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The newsletter for our volunteers

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Message from Mary

Summer greetings, all!

I hope you're getting a chance to relax and enjoy the sunshine. It never seems to last quite long enough around here, so soak it up while you can! I just can't tell you often enough how grateful I am for all you do on behalf of girls. These girls, whom you enrich and inspire like your own, will have you to thank forever - whether they realize it or not. From my own early years as a Girl Scout, I know the impact my troop leaders had and have on me, even today. The countless alumnae I talk to and interact with regularly tell me that same thing.

In our effort to do all that we can to support you in this, we are spending the summer working feverishly to incorporate the feedback, requests and suggestions we received from you over the past year. We exist to help you deliver Girl Scouting on the ground and in your neighborhood. The more you interact with us about how we're doing, the better we can meet your needs and the needs of our girls. So thank you for your thoughtful and challenging input, and please keep it coming! Our goal is to make each year more fruitful than the last for our girls and more rewarding for you.

We look forward to an even stronger partnership with you in the coming membership year! - Mary

GSNWGL Service Centers

Appleton
4693 N Lynndale Dr, 54913
920.734.4559

Eau Claire
4222 Oakwood Hills Pkwy, 54701
715.835.5331

Green Bay
2430 Finger Rd, 54302
920.469.4860

Marquette, MI
131 W Washington, Ste C, 49855
906.225.8020

Schofield (Wausau area)
3511 Camp Phillips Rd, 54476
715.355.9850

Wisconsin Rapids
3910 Chestnut St, 54494
715.423.6360

General phone number
888.747.6945

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

The Girl Scouts Advocacy Network

37 Senators, 150 Representatives Cosponsor the Girl Scouts Centennial Commemorative Coin Act

Because of direct outreach to Congressional offices from across the Girl Scout Movement, 37 Senators and 150 Representatives have cosponsored the Girl Scouts Centennial Commemorative Coin Act (House cosponsors, Senate cosponsors). In order to pass the Coin Act, we need 67 Senators and 290 Representatives to cosponsor this legislation. Our goal is to reach these numbers by September 2009, as only two coins are approved by Congress each year, and we have aggressive competition. We need your help today!

What Can You Do?

- If your Representative and Senators have not yet cosponsored the legislation, send an email encouraging them to join nearly 200 of their colleagues who have. To determine who your Representative and Senators are click here.
- We need your immediate assistance to spread the word to your friends, family and other Girl Scout supporters about the Commemorative Coin legislation. Encourage them to sign up at www.girlscouts4girls.org TODAY.

Together, we can advocate for a Commemorative Coin that will be a lasting symbol of Girl Scouts' 100th Anniversary!

For more information about the The Girl Scouts Advocacy Network, contact Girl Scouts' Public Policy and Advocacy Office at advocacy@girlscouts.org.

Council Property Rentals to Outside Groups

If you know of a business looking for a place to hold a retreat or meeting, make sure you mention our facilities! GSNWGL has recently decided to once again open its doors not only to other non-profits, but to for-profit organizations as well. The available facilities include all 10 of our camps and the Appleton, Eau Claire, and Green Bay Service Centers. Outside groups are able to make reservations up to four (4) months in advance. For pricing information and availability, please contact property@gsnwgl.org or call 888.747.6945 ext. 3349.



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

Using Cookie Dough/Fall Product Program Credit

- All GSNWGL Product Program Credit expires on September 30 of the year that it was earned. Prior to the expiration date, Product Program Credit may be used to attend GSNWGL day and resident camps, Council-Wide/Sponsored Programs, registration fees for destinations, reimbursement for materials needed to complete the Girl Scout Gold Award, the Girl Scout Silver Award and to purchase items from GSNWGL Council Shops.
- Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors may request an extension for their earned Product Program Credit in order to save for a specific long-range goal. Expiration date extensions may be granted to Girl Scouts to assist girls in paying for GSNWGL resident camps, registration fees as related to destinations and for reimbursement of materials needed to complete the Girl Scout Gold Award or the Girl Scout Silver Award.
- Girl Scouts who would like to save their GSNWGL Product Program Credit beyond the expiration date must complete and submit the Request to Extend Expiration Date of Product Program Credit prior to the current expiration date of the GSNWGL Cookie Dough/Fall Product Program Credit.
- Extended expiration date GSNWGL Cookie Dough may only be used for the activity detailed in the Request to Extend Expiration Date of Product Program Credit.
- The maximum extension for GSNWGL Product Program Credit is two years.
- Earned GSNWGL Product Program Credit is only eligible for an extension one time.
- Only Product Program Credit issued by GSNWGL is eligible for expiration date extensions.
- Upon completion of the Request to Extend Expiration Date of Product Program Credit, the form may be submitted to the nearest Service Center, or submit to the Program Director by email, fax or mail:

GSNWGL
Attn: Erin Dunlavy, Program Director
PO Box 9427
Green Bay, WI 54308-9427
edunlavy@gsnwgl.org
Fax: 920.734.1304

**The Program Director will respond via email to your request. If a request is approved a new program credit will be issued. If your request is denied, Product Program Credit will be returned.*

You may download this information on a document [here](#).

