



# Connect

The newsletter for our volunteers

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## Message from Mary

Dear Volunteers and Parents,

At the Annual Meeting I announced the development of a Volunteer Kitchen Cabinet, a group of diverse volunteers from all across the Council who will meet together with the Leadership Team and sometimes department heads, monthly or every other month. They will help us test ideas and decisions, give us their feedback and help us build ideas.

I am looking for 18-24 volunteers, no two from the same Service Area, with a wide variety of backgrounds – leaders, Service Area managers, trainers, product sales, etc. We want to keep the groups at each Service Center to around 4-6 people so we can have deep conversation at the Centers and then across the video.

We need people who can voice their opinions, think strategically and especially those who may be in areas that have been challenged by our change. The plan is for them to come together in this work and then return to their Service Areas and share as a communication ambassador.

Are you this person? Or do you know someone who would be a great partner in this project? Send contact info to me at [mcharles@gsnwgl.org](mailto:mcharles@gsnwgl.org) or call 888.747.6945 extension 3360. My hope is to have the cabinet ready to start in June.

As always thank you for all your hard work on behalf of girls! - *Mary*

## New Service Center and Shop Summer Hours

From June 1-September 4, 2009, Service Centers and Council Shops will be open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The current economic downturn has introduced new challenges for all businesses, and Girl Scouting is not immune. To weather this storm, we are working as efficiently as we can and using our limited resources wisely. We are implementing all money-saving practices we can that will minimally impact our girls and volunteers (posting documents/publications online rather than printing, and using videoconferencing to reduce travel costs.) These, along with numerous other measures, will help keep us focused and moving forward with our strategic goals for girls.

## Meet Bonnie!

*Hi, my name is Bonnie and I'm a Girl Scout Brownie. I love being in Girl Scouts! I will be bridging to Juniors this year. Mom says that it is my little sister Chloe's turn to join Girl Scouts. At first I wondered if she would be coming to my meetings, but Mom explained that I would have my troop and Chloe would have her troop. Then I thought, "What a relief!" She turned 5 a couple of months ago and can be a Girl Scout Daisy when she starts kindergarten in the fall. Little sisters can be such a pain sometimes, but I am excited for Chloe. She always wants to do everything that I do. She follows me around everywhere – except to my Girl Scout meetings. It's so nice that she is finally old enough to have her own fun in Girl Scouting.*

*When you meet her you will like her. You can read about her on page 16. She is funny. She dances around and makes silly noises to make me laugh. She draws stick people and tries to say the Promise and Law but gets all the words messed up. I know she will have as much fun as I am having. I can't wait to hear about all of the things she and the other Daisies are doing.....*

### 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)  
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!**

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 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](mailto: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](#).

### Encourage your Girls to Take the 2010 Cookie Sale Program Recognitions Survey!

GSNWGL wants to hear from girls throughout our jurisdiction about what recognitions they would like to see as part of next year's Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program.

Please help us spread the word by passing the link on to girls and parents in your troop - every girl's opinion counts! The survey will be active through June 22, so please encourage your girls to take the survey as soon as possible.

**Plus** - every girl who completes the survey and includes her name and troop number will be entered into a drawing to win a large plush Eco Ellie! Click [here](#) to access the survey.

### Sneak Peek at the 2009 Girl Scout Fall Product Sale Program

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

- The theme for our upcoming Fall Product Program is *GSI: Unlock the Mystery!*
- The program activities will offer a way for girls to investigate more about themselves and their values
- The mascot is Snoops - an adorable, super-sleuthing bloodhound

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

## Updates & Reminders from the Membership Department

### Spring Registration 2009

It may seem early to be thinking about registering for Girl Scouts next year, but that's the whole point of **Spring 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! **If you have yet to receive your spring registration packet, call your Membership Manager to arrange a time to pick up the materials.**

Note: Beginning with the 2009-2010 membership year (this year's spring registration), Girl Scout annual membership dues will be raised to \$12. Lifetime Membership dues will also increase from \$250 to \$300 on October 1, 2009. To purchase a lifetime membership for \$250, the registration must be received at a Council Service Center before September 30, 2009. Girl Scouts who are graduating high school seniors can take advantage of a special discount and pay only \$130 until September 30, 2009. Starting October 1, 2009 the graduating senior lifetime membership will increase to \$156. The decision to raise membership dues is made by the National Girl Scout Council. This increase was approved in October, 2008. The last increase in membership dues approved by the National Council went into effect in October 2003 and raised the dues to the current \$10 level. Over the past 40 years, the National Council has approved dues increases approximately every six years.

### Spring Registration Patches

**Special offer only for troops who spring register!** Troops will be able to purchase Spring Registration patches from Council Shops at the low cost of \$0.75 per patch. The patch will only be available to girls who register on or before June 30, 2009. When you turn in your Spring Registrations, be sure you ask for your patch coupon. After June 30, 2009 the patch will no longer be available!

### BYOU2 Dance Parties Recap

BYOU2 Dance Parties featured an exercise DVD starring Sabrina Bryan of "The Cheetah Girls" and "Dancing with the Stars." BYOU2 teaches girls to be happy and healthy using hot new dance moves to help them get fit! At the BYOU2 Dance Parties girls:

- Learned a BYOU2 dance routine and performed it!
- Sampled fun summer camp activities!
- Made a craft and had a healthy snack!
- Took part in fun "uniquelyME!" activities!

GSNWGL held 23 BYOU2 Dance Party events around the Council jurisdiction in April and May. Thanks to a grant from the Dove/Girl Scout Self-Esteem Program, we were able to offer every girl who registered for Girl Scouts at a BYOU2 party \$5 off her membership registration fees!

