitement, and restock your Leadership Tool-kit! This annual event offers diverse training opportunities, social activities, and the opportunity to network with others from across our Council. Leadership Conference is open to all adult volunteers, as well as Girl Scout Cadettes through Ambassadors. Choose from more than 30 breakout sessions, including: Nature Mapping, Leadership, Stress Reduction, Health, and more! Download the conference packet [here](#) for more information, including session offerings and how to register.

Keynote address by Hilary Bilbrey - *Take Action and Live Your Story!*

We all have a story...but the next chapter is waiting to be written...by you! How will you live your story? Let's figure out how we can use our stories to come together, create change and use our passions to really shake things up!

Hilary Bilbrey is a leadership trainer, author and radio host from central Wisconsin. Before founding her own companies, Inspired By Family, LLC and Trademark U, Inc, Hilary was an educator, holding degrees from University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and Cambridge University, UK. Hilary's passion is helping teens find the strength to live their truths and the courage to create positive change.

Schedule of Activities

8:30-8:55 a.m.	Registration
9:00-9:05 a.m.	Welcome
9:05-9:30 a.m.	Keynote Address
9:35-10:30 a.m.	Session #1
10:35-11:30 a.m.	Session #2
11:35 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Session #3
12:30-1:25 p.m.	Lunch
1:30-2:25 p.m.	Session #4
2:30-3:25 p.m.	Session #5
3:30-4:25 p.m.	Session #6
4:30-4:45 p.m.	Closing

Registration deadline is March 5, 2010. Due to facility requirements, no late registrations can be accepted.

Cost is \$25/person and includes:

- Up to six breakout sessions
- Buffet Style Lunch
- Keynote Address by Hilary Bilbrey
- Informational displays
- Girl Scout Shop
- Chance to win door prizes

(In conjunction with the conference, a full day Outdoor Education Session and a Red Cross CPR/First Aid/ AED Certification course will be available at Camp Del O' Claire on Sunday, March 21. See Registration packet for complete details.)

Overnight accommodations are available nearby at Camp Del O' Claire for \$5/person/night. Rooms are also available at the Jefferson Street Inn at a reduced rate of \$85/night. For hotel reservations, call 866.855.6500.

Take Action! Honor WAGGGS 100th anniversary by helping to eliminate hunger and poverty.

Conference participants can make a difference by:

- Donating a non-perishable food item to the conference food drive.
- Participating in a blanket tying station! Handmade blankets will be donated to the Child Advocacy Center.

For more information contact the Adult Development Department: training@gsnwgl.org or call the nearest Service Center and ask for extension 3341.

Recognitions

Is there a leader whose creativity inspires you? Does your Service Area Manager's organization and leadership keep your team running smoothly? Does your Troop Cookie Manager truly teach girls to be young entrepreneurs?

Don't forget to show your admiration for those volunteers who make a difference! The nomination deadline for 2010 Adult Recognition process is February 15, 2010. 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.

Program Department Updates

Upcoming Council Programs

Winter Wonderland

Date/Time: Saturday, February 20, 2010, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Location: Camp Birch Trails, Irma, WI

Grade Levels: All GS and families

Cost: \$10/participant

Enjoy the winter season at Camp Birch Trails. Bring your skis, snowshoes, and sleds. We will have some indoor and outdoor games available. The day will be spent exploring camp on your own. Lunch is included.

Passports

Date/Time: Saturday, February 20, 2010, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Location: University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI

Grade Levels: All

Cost: \$8/girl

All aboard for an exciting adventure around the world where you can sample treats, learn the language, and play games from different countries. Workshops will be led by university students from the International Speakers Bureau. Get your passport stamped today!

Sense-ational Relaxation

Date/Time: Saturday, February 20, 2010, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: YMCA of Marquette County, Marquette, MI

Grade Levels: All

Cost: \$10/girl

Develop a healthy lifestyle by discovering things that can help you reduce stress and relax, such as karate, skin care, stress relief, massages, and healthy eating.

Indoor Adventures

Date/Time: Saturday, February 27, 2010, 12:30-5:00 p.m.

Location: Oshkosh YMCA on 20th Ave, Oshkosh, WI

Grade Levels: All

Cost: \$10/girl

Challenge your mind and body as you try some new ways to stay active! Learn some new moves in basic martial arts from black belt instructor, perfect your ice skating turns and then race your friends down the slide in the pool.

Experiment Extravaganza

Date/Time: Saturday, February 27, 2010, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Camp Sacajawea, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Grade Levels: 2-8

Cost: \$10/girl

Ever wonder what happens when you mix baking soda, flour, water and salt? Take home a substance that changes from a liquid to a solid in your hands! Spend the day creating, experimenting, and checking out a lot of cool things about science.

GSI: Girl Scouts Investigate

Date/Time: Saturday, March 6, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for Daisies and Brownies; 1:00-4:00 p.m. for Juniors and up

Locations: Chippewa Valley Technical College – West Campus

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Green Bay, WI

Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton, WI

Emerald Elementary, Manistique, MI

Woodland Elementary School, Kingsford, MI

Schofield/Wisconsin Rapids Area – TBD

Grade Levels: All

Cost: \$10/girl

Spend an exciting day sleuthing with other Girl Scouts as you apply real crime scene investigation techniques to solve a mysterious case. Collect and examine evidence from the crime scene and experience firsthand forensic analysis techniques.

Teen Hot Spot destinations

Girl Scout *destinations* give you the opportunity to meet remarkable girls, develop leadership skills, gain confidence, and enjoy valuable learning opportunities. Click [here](#) to check out all of the trip offerings and exciting ways that you can travel the world!

Check out this *destination* that's just been added!