2009 Girl Scout Fall Product Program

We continue planning the 2009 Fall Product Program and look forward to releasing additional information soon!

Dates:

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| September 8-14 | • Service Area Fall Product Manager trains Troop Fall Product Manager | • The theme for our upcoming Fall Product Program is <i>GSI: Unlock the Mystery!</i> |
| October 1-8 | • Troops train for Fall Product Program | • The program activities will offer a way for girls to investigate more about themselves and their values |
| October 9-25 | • Girls take orders | • The mascot is Snoops - an adorable, super-sleuthing bloodhound |
| November 21-30 | • Girls deliver Fall Product | |

Watch the website and upcoming issues of *Connect* for more details!

...and introducing the 2010 Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program theme!

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

Inspired by U.

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!

Watch the website and upcoming issues of *Connect* for more details!

Updates & Reminders from the Membership Department

Service Team Members - Mark Your Calendars!

LEAP into the New Year!

Service Team Training and Rededication Event

- Sunday, August 2, 2009
- 1:00-4:00 p.m. CDT (2:00-5:00 p.m. ET)
- Location: all Council Service Centers

All Service Team members (Service Area Managers, School/Community Organizers, Family Partnership Ambassadors, Treasurers, Event Planners, PR Reps, etc.) are invited to “hop on over” to this important event. Come and learn about the new and exciting things GSNWGL has in store for the 2009-2010 membership year. Network with new friends, meet the staff, and pick up your “new year” materials - including the very first look at the 09-10 issue of *The Source*, hot off the presses! We'll also unveil 2 exciting new tools for Service Teams: 1) An opportunity to increase the amount of your Service Area allocation and 2) an opportunity to earn coveted Service Team awards! Do not miss this exciting news!

**Council Shops
will be open
12:00-1:00 p.m.**

Service Team Positions Available

There are opportunities to join this important group of volunteers in your Service Area. The Service Team recruits and places girls and adults and provides programs and support for the Service Area. They also develop the plans and make decisions for the Service Area. If you are interested in sharing your skills with the girls and adults of the Service Area, ask your Membership Manager about positions like Service Area Manager, Treasurer, Product Sales Manager, Event Planner, Family Partnership Ambassador, Community/School Organizer or Public Relations Representative.

August Service Area Leader Meetings/Fall Kick Off Events

Do not miss your August Service Area Leader Meeting. August Service Area Leader Meetings will be the official fall kick off events- and they will be right in your Service Areas. At these fall kick off events you will:

- See what's new in the 2009-2010 issue of *The Source*!
- Hear about the 2009-2010 Council programs, as well as updates from all departments.
- Learn about everything that is new and exciting for the new membership year!

Year-End Evaluations - Deadline Extended!

We need YOUR feedback, and YOUR help to gather girls' feedback!

The data gathered in these surveys will help us improve Council functions and provide critical information to our funders. Your information will have a direct impact on future funding of Girl Scouting in your community. Please take time to fill out the entire survey and give your troops time at a library or a local college to fill out their surveys as well. Thank you for showing your pride and support in Girl Scouts - it is through you that these traditions and educational programs will move forward and remain sustainable!

Access the surveys [here!](#)

Updates & Reminders from the Membership Department

Dairy Queen and Girl Scouts – The Blizzard is Back!

Taglaongs Blizzard available in July; Thin Mint Blizzard available in August

GSUSA is once again partnering with Dairy Queen for a two-month, licensed promotion that includes the introduction of the new Girl Scouts Tagalongs® Blizzard Treat as the July Blizzard of the Month and the return of the Girl Scouts Thin Mint Cookie Blizzard in August.

Dairy Queen will promote both tasty treats with national television advertising, local radio and print advertising, and in-store signage during July and August. In addition, Dairy Queen is declaring July 20-26 “Girl Scout Appreciation Week”.

Girls nationwide will also have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills by visiting Dairy Queen restaurants to take behind-the-scenes tours, receive tips from Dairy Queen professionals on how to run a successful business, and learn about the product development process, including how to make a Blizzard.