## Service Team Members: Mark Your Calendars & Get Ready to 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, 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 year. Network with new friends, meet the staff, pick up your "new year" materials and have a blast! We have a mystery theme (you already have a few hints!) and lots of fun in store for you, so don't miss it! Watch for more details coming soon from your Membership Manager. Remember, it isn't easy being green, but this event will make it a lot more fun!

## Updates & Reminders from the Membership Department

### 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 year!

### Summer Services

In the summer your Membership Manager is available to you and will continue to provide all of 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 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.

### Year-End Evaluations

GSNWGL is beginning the year-end evaluation process. There are several surveys available - a volunteer survey and one for each Girl Scout grade level. Membership Managers will email you the link with an invitation to participate, or you may access the surveys [here](#). The data gathered in this survey 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!

## *Have you met Courageous Chloe?*

Courageous Chloe is a brand new Girl Scout Daisy and is the 'face' of GSNWGL's 2009 Family Partnership Campaign!

Throughout the 2009-2010 membership year, you will hear from and interact with Chloe in many ways, including seeing her at your monthly Service Area Leader Meetings, reading Chloe's Corner in each issue of *Connect*, following her blog on the GSNWGL website (coming in June!), and even having [Cut-Out Chloe](#) as your Girl Scout's special friend during summer trips and activities!

Chloe is very excited to share with you her upcoming adventures as a first-time Girl Scout! Check out Chloe's Corner (page 16) and read about the great time Chloe recently had at a BYOU2 dance party. Learn more about Family Partnership on page 7.

# Updates & Reminders from the Membership Department

## Year-End Checklist

- Survey girls and adults – Are they returning next year?
- Complete spring registration forms. Send membership forms and dues to any Service Center by June 30, 2009.
- Balance the troop account and complete the Annual Troop/Group Financial Report (also page 99 of *The Source*) by June 30.
- Help your girls go to our website to fill out year-end evaluations and fill out the volunteer one for yourself. The information you provide on these surveys is critical for GSNWGL's funding and guides our future planning for the Council.
- Use the Summer Camp Program Guide to promote summer camp to girls.
- Plan final awards ceremony. Order all necessary insignia for your final awards ceremony.
- Recognize the individuals, businesses and organizations who helped the troop during the year. Send them a note or nominate them for a Community Participation Award (also page 101 of *The Source*).
- Notify your Membership Manager about the adults in leadership positions – Are they returning?
- Plan summer fun activities for the troop.
- Set a date for first formal meeting after summer vacation.
- If the troop is disbanding, fill out the Disbanded/Merged Troop Form (also page 103 of *The Source*).

### If troop has bridging members:

- Order bridging kits.
- Make plans to earn the bridging recognition for your grade level.
- Plan a bridging ceremony with the girls.
- If bridging to a new troop, notify families of their new troop, give Girl Record Forms to new leaders, transfer appropriate amount to new checking account, and make necessary changes on the pre-printed Spring Registration forms.

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## Disbanding Troops

If your troop is disbanding or merging you will need to take these steps:

If girls from a disbanding troop are placed in multiple troops:

- Complete the Disbanded/Merged Troop form
- Give the Girl's Record forms to the new Troop Leaders
- The disbanding troop treasury may be divided among the new troops based on the number of transferring girls
- Give the checkbook and records to your Membership Manager
- Give the troop's supplies and equipment to the School Organizer

If disbanding a troop and girls are not placed:

- Complete the Disbanded/Merged Troop form
- Give the Girl's Record forms to the girls for future reference and use
- Close the troop checking account and forward any remaining troop account money to your Membership Manager. Shred and dispose of all blank checks
- Give the troop's supplies and equipment to the School Organizer
- The School Organizer will work with the Membership Manager to ensure that troop funds are handled appropriately.

If the troop reactivates within 18 months and Council is notified, the funds are reissued to the troop. If reorganization does not take place within 18 months, the troop will be considered officially disbanded and the resources will be used by the Council in the interest of Girl Scouting, as designated by the board of directors.

## Council Shop News

### Special Shop Hours

Summer hours in effect from June 1-September 4: Service Centers and Council Shops will be open Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

### Special Offer for Girls

The Council Shops are offering a 10% discount on the Journey How-to Guides for Adults and the corresponding grade-level Journey book for girls. This is a great opportunity to save on the book set and also get ready for the busy fall season. The regular price for the book sets is \$15; the special price of \$13.50 will be offered through August 27!

### Special Offer for Girls

Purchase a Great Start Kit for the next level of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience and receive a FREE Journey keepsake! The Great Start Kit has everything needed for a great Girl Scout experience. Your choice of vest, sash or Daisy Tunic, grade-level books, Council ID set, troop numbers, insignia tab, Girl Scout pin and American flag patch, all in a reusable earth friendly tote bag. Prices range from \$42-\$63 and include tax. Kits may be customized to include just the items you need. The keepsake bracelet or necklace makes a great memento of your Girl Scout journey. This free gift offer is good until August 27.

### Camp Trading Post

New this year! We are thrilled to offer three Camp Care Packages this summer for your camper:

- The "Welcome to Camp" package is perfect for first time campers. It includes a camp T-shirt, a water bottle and a drawstring tote bag to keep all of her belongings together for \$25.
- Is this the first time your daughter will be spending a night at camp? Surprise her with the "Overnighter Package". This package offers a plush, autograph pillow, a cuddly stuffed animal and a small journal with pen - all for just \$25!
- All horse lovers, attending any session, will love the "Horse Fun" package for \$15. This package includes a cute plush horse, a horse bandana and horse carabiner.

In addition to these packages, there are many other items available to purchase at trading post. Prices range from \$1-\$30. Please consider sending your daughter with a little bit of spending money. She will be reinforcing the financial literacy skills learned in Girl Scouting while supporting our Council programs for girls.