The Future is Green, July 22 - August 1, 2010

This *destination* is an opportunity for Girl Scouts ages 13-18 (entering at least 9th grade at time of event) to explore how green technology in astronomy, environment or robotics can help save the Earth. Astronomy participants will learn about the night sky, technology that is used to explore the universe, and how astronomers have become instrumental in research regarding global climate change and space debris. Robotics participants will explore the importance of robots in exploration, health care, and helping to make the world "green." They will then design, build, and program their own robot to meet certain challenges. Environment participants will explore the eco-challenges and successes of the San Francisco Bay. Click [here](#) for more info on cost and an application.

Girl Advisory Board (GAB)

Girls have a great opportunity to have their voices heard. Girls in grades 8-12 interested in using their talents will assist with event planning, coordination and execution. They will develop leadership and help to make Girl Scouts what they think every girl wants and needs!

For more information contact Michelle Carr at mcarr@gsnwgl.org.

Save the Date!

Girl University

Date/Time: Saturday, June 19 - Sunday, June 20, 2010

Location: University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point

Grade Levels: 7-adult

Cost: \$70/girl, \$35/adult

Girl University is a two-day leadership conference for Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors and adults. This event is a great opportunity for girls to develop essential leadership skills, and to develop personally and professionally. This dynamic event will include hands-on seminars and activities that will both challenge minds to solve problems and tap into and explore leadership potential. Transportation will be provided from Service Centers throughout the Council to the event location.

Program Department Updates

Summer Fun 2010

Fund the Fun

That's what the Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program is all about - empowering your troop to build confidence and the foundation for them to lead their own life by contributing to the troop's activities and their own summer fun! Help your troop start thinking about their cookie goals and building self-reliance with all the great Summer Fun opportunities.

One and Two Day Adventures

Camp Del O' Claire: Weston, WI

One and two-day sessions are available July 19 - August 13 for girls in grades 1-8.

Programs focus on field trips and favorite summer activities such as: swimming, science, arts, and horseback riding.

Camp Sacajawea: Wisconsin Rapids, WI

One and two-day camps run June 21 - July 22 for grades 1-6.

Activities include boating, science, sports, animals, and more!

Day Camp

Camp Winnecomac: Kaukauna, WI

Day sessions run June 20 - August 20 for girls in grades K-7, and run 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Day programming includes art, nature, teambuilding, singing, swimming, and horse activities.

Overnight Resident Camp

Camp Birch Trails: Irma, WI

Camp Nawakwa: Cornell, WI

Camp Nesbit: Sidnaw, MI

Week-long camps for girls grades 1-12. Canoeing, kayaking, archery, biking, hiking, swimming, horseback riding, science and arts are staples in the full camp experience! Camp Birch Trails also excels in wilderness tripping experiences with progression for each grade level.

Troop and Family Opportunities

Camp Ishnala: Crivitz, WI

Sessions run four weekends in July and August. Troop weekends, Me & My Gal, and Me & My Pal are great ways to introduce girls to camp or just to have a weekend of quality bonding time with your daughter.

Week-long troop opportunities are also available at Camp Birch Trails and Camp Nawakwa.

Give the Gift of Camp!

Gift certificates are available as a holiday gift, birthday present or just for fun! Camp Gift Certificates are available at your nearest Council Shop or call us to have one mailed to you!

Property News

Facilities Restings

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

- 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

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 call the nearest Service Center and ask for extension 3349.

De Pere Service Area Enjoys Camp Ishnala

This Service Area rented ALL of Camp Ishnala (Troop House and all three tent cabin units) and had a blast for a weekend in October.

"I would like to thank you for the great time the De Pere Service Area had at Camp Ishnala this weekend. The camp was in great condition and everything was ready to go when we arrived. The girls had a great time and I really appreciate the hard work that you devote to making the camps ready to use.

Once again, thanks!"

Karen Schwartz

Upcoming GSNWGL Property Closings

All GSNWGL Service Centers, Shops and camps will be closed on the following dates:

- **Thursday, December 24 - Sunday, January 3** for Holiday Break
 - Appleton, Eau Claire, Green Bay and Schofield Service Centers and Shops will reopen at 9:30 am, Monday, January 4
 - Marquette Service Center and Shop will reopen at 12:30 p.m. ET, Monday, January 4
 - Wisconsin Rapids Service Center and Shop will reopen at 11:30 am, Monday, January 4
- **Monday, January 18 for Martin Luther King Jr. holiday**
 - Appleton, Eau Claire, Green Bay and Schofield Service Centers and Shops will reopen at 8:30 am, Tuesday, January 19
 - Marquette Service Center and Shop will reopen at 12:30 p.m. ET, Tuesday, January 19
 - Wisconsin Rapids Service Center and Shop will reopen at 11:30 am, Tuesday, January 19

If you have any questions concerning these closings, please contact the Property Department: property@gsnwgl.org or call your nearest Service Center and ask for extension 3349.

Chloe's Corner

Hi!

It's me, Chloe! At school we're learning about writing in paragraphs - see how I indented? And in my Girl Scout troop we're learning about water. Did you know that the snow in winter helps farmers in the spring? It is so cool! I can make snow angels at recess now, and when it melts it will help the flowers grow!

Now I'm getting excited for the field trip my troop is going on soon. We're going to learn how to make paper. My mom says we'll be like scientists and will learn more about recycling.

I'm also getting excited because it's almost time to sell Girl Scout Cookies. I want to sell 185 boxes of cookies so I can get a panda journal and pen that I can draw in and a purse too. I even joined something called a Cookie Club. My Mom is helping me with the computer part. She is teaching me how to type a little, but it's hard. Tagalongs are my favorite cookies. I wonder what cookies my neighbors will buy.

*TTYL,
Chloe*