Ask your Membership Manager about opportunities available at your local Dairy Queen restaurant, and watch your email for a special treat from Dairy Queen!

Summer Services

In the summer your Membership Manager is available to you and will continue to provide the same valuable services. She can help you navigate through Council resources and help you find what you are looking for, help you deal with challenging things that come up in your troop like cliques, difficult parents and bullies, and give you ideas for great service projects, field trips and guest speakers. Your Membership Manager will also be out and about in your community this summer. If you need a store order or another resource, call your Membership Manager to find out the next time she will be in your community.

Have you Met Chloe? She's Now Online!

That's right, now you can learn all about our ambitious Girl Scout Daisy on the GSNWGL website! Simply click the ***Have you Met Chloe?*** button on the homepage and you will go to the new Family Partnership section of the site. There you can print out your own Cut-Out Chloe, read her blog, see where Chloe's adventures have taken her and learn about how to make a gift to the Family Partnership Campaign!

Chloe is very excited to share with you her adventures as a first-time Girl Scout! Check out *Chloe's Corner* (on the last page of every issue of *Connect*) and read about the great time Chloe had at Day Camp and a very special cool treat she had. Learn more about Family Partnership and Chloe on page 6.

Council Shop News

Special Shop Hours

- Summer hours in effect from June 1-September 4: Council Shops will be open Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Council Shops will be open 12:00-1:00 p.m. August 2, in conjunction with Service Team Training
- All Council properties will be closed Labor Day, September 7

New Software Available

G-Scoutmate© and My Journey Through Girl Scouts® software is now available through the Council Shops!

G-Scoutmate© (\$29.95)

G-Scoutmate© is a great record-keeping tool for troops and Service Areas! The latest version tracks membership, awards (including new leadership Journeys), service hours, dues, events, inventory equipment and much more. Includes a comprehensive financial section to track troop accounts and produce end-of-year reports. Even print complete permission slips ready for signatures!

My Journey Through Girl Scouts® (\$14.95)

This software will help girls track all aspects of their Girl Scout experience. Includes pictures and requirements of all Try-Its, Badges, Patches and Bridges as well as an Awards section to track other Awards. There is an event and meeting log, address book, scrapbook, and calendar with alarm as well as 20 other reports and much more.

Visit [this website](#) for more information and to download an evaluation copy of these programs.

More from the Council Shop

- **Specials through August 27:** The first series of Journey book sets for leaders are 10% off and receive a free Journey keepsake necklace or bracelet with purchase of current Great Start Kit
- **New this summer:** Girl Scout Daisy Council ID sets (cost is \$4, as are all grade-level ID sets) and the redesigned Girl Scout Brownie vest (new design is more fitted and longer than the current vest)
- **Coming soon:** New Great Start and Leader's Essentials kits, and watch your mail for the new Girl Scout Merchandise Catalog!

Remember to always order all your Girl Scout gear through the GSNWGL Council Shops to support our girls!

Camp Trading Post

All of our summer camp sessions offer a Trading Post where campers can purchase anything from camp essentials to souvenirs of their adventure! So please consider sending your daughter to camp with some spending money. Giving her the opportunity to make small buying decisions while at camp builds on her understanding of keeping to a budget and making sound decisions. Learning to manage money is a valuable lesson at any age!

Items at the Camp Trading Posts range from \$.25 to \$30. Merchandise will vary by camp; please check out the [Camp Trading Post webpage](#) for more information.

Here's a sample of what's available at Camp Trading Posts this summer:

Camp T-Shirts

The following camps have new T-shirts for summer 2009:

- Camp Birch Trails
- Camp Nawakwa
- Camp Sacajawea
- Camp Winnecomac

We're also offering a special Color Your Own Camp T-Shirt that lists all eight of our 2009 Summer Camps!

Other Camp Items

- 'I Survived Camp' plaid hat
- Autograph pillow
- Plush animals (dogs, horses, lion, tiger, mooses, bears, monkey, and more!)
- Bandanas
- Journals, notecards, pens, pencils
- Cameras
- Tote bags
- Camp patches
- Bracelets, rings and pins
- Water bottles
- Folding camp chair
- Fleece blanket
- Flashlights, compasses
- and tons more!

Fund Development News

Women of Courage, Confidence and Character

Eau Claire Area Special Event

Each year, GSNWGL honors extraordinary women who make an impact on the community and who have demonstrated significant achievements in their professional and personal lives while serving as strong role models for today's girls.

Our 2009 Eau Claire area event will be held September 29 at Fanny Hill in Eau Claire. The event will begin with a reception and silent auction at 6:00 p.m. and dinner and recognition of the honorees will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

The electronic fund transfer (EFT) giving option is available! That means your personal, company or family gift can be paid directly from your bank account in convenient installments. Many people find this a great way to achieve the level of giving that works best with their personal goals.