### New Items Arriving Weekly

Stop by your Council Shop or visit our website frequently to see all the new items as they arrive. The new GSUSA catalog will be mailed this summer and Council Shops will be stocking up on all the new uniform pieces and fun items.

#### New items include:

##### New Council T-shirt

Our newest Council T-shirt is now for sale in Council Shops. Available in pink, green and brown, it's perfect for all your summer activities!

##### 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!**

##### Camp Trading Post

Check the website in mid-June to see the awesome collection of items available at camp trading posts this summer!

## Fund Development News

### Women of Courage, Confidence and Character

#### Wisconsin Rapids 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 Wisconsin Rapids area event will be held June 4 at The Ridges in Wisconsin Rapids. The event will begin with social networking at 11:15 a.m. and the luncheon and recognition of the three honorees (listed below left) begin at noon.

***We are extremely grateful for the wonderful support of the following sponsors and raffle prize donors:***

#### **Event Sponsors:**

##### **Silver Level:**

- Travel Guard, Stevens Point

##### **Bronze Level:**

- Anderson, Obrien, Bertz, Skrenes & Golla - Stevens Point
- Ellis Stone - Stevens Point
- Paper City Savings - Wisconsin Rapids
- Rapids Sheet Metal Works - Wisconsin Rapids
- Slumberland - Marshfield

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#### **Raffle Donors:**

- Adventure 212°
- AmericInn Lodge & Suites
- Art Village
- Arbuckles
- Back to the Country
- Bev's Floral & Gifts
- Milwaukee Brewers
- Candy Bouquet Franchise #5435
- Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra
- Emy J's
- Hotel Mead
- Jim Laabs Music
- The Sky Club
- Sleep Inn & Suites
- Wisconsin Rapids Community Theater
- Curves
- Jeff Toboyek, Mattel, Inc
- Designers II

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### 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.

#### **Did you know?**

- Family Partnership contributions are used to provide activities for approximately 20,000 girls locally. Each donation lowers program costs, develops new programs for all age levels and provides financial scholarships to girls in need.
- Every Family Partnership donation is a tax-deductible financial investment in a Girl Scout's future and in the ongoing work of Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes.
- In 2009, it will cost \$234 to provide Girl Scouting to one girl for the year. \$151 will come directly from girls through the Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program, leaving \$83 to be raised through Girl Scout Families and Community Friends.
- This year we're thrilled to introduce Bonnie and Chloe, sisters who will be sharing their Girl Scout experiences through monthly updates. Bonnie and Chloe will be a great way to convey the value and benefits of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience in a girl's own voice. Meet Bonnie on page 1 and Chloe on page 16 of this issue of *Connect!*

We know that many of you give your time as well as your contributions - and both are appreciated. The Family Partnership Campaign helps build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

**Thank you for supporting Girl Scouts!**

## Adult Development News

### Congratulations to our Volunteer Recognition Recipients!

Do you know a great volunteer who was not recognized? The deadline for the 2009/2010 awards process is February 15, 2010. All applications will be reviewed by the recognitions committee soon after the deadline. However, applications may be submitted at any time during the year. Don't forget to nominate those special volunteers who make our Council great! For more information, visit the [Recognition](#) page of our website.

#### Service Area Level Recognitions\*

##### Outstanding Volunteer:

Mary Armstrong, Marquette  
Missy Berndt, Oshkosh  
Candee Biesterveld, Kimberly  
Diane Blaskowski, Trillium  
Tricia Blomquist, DePere/Oneida  
Pam Bork, Riverbend  
Jessica Bottesi, Trillium  
Bridget Bowers, Door County  
Tammy Bundy, Door County  
Jill Burns, Northern Lakes  
Jane Butsic, Red Cedar  
Brenda Carter, DePere/Oneida  
Terri Cleaver, Red Cedar  
Rena Colenso, Trillium  
Melissa Coyne, Tahquamenon  
Lori DeJardin, Door County  
Beverly Dodsworth, Trillium  
Michelle Draves, Lac Verde  
Catarina Edison, Tahquamenon  
LaShawn Edwards, Tahquamenon  
Tammi Evans, Cranberry Valley  
Kris Fisher, Heart of the Valley  
Connie Freeders, Neenah/Menasha  
Bonnie Gajewski, Howard/Suamico /Pulaski  
Shondra Gervais, Chippewa  
Kerrie Groat, Antigo  
John Guden, Marshfield Area  
Beth Hoier, Greenville/Hortonville  
Tammy Jeans, Rockwood  
Mary Jensen, Riverbend  
Donna Joachim, Neenah/Menasha  
Nicole Johnson, Red Cedar  
Lucinda Kemmet, Riversmeet  
Beth Kley, Red Cedar  
Tammy Kohl, Neenah/Menasha  
Jill Laitinen, Trillium  
Amie Lawson, Chippewa  
Amy Ledvina-Hardt, Lac Verde  
Heidi Lee, Cranberry Valley  
Liz Lonigro, Heart of the Valley  
Amy Lord, Oshkosh  
Heather Luoto, Tahquamenon  
Cindy Manke, Cranberry Valley  
Laura Manley, Newton Blackmour Trail  
Threse Martin, DePere/Oneida  
Wendy Mattia, Trillium  
Rae Lynn Mielke, Pigeon River Valley