This year it will cost GSNWGL \$234/girl to provide the skills needed to create a successful future. The Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program defrays \$151 of that cost, leaving \$83 per girl to be raised through family and community support. By using the EFT option, an annual gift level of \$83 could be achieved by contributing just \$6.92 each month! What a great way to give a personally significant gift and stay on track with your budget as well. Please consider using this option for your next gift and encourage other families, volunteers and community supporters to do so as well! Download the EFT form [here](#).

2009 Family Partnership Campaign

The primary goal of the 2009 Family Partnership Campaign is to ensure that every Girl Scout Family has the opportunity to make a financial gift to Girl Scouting. The support of families is key to the foundation of Girl Scouts.

Why should families make a Family Partnership gift?

- Current program fees paid by parents and volunteers do not cover the programs' actual costs. GSNWGL subsidizes these costs so that fees continue to be affordable to parents/families and volunteers.
- The national membership dues of \$10 (\$12 for 2009-2010) go directly to GSUSA and do not help cover the cost of programs for GSNWGL Girl Scouts.
- [Family Partnership](#) gifts are tax deductible (to the extent allowed by law).
- A high percentage of participation in the [Family Partnership Campaign](#) demonstrates to corporations and foundations that GSNWGL is strongly supported by the families who benefit from its programs.

Family Partnership Ambassadors

In a recent survey we asked our Family Partnership Ambassadors to share their thoughts on the current program. They provided great feedback! One thing that came through in all parts of this survey, were inspirational comments shared by our volunteers. Starting with this edition, we will share some of their thoughts with you. We are so proud to have such incredible volunteers working in our communities!

I volunteered to be a Family Partnership Ambassador because... "Girl Scouting is important to me and to my community; if I can change one girl's life for the better, I have made a difference for everyone she knows."

- GSNWGL Family Partnership Ambassador

Who is Cut-Out Chloe?

Cut-Out Chloe is a portable version of Courageous Chloe. Girls are encouraged to take Cut-Out Chloe along on all their summer adventures, documenting Chloe's activities through photos and a journal. In addition to her other travels, we are excited that Courageous Chloe has decided to spend some of her summer having a blast with the other girls at Girl Scout camp!

To make sure her summer adventures are the best they can be, camp staff will match her with a Girl Scout buddy during each camp session. Campers who 'adopt' Chloe bring her along on their camp activities. At the end of camp, journal entries and photos will be sent to the Brand & Marketing Dept so these experiences can be shared in Council communications. Read about Chloe's trip to the Dominican Republic and see photos [here!](#)

Adult Development News

Congratulations, GSNWGL Volunteers!

Congratulations to the following individuals who were honored during GSNWGL's 2009 Adult Volunteer recognition process. (This list includes the awardees who were not announced in the June Connect, due to date of Service Area recognition events.) For more information about adult recognitions, visit the [Recognition](#) page of our website.

Service Area Level Recognitions

Outstanding Volunteer:

Natalie Howdeshell, Mountain Bay
Tammy Johnson, Paper Cities
Nadine Schenzel, Mountain Bay

Outstanding Leader:

Joanne Cline, Paper Cities
Nicole Dulak, Paper Cities
Ruth Holcomb, Mountain Bay
Chris Kelnhofer, Mountain Bay
Becky Korte, Paper Cities
Michelle Lemke, Paper Cities
Anneliese Sheahan, Paper Cities
Kim Shnowske, Mountain Bay
Paula Slaby, Mountain Bay

Council Level Recognitions

Appreciation Pin:

Becky Korte, Paper Cities
Anneliese Sheahan, Paper Cities

NASA Facilitator Training Offered

GSUSA has worked with [NASA](#) for more than 15 years to promote interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) among girls. This August, GSNWGL is offering a special NASA Facilitator's Training Session at Camp Pow-Low. This event is geared toward adult volunteers who are interested in leading NASA/STEM activities within their communities. Interactive program topics will include solar system exploration, rocket building, engineering activities and more! The cost for this event is \$25 per person, and includes course fee, materials, food and accommodations at camp.

Event Information:

- Facilitator: Marguerite Blodgett
- Location: Camp Pow-Low, Gwinn, MI
- Date/Time: 9:00 a.m. Saturday, August 8 - 1:00 p.m. Sunday, August 9

To register, complete and return the [Adult Training Registration form](#) or contact the Adult Development Department.

Great Opportunity for GSNWGL Girl Scouts!

We were recently contacted by the Brown County United Way (BCUW) to ask our girls to get their creative juices flowing and create some artwork to decorate a wall at their new location! If you and your girl(s) would like to participate, please see details below:

Guidelines:

- Deadline: Submit ready-to-hang artwork directly to BCUW by the beginning of August.
- Size: No larger than 11X14
- Other information: Incorporate the words "Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes" and/or the Girl Scout logo* on or under the artwork.

BCUW contact information:

Stephanie Foley, Community Impact Director
1245 Main Street, Green Bay
920.593.4764
stephanie@browncountyunitedway.org

Ideas:

- Photo
- Photo collage
- Poem
- Pottery that can be hung on a wall (not a shelf)
- Metal work
- Children's drawings
- Tile

**If you would like a copy of the Girl Scout logo, please contact the Brand & Marketing Dept at brand@gsnwgl.org*

Program Updates

There's Still Time to Come to Summer Camp!

Following are summer camp sessions that are still accepting campers as of July 10, 2009. They are organized by camp location. Be sure to check the website [Camp Calendars](#) for the latest on closed camp sessions and other updates.

Camp Birch Trails

Art-o-rama: Grades 4-6. Feel like you can't contain your creativity? Let your artistic side out by painting, sculpting, drawing and then tying a shirt to bring home. August 2-7; \$245

Wild for Water: Grades 4-7. Grab your swimsuit and sunscreen and head to camp. Visit local beaches and spend a day at a water park! Get up early for a refreshing polar bear swim, take the bog crawl challenge, and end your day with a sunset paddle. July 19-24, August 9-14; \$245

Let's Get Cookin': Grades 4-7. Cooking in the great outdoors is fun and easy. Try some new recipes and different ways to cook up a masterpiece! August 2-7; \$245

Grossology: Grades 4-7. Strap on your goggles and try awesomely gross science experiments! Make slime, learn weird facts like how many times people burp in a day or why feet smell, and explore the bog! July 19-24, August 9-14; \$230

Camp Wha-chu-wanna-du?: Grades 4-6. You get to choose what you want to do at camp! Sample all of the aspects of camp in just six short days. Swimming, boating, cooking out, nature walks and overnight fun are just a few options to try. This session is perfect for first time campers! August 2-7; \$230

Night Owls: Grades 4-7. Enjoy sleep-in breakfasts every morning after staying up late to enjoy the CBT night life! Take a night hike, sleep under the stars on the shores of Olivotti Lake, enjoy awesome nature activities, and explore things that go bump in the night! July 26-31; \$230

Stable Stompers: Grades 5-7. This program will launch your horsemanship knowledge to a new and exciting level. Spend three hours for three days at a local stable experiencing skills ranging from bareback to trail riding. You must have participated in Horsin' Around to register. July 26-31, August 2-7; \$335

Sail Away: Grades 4-9. All hands on deck! Try your hand at sailing the pirate-ridden waters of Olivotti Lake. When you aren't sailing, learn about pirates, and then take on the pirate training and obstacle course! July 19-24; \$230

Wild West: Grades 9-12. Travel to North Dakota for an unforgettable experience in the Black Hills backcountry! Spend a week in Theodore Roosevelt National Park hiking, horseback riding, sightseeing and shopping. July 19-31; \$470

Bog Jumpers: Grades 4-7. Practice canoeing and kayaking while learning about the bog. Go bird watching and learn about owls, even dissect owl pellets! Enjoy great nature activities on an island overnight! July 19-24, August 2-7; \$230

Gilligan's Island: Grades 5-9. Paddle your canoe along the Willow Flowage and stay on a "deserted" island. Find out cool tips for wilderness survival, like how to cook your dinner over an open fire and how to make lake water drinkable. July 19-31; \$405

Manitowish River Kayaking Trip: Grades 4-8. First Level kayaking trip. Spend 3-5 days on the trail. No experience necessary, but Pre-Level trip is suggested. July 19-31; \$440

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Backpacking Trip: Grades 5-9. Second Level backpacking trip. Spend 4-7 days on the trail. First Level trip or camping experience suggested. July 26-August 7; \$465

Chippewa Kayak Trip: Grades 5-9. Second Level kayaking trip. Spend 4-7 days on the trail. First Level trip or camping experience suggested. July 26-August 7; \$465

Namekagon Kayaking Trip: Grades 6-10. Third Level kayaking trip. Spend 6-9 days on the trail. Must have attended Second Level trip of any kind. August 2-14; \$485

Manitowish Waters Canoeing Trip: Grades 6-10. Third Level canoeing trip. Spend 6-9 days on the trail. Must have attended Second Level trip of any kind. August 2-14; \$485