Linda Miller, Trillium  
Valorie Moen, DePere/Oneida  
Chris Moore, DePere/Oneida  
Mary Mullen, Neenah/Menasha  
Kathy Nassios, Chequamegon  
Lori Nellis, Kimberly  
Erica Niespodzany, Howard/Suamico/Pulaski  
Barb Nigon, Riversmeet  
Beth O' Connor, DePere/Oneida  
Kelly Prevost, Trillium  
Joanne Pribnow, Lac Verde  
Cathy Pritzl, Chequamegon  
Lisa Pue, Marshfield Area  
Deb Reider, Marquette  
Mindy Salter, Tahquamenon  
Laurey Schlottman, Red Cedar  
J.J. Schiltz, Tomahawk  
Kelley Schnepf, Chippewa  
Peggy Smith, Chippewa  
Deb Stoeger, Newton Blackmour Trail  
Amy Strand, Merrill  
Carol Sweney, DePere/Oneida  
Carolyn Tomashek, Howard/Suamico/Pulaski  
Heather Vande Walle, Howard/Suamico/Pulaski  
Sue Van Gheem, DePere/Oneida  
Traci Vasterling, Riversmeet  
Dennis Vertanen, Marquette  
Tracy Weyenberg, Heart of the Valley  
Bobbie Wilcox, Trillium  
Stan Wright, Marquette  
Mickie Wyatt, DePere/Oneida  
Melissa Yaggie, Trillium  
Marcy Ziepke, Neenah/Menasha

##### Outstanding Leader:

Edie Anderson, Prairie Sands  
Nicole Behling, Newton Blackmour Trail  
Judy Camodeca, Northern Lakes  
Brenda Colson, Trillium  
Belinda Crowe, Rockwood  
Jeremiah Crowe, Rockwood  
Bev Diamond, Trillium  
Melody Dombrow, Neenah/Menasha  
Mandi Dornfeld, Heart of the Valley  
Karen Duff, Antigo  
Laurie Dura, Marinette/Menominee  
Kathy Halase, Heart of the Valley

Lisa Hanson, Riverbend  
Kim Harris, Trillium  
Dawn Herber, Neenah/Menasha  
Cindy Hill, Door County  
Carol Hofmann, Marshfield Area  
Cathie Huelsbeck, Heart of the Valley  
Ginger Kanitz, Merrill  
Peggy Kehoe, Oshkosh  
Dawn Kemnetz, Prairie Sands  
Donna Kickland, Cranberry Valley  
Robyn Kowalkowski, Trillium  
Amy Landenberger, Marinette/Menominee  
Marcey Lehman, Prairie Sands  
Sharon Lies, Trillium  
Carla Little, Riverbend  
Amy Lord, Oshkosh  
Melinda Miller, Riverbend  
Kathy Nassios, Northern Pines  
Erica Niespodzany, Howard/Suamico/Pulaski  
Lori O'Connell, Newton Blackmour Trail  
Sara Olszewski, Neenah/Menasha  
Laurie Podrez, Chequamegon  
Amanda Riley-Pittman, Riverbend  
Catherine Rossier, Northwoods  
Stacie Simpson, Riverbend  
Brenda Steinbeck, Trillium  
Kathy Treankler, Howard/Suamico/Pulaski  
Maria Turner, Newton Blackmour Trail  
Teresa Vigil, Newton Blackmour Trail  
Suzanne Voros, Marshfield Area  
Tracy Vreeke, Door County  
Ann Walker, Trillium  
Kathleen Watters, Pigeon River Valley  
Sandy Welniak, Marshfield Area  
Sarah Zblewski, Riverbend

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\*Awards for Service Areas that have not yet held recognition events, or have not yet confirmed/reported awards to the Adult Development Department, will be announced in the July issue of *Connect*. If you notice a 2009 recipient missing from this list, please contact the Adult Development Department so they may be recognized.

# Adult Development News

## Council Level Recognitions

### Appreciation Pin:

Gwen Adams, Pigeon River Valley  
Mary Behling, Riversmeet  
Shawn Behne, Riverbend  
Amy Bergmann, Merrill  
Lori Doney, Northern Lights  
Mary Hille, Howard/Suamico/Pulaski  
Lisa Johnson, East Green Bay  
Heidi Kolve, Sand Hills  
Becky Korte, Paper Cities  
Kathy Kraeger, Pigeon River Valley  
Brandy Lennert, Prairie Sands  
Val Lewallen, Newton Blackmour Trail  
Judy Morrow, Sand Hills  
Shawn Olson, Northern Lights  
Anneliese Sheahan, Paper Cities  
Stacie Simpson, Riverbend  
Elva Smith, Northern Lights  
Jessie Venzke, Westmar  
Suzanne Voros, Marshfield Area  
Heather Winkler-Carroll, Gwinn

### Honor Pin:

Jill Lemke, Trillium  
LuAnn Lundin, Appleton East

### Thanks Badge:

Beth Aldrich, Manistique  
Mary Duba, Appleton North  
Kimberly Saffer, Manistique  
Robert Spinti, Red Cedar  
Mary Vertanen, Marquette

### Leadership Development Pin/

#### Leaves:

Jean Campbell, Greenville/Hortonville  
Michelle Ciaccio, Chequamegon  
Marla Knuettel, Newton Blackmour Trail  
Suzanne Voros, Marshfield Area  
Sarah Zblewski, Riverbend

### Community Participation Certificates:

Fox Valley Technical College - Paul Schrode, Wautoma, WI  
Range Bank, Kingsford, MI  
Norway City Hall, Norway, MI  
First National Bank - Econo Office, Iron Mountain, MI  
Almond Bancroft Public School, Almond, WI  
First Congregational Church - UCC Board of Trustees and  
Beatie Brandt, Wisconsin Rapids, WI  
Ethel Everhard Public Library - Marie Boleman, Wisconsin Rapids, WI  
WYTE Radio Station, Plover, WI  
Carpets Plus of Wisconsin, Plover, WI  
UW Stevens Point Climbing Wall, Stevens Point, WI  
Sunrise Screen Printing - Linda Knuth, New London, WI  
Culver's Frozen Custard - Mike and Glenda Kriegl, Appleton, WI  
The Little Chute Jaycees - Trevor Fang, Little Chute, WI  
King's Variety Store - Peggy Edmonds, Little Chute, WI  
St. John Nepomucene School, Little Chute, WI  
Doug Putzke, Berlin, WI  
Dawn Putzke, Berlin, WI  
Wisconsin Public Service Foundation, Rhinelander, WI  
Neillsville IGA, Neillsville, WI  
American Legion Post 238, Greenwood, WI  
Bookkeeping Plus, Inc., Neillsville, WI  
Loyal High School, Loyal, WI  
M&I Bank-Loyal Branch, Loyal, WI  
Sandy Barden, Almond, WI  
Mrs. Ritter, Almond, WI  
Brian Barden, Almond, WI  
Sandy Cuila, Almond, WI  
Moundview Memorial Hospital, Friendship, WI  
United Methodist Church, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

## Adult Development News

### Volunteer Training Policy

It is a GSNWGL policy that volunteers must take any required training within two months of appointment. Because of the new training material offered within the past year, this also includes experienced legacy council leaders. All leaders and co-leaders appointed prior to July 1, 2009 must complete Council 101 and Leadership Essentials by October 1, 2009. Click [here](#) to view the self-directed online options.

### Change in Training Fees

Your feedback has been heard! As of June 1, there will no longer be a \$2 fee for Leadership Essentials training sessions. This fee was put in place to promote commitment to pre-registration and attendance, and make the most of the time provided by our volunteer facilitators. However, many volunteers expressed concerns, which resulted in this change.

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### Looking for an Exciting New Volunteer Opportunity?

#### ***Become an Adult Development Volunteer!***

**Facilitators** lead training sessions within their service area and/or community. These may include Leadership Essentials, outdoor training, and/ or enrichment sessions. Facilitators typically lead two or more sessions per year. (The time commitment involved is really up to each facilitator!) If you enjoy working with other volunteers, this may be a great fit for you.

**Coaches** are experienced volunteers who are available to new leaders on an as-needed basis, answering questions, providing support and ideas. Coaches may work with leaders of a specific grade level, or across all levels. The time commitment will vary. When a leader requests a coach, the coach is given the volunteer's contact information, and asked to make a brief welcome/ introduction by phone or email. At that point, the coach and leader would exchange contact information, and touch base on an as-needed basis.

**Resource volunteers** assist troops with specific episodic activities. Many times, we have new leaders who have not received the necessary trainings to do certain types of activities with their troops, and are looking for a trained volunteer to provide support. We are seeking volunteers with CPR/AED certification, first aid, outdoor education training, or lifeguard certification who would offer to accompany troops on an as-needed basis with a planned activity which required this training. Resource volunteers may choose the events they assist with and time commitment involved.

If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact the Adult Development Department at [training@gsnwgl.org](mailto:training@gsnwgl.org).

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### CPR/AED/First Aid Training:

#### ***Is Online Training an Acceptable Option?***

Recently, many volunteers have inquired about whether online CPR/AED and First Aid courses are an accepted option. Most of the CPR/First Aid Courses available online are not acceptable options, and do not meet *Safety-Wise* guidelines. There are many courses available online which claim to provide certification. However, in many cases, these courses are not provided by a recognized health care organization which has the authority to certify others. The most common providers of CPR/AED and First Aid education are the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association. These providers do offer online options. However, to receive certification, you must complete a face-to face, hands-on skills test at a local office or testing site. This hands-on portion is truly vital to ensuring that correct procedures are used, and that you are truly prepared if an emergency arises. A full list of accepted First Aid/CPR providers is available on page 37 of *Safety-Wise*. If you plan to take a course from an alternate provider not on this list, please contact the Adult Development Department prior to registering to ensure that it is an acceptable option.

For more information on acceptable online CPR/AED/First Aid options visit <https://www.redcrossonlinetraining.org> and <http://www.onlineaha.org>

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### Upcoming NASA Programming

GSUSA has worked with [NASA](#) for more than 15 years to promote interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) among girls. In summer 2009, GSNWGL will be offering two NASA Facilitator's Training Sessions. These events are 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 will be \$25 per person, and includes course fee, materials, food and accommodations at a Council Camp. The same content will be offered at both sessions.

#### **Event Information:**

- Camp Del O'Claire, Schofield, WI  
9:00 a.m. Saturday, June 27 - 1:00 p.m., Sunday, June 28
- Camp Pow-Low, Gwinn, MI  
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.

## Program Updates

### Has Your Troop Registered for Camp Yet?

If not, what are you waiting for? Summer is right around the corner and there are still many camp sessions open! Check out all of the great summer opportunities at one of our eight day or resident camps:

- Don't miss the new two day sessions at Camp Sacajawea!
- Enjoy the nightlife at Camp Birch Trails during the *Night Owls* program!
- Be an *Amazing Artist* at Camp Cuesta!
- Discover your inner *Mad Scientist* at Camp Del O'Claire!
- Spend the weekend with your troop at Camp Ishnala's *Outdoor Extravaganza*!
- Go *Nuts for Nature* at Camp Nawakwa!
- *Explore More* at Camp Nesbit!
- Become *Rock Stars* at Camp Winnecomac!

Check out our camp brochure, [GS Camp Rocks!](#), or the [Camp Programs](#) section of our website for more information on sessions, dates and camp facilities. Sessions are filling up quickly so sign up today! (*Financial assistance is available.*)

**Click [here](#) to  
download our  
2009 Summer  
Program Guide!**

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### Camp Volunteers Still Needed!

Volunteering makes a difference! A volunteer gains interpersonal skills, communication skills, and an increase in knowledge. And as a camp volunteer you can help make each camper's experience even better! Volunteers must be registered Girl Scouts (adults and teens).