Kayakers: Grades 4-7. Pre-Level kayaking trip. Learn the basics of wilderness trips and spend 2-3 days on the trail. No experience necessary! August 9-14; \$260

Camp Del O' Claire Day Camp

Cook-It: Grades K-3. It's time for the Girl Scout Food Challenge! Cook apples on the fire for a taste of apple pie, create sassy salsa and cook over an open fire. Stir up a few dishes and make a recipe book! July 20-24; \$130

Iron Chef GS: Grades 4-7. Prepare tasty treats throughout the week using a new secret ingredient each day. At the end of the day, each dish will be judged and the winning team will receive the Iron Chef Award. When the cooking is done, all our chefs will relax with plenty of favorite camp activities! July 20-24; \$145

Ooey Goey Science: Grades K-3. Can you deal with messy? Do you like to mix things up a bit? So do we! We'll make slime, squishy jelly crystals, magic sand, and more! July 27-31; \$130

GS Next top Model: Grades K-3. Are you the next top model? Discover your inner beauty and let it shine on the catwalk. Learn all the glamour, nutrition and photography tips that will keep you looking good and feeling your best! Step onto the runway as you create your own Girl Scout fashion show. August 3-7; \$130

Super Soakin': Grades K-3. Beat the heat this summer! Get ready for a wet and wild week of water games and super soakin' fun! You'll love the classics: water balloon toss, water bucket brigade, drip-drip-drop and frozen t-shirt races. August 10-14; \$130

Camp Ishnala

Me & My Pal: All ages. Have a great father-daughter get away, or bring your grandpa, uncle, big brother or other favorite adult male to camp! Choose from a variety of activities while you are there such as hiking, swimming, and canoeing. Pals will be housed separately from girls. August 8-9; \$55/participant

Outdoor Extravaganza Ishnala: Grades 1-12. Troop camping at its finest! Just bring your troop - and we'll do the work! Staff directs a variety of program activities including canoeing, nature activities, team building, craft projects, games and much more! August 14-16; \$55/participant

Camp Nawakwa

S'mores & More Sleepover 1: Grades 1-2. This taste of camp is just as sweet as the s'mores you'll be eating! Play games, make cool arts & crafts, explore the waterfront, and experience a bit of what Camp Nawakwa is all about. July 23-24; \$55

Silver Spurs: Grades 7-12. Buckle up your boots - this is going to be one wild ride! Review the basics of working with horses while practicing teambuilding skills. Learn some new moves that will help you bond with your horse. July 26-August 5; \$580

Used to Useful: Grades 5-7. Arts & crafts go green! Make recycled paper, turn an old t-shirt into a new trend, finger-weave a belt, make paper beads and crayon hearts, and more. Have a blast turning trash into treasure! July 19-24; \$270

No Boundaries: Grades 5-7. Canoe, backpack, cook over an open fire or with a camp stove, hike the trails, and take an overnight trip to a primitive campsite. There may even be time for a polar bear swim! Intermediate swimming ability preferred. July 26-31; \$255

Nuts for Nature: Grades 4-6. Enjoy nature while making new friends and memories. Groups may even visit a wildlife reserve to connect with other types of flora and fauna. Make a camp memory book to take home all of your experiences! July 26-31; \$270

Belay On!: Grades 7-9. Experienced guides will have you reaching for the top and pushing your personal limits! Spend one night at a high and low ropes facility. This camp is perfect for a first time climber! August 2-7; \$425

Porpoise: Grades 6-8. Dive into the water opportunities at camp! Swim in the lake, make sand candles or plaster casts on the beach, sail, hike along the water, fish, take a polar bear swim and a night swim, canoe and even sleep at a primitive campsite. August 2-7; \$270

Camp Sacajawea

Special two-day sessions!

Kitchen Concoctions: Grades 4-6. Learn to cook tasty dishes, how to set a proper table and master manners and etiquette. Includes your own recipe book, pot holder and placemat. July 20-21; \$85

Dr. Seuss's Slumber Party: Grades K-4. Do you like Green Eggs and Ham? Come spend the week with your favorite Dr. Seuss characters. Take part in a Butter Battle, visit the Lorax, create your own Ooblek or find Horton's Eggs. You'll have fun at all the Places You'll Go! August 10-11; \$85

Art Extravaganza: Grades K-6. Create cool masterpieces with pottery, beading, stamping, photography and more. You'll let your imagination soar at the Funky Lil' Art Shack and on a trip to the Art Village. August 12-13; \$85