Here are some of the ways you can help at summer camp:

- [Camp Birch Trails](#): Bus chaperones are needed for every Friday and Sunday of the camp season. Bus pick up begins in Appleton or Green Bay so you must be willing to start and end the bus ride in one of these two places. Training will be provided. Sunday chaperone pick up time in Appleton is 9:15 a.m. and Green Bay is 10:00 a.m.; you will return to the pick up location around 5:00 p.m. Friday chaperone pick up time in Appleton/Green Bay is 11:45 a.m.; you will return to Green Bay around 6:00 p.m. or Appleton around 6:40 p.m.
- [Camp Cuesta/Ishnala](#): Volunteers are needed to assist in the kitchen, with the counselors, and various other duties.
- [Camp Nesbit](#): This is a volunteer-run camp. Volunteer counselors will lead of group of up to 10 girls, foster a caring environment, keep the group on schedule, and assist with planning and leading program activities for a week-long camp session. Kitchen Assistants and certified lifeguards are needed. A summer camp [volunteer application](#) must be filled out and volunteers will be selected as needed. Stipends are available for each camp position.
- [Camp Sacajawea](#): Volunteer counselors will lead of group of 8-11 girls, foster a caring environment, keep the group on schedule, assist with activity planning, and assist camp staff with program activities. All volunteers in a counselor role will receive ½ off of their daughter's camp fee. (this is the only position that will receive a discount). Field Trip Assistants, Program Assistants, and Kitchen Assistants are needed to help for a few hours at a time throughout the summer with various projects. A summer camp [volunteer application](#) must be filled out and volunteers will be selected as needed.
- [All girls entering grades 7-12](#) next fall may volunteer at any of our eight summer camps. *GSNWGL Program Aide (PA) Training must be completed in order to volunteer.*

**Thank you to all the volunteers who are helping to make a difference in the lives of girls this summer!**

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## Program Updates

### Camp Session Updates

Below are changes that have been made to some camp sessions. You may download a document with this information [here](#), and be sure to check the website [Camp Calendars](#) for the latest on closed camp sessions and other updates.

#### **Camp Birch Trails**

Northwoods Adventure: *New session added!* June 28-July 3  
Enjoy camp and all of the fun the Northwoods has to offer! Spend your days tubing down a river, horseback riding, and biking on the Bearskin State Trail. Come back to camp each night to recharge before your next adventure.  
Cost: \$295, Grades 4-7

Outdoor Extravaganza CBT: *New session added!* June 19-21  
Experience the northwoods with your troop! Staff will lead a variety of activities like canoeing, kayaking, nature study, biking, fishing, crafts and games, archery, teambuilding and ropes course challenges!  
Cost: \$55/person, Grades All

#### **Camp Cuesta**

Makeover Madness: *New date!* June 19-21  
It's time to give yourself and your bedroom a mini-makeover. You will get to participate in self-esteem and team building activities as well as complete a special project that will give your room a unique touch. You'll also go hiking, play water games and enjoy other favorite camp activities.  
Cost: \$55, Grades 3-6

#### **Camp Ishnala**

Nutty Professor: *New date!* July 10-12  
Do you like measuring, mixing, pouring and ooey, gooey fun? Create your own inventions such as silly putty, slime, bubbling solutions, and foamy fun! When you aren't making new discoveries, enjoy activities such as swimming, hiking, and arts and crafts.  
Cost: \$60, Grades 2-5

#### **Camp Nawakwa**

Troop Weekend: *New session added!* July 10-11  
Troop camping at its finest! Bring your troop - we do all the work! Staff will lead a variety of program activities including canoeing, kayaking, biking, team building, crafts, games and more!  
Cost: \$55/person, Grades K-12

#### **Camp Sacajawea**

Art Extravaganza: *New date!* August 12-13  
Create cool masterpieces! Try art media such as pottery, beading, stamping, photography and more. Use all natural items to create your own painting, and let your imagination soar at the Funky Lil' Art Shack and on a trip to the Art Village.  
Cost: \$85, Grades K-6

Dr. Seuss's Slumber Party: *New date!* August 10-11  
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 on all the Places You'll Go!  
Cost: \$85, Grades K-4

Kitchen Concoctions: *New date!* July 20-21  
Put on your apron and chef hat to prepare many tasty dishes. Learn how to set a proper table and master manners and etiquette. Be an expert as you learn kitchen safety tips. Go home with your own recipe book, pot holder and placemat.  
Cost: \$85, Grades 4-6

Once Upon a Dream: *New date!* July 13-14  
A princess must always be prim, proper and the belle of the ball! Learn about etiquette and cake decorating before your big tea party! Make yourself shine by making your own body glitter, soaps and more. Then wrap it up and dance the night away at the Royal Ball!  
Cost: \$85, Grades K-3

Star Track: *New date!* July 15-16  
We're going to Outer Space! Check out the night sky as we visit a planetarium and search for planets with a telescope. Take part in astronaut training. Make a rocket and your own constellation. Watch out for the meteor shower!  
Cost: \$85, Grades 4-6

Program Aide (PA) Training: *Just added!* June 29-30  
Times: Mon. 10:00 a.m.-Tues. noon  
This leadership training includes all of the information and skills you need to work with younger girls in a troop, camp or program setting. You will leave this overnight training with skills in firebuilding, outdoor cooking, knot tying and the ability to teach songs and games. All girls who would like to volunteer at camp this summer must have taken PA Training.  
Cost: \$25/girl, Grades 7-12

## Program Updates

***The names of some Girl Scout Bronze Award recipients were inadvertently left off the list that ran in the May issue of Connect.***

***We sincerely apologize to the girls, their families and troop leaders.***

### The Girl Scout Bronze Award

Below are GSNWGL Girl Scouts who have earned the Girl Scout Bronze Award from May 1, 2008 - March 31, 2009. If your troop or individual girl (Juliette) is missing from this list please contact Michelle Carr: [mcarr@gsnwgl.org](mailto:mcarr@gsnwgl.org) or call your nearest Service Center and ask for extension 4517.