Week-long sessions

Where in the World: Grades 3-6. Travel to four different countries: Australia, India, Mexico, and China. Spend a day in each country trying their food, learning dances, sports, language and crafts from each culture. August 10-13, \$150

Wild Ride on the Magic School Bus: Grades K-3. This wild ride will have you explore the senses, find yourself inside a hurricane, travel back to the time of dinosaurs, take you deep inside the human body, and buzz about inside a beehive. July 27-30; \$160

Where the Wild Things Are: Grades K-6. Spend a hands-on week learning about reptiles, insects, amphibians, mammals and more. July 20-23; \$160

Camp Rock: Grades 4-6. Make your own musical instrument, tie-dye a rock n' roll t-shirt, find out what it takes to produce a record and take part in a Rock Band competition. Show off at the end of the week talent show! August 17-20; \$160

***Sports, music swimming,
horseback riding, art, canoeing,
cooking, hiking, dancing, drama
and so much more...***

***there's something for every girl
at GSNWGL Camps!***

Camp Winnecomac

Adventurers: Grades 4-7. Climb an indoor rock wall and plan a bike trip down the CE Trail! Work on your outdoor skills as you cook, camp, and camp over night at High Cliff State Park! August 10-14; \$145

Incredible Edibles: Grades K-3. Get crafty in the kitchen! Bake apples, cut fruit, cook outside. Cook during the week and make a recipe book. Your patrol will get to create their own soup! July 27-31; \$145

Brownie Splash: Grades 1-3. Beat the heat and get wet n' wild! Play water games, swim during the week, go biking and hiking, make art projects and much more! July 20-24, August 3-7, August 17-21; \$130

Trail Riders: Grades 4-7. Spend a day at a local horse stable for a basic riding lesson to prepare you for the trail rides at Camp Birch Trails. You will receive two trail rides at a local stable while enjoying your two-and-a-half-day stay at CBT! You must have attended Pony Express in order to participate in this program. August 3-7; \$230

Water Seekers: Grades 4-7. Have a blast splashing around plus other cool camp activities, like working together on the ropes course, trying archery, or playing games in the watering hole. You'll also take a trip to a pool, a lake, and a water park! Stay overnight at camp one night! July 20-24, August 3-7, August 17-21; \$230

Trail Mix: Grades K-3. Explore your natural surroundings while learning outdoor skills. Cook over a fire, use a compass, and identify trees and plants. Test your skills on exciting hikes through beautiful Camp Winnecomac. August 10-14; \$130

Rock Stars: Grades K-3. Want to be as cool as Hannah Montana? Spend the week at camp dancing and singing along to the summer's hottest songs and re-creating the latest High School Musical. When you need a break from your rockstar life you'll create your own art project, play games, and more! July 27-31, August 3-7, \$130

Amazin' Animals: Grades K-3. Explore the strange and fascinating world of animals! Find out the best way to care for pets and how you should treat animals in the wild. Visit the zoo to see some of these animals in action. July 20-24, August 17-21; \$140

Art Express: Grades 4-7. Bring out the artist in you! Design a piece of jewelry, paint a masterpiece, make your own journal, and learn how to express yourself through art. July 20-24; \$130

Brownie Blast: Grades K-3. Whether this is your first time at camp or your tenth time, try a little bit of everything that camp has to offer. Hikes, arts & crafts, sports, nature, and new friends will fill your week! July 20-24, August 3-7; \$130

Slammin' Sports: Grades 4-7. Action and adventure abound as you tackle our low ropes course, travel to a nearby park, and explore camp's trails! July 27-31; \$140

Program Updates

Patch Program Opportunities

On June 30, legacy council patch programs were retired. However, some will not be gone for long!

All patch programs were considered for continuation, and many factors were measured when making the final choices, such as were the topics still relevant, how popular were the patches, and most importantly, can we incorporate the Girl Scout Leadership Experience into the requirements?

GSNWGL will offer more than ten patch programs, with topics including community service, healthy relationships, the environment, local history, outdoor programming, and much more. The details and requirements for earning each patch will be posted on our website as soon as they are available. We encourage you to look through the programs with your girls and participate!

For more information on GSNWGL patch programs, contact Carrie Andringa at candrigna@gsnwgl.org or call your nearest Service Center and ask for ext. 5513.

Council Communications

Troops 2468 & 2290 Send Soldiers Sweet Taste of Home

Kudos to the girls, leaders, volunteers, families and supporters of the Oshkosh area's Troop 2468 and Troop 2290 for sending a taste of home to troops serving in Balad, Iraq. The shipment of Girl Scout Cookies really made their day!

Did you know?

- According to Hugs for Soldiers, a nonprofit group dedicated to supporting military troops, Girl Scout Cookies continue to be one of the most requested items by soldiers!