#### ***GSNWGL's Girl Scout Bronze Award Recipients***

|                                  |                                 |                                 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Claire Allard, Troop 4467        | Kirsten Grissmeyer, Troop 7027  | Taylor Nenahlo, Troop 4467      |
| Amber Bakos, Troop 6339          | Karina Grissmeyer, Troop 7027   | Sydney Olson, Troop 4074        |
| Courtney Bauer, Troop 6339       | Katy Grulke, Troop 7280         | Roanne Ostmann, Troop 7338      |
| Olivia Beilke, Troop 2319        | Tiffany Haines, Troop 4467      | Catherine Pinter, Troop 7208    |
| Laura Benish, Troop 2092         | Emily Hansen, Troop 4638        | Ali Pitt, Troop 3193            |
| Alexis Bettinger, Troop 6339     | Courtney Hardt, Troop 6306      | Skylar Pond, Troop 2092         |
| Kaity Boggs, Troop 6096          | Ashley Hern, Troop 4467         | Audra Poppe, Troop 3349         |
| Alannah Bohl, Troop 6339         | Madeline Hodkiewicz, Troop 3349 | Alley Pue, Troop 6339           |
| Brooke Breitrack, Troop 2319     | Raelena Hoff, Troop 7338        | Alexis Riemer, Troop 4191       |
| Melissa Brumbeloe, Troop 2332    | Lily Holbrook, Troop 2319       | Brandi Robinson, Troop 4191     |
| Cera Cadena, Troop 2092          | Baily Johnson, Troop 3193       | Rachel Ropella, Troop 3193      |
| Miranda Chase, Troop 4191        | Stephanie Johnson, Troop 7024   | Elizabeth Rosio, Troop 4638     |
| Sarah Conrad, Troop 4191         | Heather Jones, Troop 6096       | Emily Salmon, Troop 4638        |
| Sierra Crowe, Troop 6096         | Erin Karsten, Troop 4648        | Zelly Sanders, Troop 7085       |
| Cari Deaton, Troop 6339          | Sarah Kemnitz, Troop 7142       | Eva Schaible, Troop 4467        |
| Laney Diamond, Troop 2092        | Jackie Klaas, Troop 4648        | Emma Schumacher, Troop 2332     |
| Jessica Dickman, Troop 4467      | Sarah Konicek, Troop 7280       | Erin Simon, Troop 2092          |
| Karissa Dierickx, Troop 6339     | Alayna Krueger, Troop 3193      | Sydney Slavinsky, Troop 7024    |
| Sophia Dionne, Troop 2332        | Kiala Kugel, Juliette           | Brittany Stelzner, Troop 6306   |
| Miranda Dreckschmidt, Troop 4467 | Holly Kugler, Troop 4648        | Destiny Stoeckert, Troop 2092   |
| Ashley England, Troop 2092       | Victoria Lambie, Troop 2332     | Abigail Streu, Troop 4600       |
| Emilie Enke, Troop 4467          | Emily Lawrence, Troop 3193      | Melissa Strupp, Troop 7208      |
| Mysti Everett, Troop 3193        | Courtney Lease, Troop 6306      | Becca Swanson, Troop 3349       |
| Shelby Fehrenbach, Troop 4648    | Jenna Lee, Troop 4191           | Kayla Tabalske, Troop 4638      |
| Shelby Fisher, Troop 3193        | Iris Linder, Troop 7024         | Amanda Thibado, Troop 3193      |
| Katie Gellis, Troop 4074         | Cassie Lindow, Troop 4467       | Claire Vander Ploeg, Troop 6306 |
| Serena Gessert, Troop 7208       | Anna Lor, Troop 2092            | Christina Vedder, Troop 7024    |
| Ashley Gilbertson, Troop 3349    | Jordan Manders, Troop 4467      | Beth Verheyden, Troop 4074      |
| Nicole Gottfredsen, Troop 4467   | Caitlyn Matheny, Troop 4638     | Brynn Vinall, Troop 3193        |
| Cheyenne Grant, Troop 2319       | Julia McDonald, Troop 7280      | Megan Vogelsang, Troop 7024     |
| Alexandra Grassl, Troop 6339     | Meghan McMartin, Troop 3193     | Tiara Wagner, Troop 7024        |
| Heidi Gray, Troop 7280           | Alyssa Meller, Troop 6339       | Katie Wallace, Troop 2319       |
|                                  | Stephanie Michlig, Troop 7085   | Alyssa Waller, Troop 7085       |
|                                  | Sarah Miller, Troop 4648        | Alyssa Warren, Troop 4638       |
|                                  | Emily Monroe, Troop 3193        | Brittaney Westley, Troop 6339   |
|                                  | Rebecca Mrozinski, Troop 4467   | Krya Wisnicky, Troop 4191       |
|                                  | Desirae Nachtwey, Troop 4638    | Zoe Zeitler, Troop 4467         |
|                                  | Rebecca Nelson, Troop 3193      |                                 |

### ***Congratulations to all of our Bronze Award Recipients!***

If your troop or a member of your troop wants to earn this award, please refer to our website for updated forms.

## Council Communications

### Become a voice for girls through the Girl Scouts Advocacy Network

The Girl Scouts Advocacy Network, a grass roots network that provides a collective voice for girls, is growing throughout Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes and across the nation.

By joining the Girl Scouts Advocacy Network, Girl Scout teens, volunteers, staff, alumnae and parents are working together to champion legislation and educate policy makers about issues affecting girls. Topics of interest include healthy living, increasing girls' involvement in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), financial literacy and leadership.

As our 100th anniversary approaches, the network is advocating passage of the Girl Scouts of the USA Centennial Commemorative Coin Act. This legislation will direct the U.S. Mint to produce 350,000 silver coins honoring the achievements of Girl Scouts and the 50 million women across the nation whose lives have been influenced through Girl Scouting.

Girl Scouts will receive \$10 from the sale of each coin to help develop and deliver Girl Scout programs and to fund much-needed renovations at the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace in Savannah.

Girl Scouts needs your immediate assistance to advocate for the coin celebrating 100 years of Girl Scouting. We need to act quickly to send messages to our Senators and U. S. Representatives, since Congress approves only two coins each year and we have aggressive competition.

We urge you to take the first step today by logging onto [www.girlscouts4girls.org](http://www.girlscouts4girls.org) to join the Girl Scouts Advocacy Network. You'll become part of a collective voice that responds to policy issues impacting girls and Girl Scouts. The Advocacy Network also provides a simple way to encourage your Congressional representatives to co-sponsor the commemorative coin legislation.

Use your voice to help Girl Scouts celebrate our 100th anniversary!

For more information about the Girl Scouts Advocacy Network, contact Girl Scouts' Public Policy and Advocacy Office at [advocacy@girlscouts.org](mailto:advocacy@girlscouts.org).

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### GSUSA and Dairy Queen Renew Partnership

GSUSA and Dairy Queen have renewed their partnership and will be hosting the second annual DQ® Girl Scout Appreciation Week, from July 20-26. Girl Scout Appreciation Week is part of a two-month, licensed promotion with Dairy Queen that includes the introduction of the new Girl Scout Tagalongs® (Peanut Butter Patties) Blizzard Treat as the July Blizzard of the Month and the return of the Girl Scout Thin Mint Cookie Blizzard in August.

DQ® Girl Scout Appreciation Week reflects the Girl Scouts strategy to develop positive alliances that expose girls to entrepreneurial business programs in local communities where they can learn how to run a successful business, gain insight into the product development process, and enhance their financial literacy skills while learning how a restaurant makes a profit.

As July draws closer, Membership Managers will share more information on plans, store tours and community events occurring at local Dairy Queen restaurants. In July 2008, Dairy Queen's national television advertising and PR campaign garnered over 1.2 billion impressions for our brand! In 2009 the Girl Scout brand will be promoted in July and August via national television advertising, local print and radio advertising, Dairy Queen's websites, in-store signage, and local and national PR. Be sure to stay tuned for all the latest news on these cool treats and opportunities!

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### Let Us Know Your Troop and Service Area News!

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

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## Property Updates

### Camp Clean-Up

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the many volunteers that came out and assisted us in our spring Set-Up/Clean Up dates. Over 60 volunteers gave their gift of time for over 305 hours of hard work this spring. With your help, we were able to get five camps ready for the summer season!

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If you missed an opportunity to assist at camp, you will have another chance this fall. Our fall Take Down/Clean Up dates have already been set (see them at right). If you or your troop is interested in assisting at any one (or more) of these events, please email [property@gsnwgl.org](mailto:property@gsnwgl.org) or call the nearest Service Center and ask for extension 3349. Include your name, troop number, and the date/location of the clean up that you would like to assist with. We hope to have many volunteers to help us keep our camps beautiful!

- Camp Cuesta - Saturday, September 12
  - Camp Nawakwa - Saturday, September 19
  - Camp Pow Low - Saturday, September 26
  - Camp Birch Trails - Saturday, October 3
  - Camp Sacajawea - Saturday, October 10
  - Camp Ishnala - Saturday, October 17
  - Camp Blueberry Knoll - to be determined
  - Camp Hy-Da-Way - to be determined
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### Summer Rental Information

While many of our camps are not available during the summer due to council programming, we still have quite a few that have plenty of opportunities for you and your troop! Here is a list of some possibilities in case you are interested in a weekend (or weekday) getaway this summer:

- 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 Some weekends/weekdays in June; 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 during June, 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
- Camp Sacajawea Mandan, Shoshone and Minataree available on weekends
- Camp Winnecomac Yurts available on weekends

Many troops are already taking advantage of this, 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](mailto:property@gsnwgl.org) or extension 3349.

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### Troop 2174 Celebrates Earth Day at Camp Winnecomac

Troop 2174 was at Camp Winnecomac on Wednesday, April 22 (Earth Day), getting a tour of the trails at Camp Winnecomac. For their service project, they are making signs and marking the trails to assist other troops that stay at the camp.

“Thank you SOOOOO much for the wonderful guided tour of the GS trails at Camp W (Winnecomac) yesterday. Not only was it extremely productive, but we had A LOT of fun (it’s always fun when Camp Guy is around!!). We really appreciated it!” *Chris Goulet, Troop 2174*

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## Chloe's Corner



*Hi, my name is Chloe! I went to join Girl Scouts at a party. It was scary at first because I didn't know anyone. I saw one of my friends from school there and then I wasn't scared anymore. We sat next to each other. We made a couple of friends at the party also.*

*We played CAMPO, it was a bingo game. There was a really nice big girl who helped me with the words in the game; she made the game more fun.*

*There was a campfire that you could eat and it was really nummy. My favorite piece was the candy corn, it was supposed to be the flames of the fire. I can't wait until I go to camp and get to have a real campfire. The big girl who was helping me told me about all the fun she has at camp, she said we get to go on a hike up to a big hill called Mt. Baldy at the camp she goes to.*

*We got to dance along with one of the Cheetah Girls on a DVD. I had a great time learning the dance steps. It was really fun! The music was cool; I could have danced all night. The best part was when we all danced together. Bonnie, my big sister (you met her on page one!), was there with me and she said I had great dance moves. I think Bonnie might actually like me a little bit.*

*My friend wants to join Girl Scouts also, but her mom said she had to see about it. My mom was talking to her mom about all the fun that my sister Bonnie has had. After they were done talking my mom told me that my friend will be able to join Girl Scouts. Then my friend and I danced a little more because we were so happy.*