Check Out GSUSA's Blog!

After a year-long hiatus, [GSUSA's blog](#) is active once again. Maintained by GSUSA's Josh Ackley, the new and improved blog is a virtual one stop shop for Girl Scout news from around the country!

Currently you'll find posts and links to media coverage of [Girl Scout Camp CEO](#), a newly-unearthed [Girl Scout time capsule](#), a [Girl Scout Duct Tape Fashion Show](#), as well as the regular [Weekend Run-Down](#) of news stories.

For more information about GSUSA's blog, or if you have any questions, contact Josh Ackley at jackley@girlscouts.org.

Let Us Know Your Troop and Service Area News!

Send a summary with photos to brand@gsnwgl.org. We may submit the information to your local newspaper, use it in Council publications or on our website!

Property Updates

Summer Rental Information

We have quite a few camps that still have plenty of opportunities available for your summer getaway! Check out your options below, and contact the Property Dept (property@gsnwgl.org) or call your nearest Service Center and ask for extension 3349) to reserve your weekend (or weekday) escape!

- Appleton Service Center Available for overnights/meetings/events
- Camp Blueberry Knoll Available during the summer
- Camp Cuesta Available some weekends and all weekdays
- Camp Del O'Claire Available after August 18
- Eau Claire Service Center Available after 5:00 p.m. (weekdays) and on the weekends
- Green Bay Service Center Available for overnights/meetings/events
- Camp Hy-Da-Way Available during the summer
- Camp Ishnala Available weekdays in July/August, and all days after August 16
- Camp Nawakwa Timbercrest, Hilltop, Lakeview, and Valley are available some weekends
- Camp Pow Low Available during the summer

Many are already taking advantage of our camps, so if you are interested in a date, please call or email to see if this is available. All inquiries should be directed to property@gsnwgl.org or extension 3349.

What's New with the GSNWGL Property Department

The Property Team has been busy with not only the general maintenance of our Service Centers and camps, but also several big projects that not only improved our properties, but also provided great teambuilding opportunities! Here are a few improvements that you will see throughout the Council:

- Baptiste Lodge at Camp Sacajawea received new carpeting in early July
- Eagle's Lodge at Camp Winnecomac received a new roof in April
- Jenny Lodge at Camp Hy-Da-Way received a fresh coat of paint on its exterior earlier this summer
- The Lodge at Camp Pow-Low had all of its exterior trim painted this summer
- Troop House at Camp Ishnala had the entire interior repainted this spring

We invite you to visit these properties and check out the great improvements in person!

New Property Section on the GSNWGL Website

The Property Section of the website is up and running! Each of our 10 [camp properties](#) and 6 [Service Centers](#) has its own page that contains:

- Photo and/or photo slideshow
- General descriptive information
- Table of detailed information (the information that's included in *Connect* and *The Source*)
- Equipment available at the property (pdf)
- Instructions on how to reserve the property, including a link to the reservation form
- Contact information
- Summer programs information, if applicable

Please note that for safety reasons, GSNWGL does not publicly share directions to properties. Volunteers, girls, parents, guardians, and other family members should contact the Property Department for directions, maps, etc.

We continue working hard to bring you great properties and keep you up to date on the latest property news. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact us at property@gsnwgl.org or extension 3349.

Chloe's Corner



Hi, it's Chloe. I am so excited that I finally got to join Girl Scouts! My mom and I went to the Girl Scout Shop, and it was full of badges and fun stuff. We bought my uniform, it was blue. There were some other patches and numbers that my Mom bought to put on it. Now it looks really cool.

Mom talked to someone there who was really nice. Mom asked if she could be my leader. The lady gave my mom some papers, but best of all she gave my mom a coupon to go to the Dairy Queen. Yummy!

I helped put the patches on my uniform. One of the patches had a picture on it that looked like me. Mom said I got that patch because we gave money to help the Council support my troop, and help other girls become Girl Scouts. That's great because I'm having so much fun, and I want other girls to be able to have fun too.

Last weekend I got to go to day camp with my sister Bonnie. We swam and made a special t-shirt. Mine had purple and pink swirly colors. I was lucky and even got to paint a park bench for the city with some other girls.

On the way home from day camp, we stopped at Dairy Queen. Bonnie and I had a Tagalongs Blizzard and it was really good! When I asked my mom if we can come back again; she said "Honey, we will and next time it will be with your Girl Scout Troop to take a tour of the Dairy Queen." I wonder if they will let me make my own Blizzard.

Like Bonnie says, TTYL (she told me that means 'talk to you later')!

*Your friend,
Chloe*