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

Leader Appreciation Day is April 22

The purpose of Leader Appreciation Day is to recognize all the women and men who serve as Girl Scout volunteer leaders. You give so much – time, talent, patience, caring, consideration and understanding. You are essential to the Girl Scout movement. You act as positive role models and help girls to meet today's challenges and to become tomorrow's courageous, confident women full of character and ready to make the world a better place.

We hope that you feel appreciated all the time, but especially for Leader Appreciation Day -
Thank You!

The Girl Scouts of the USA Centennial Commemorative Coin Act

In celebration of 100 years of Girl Scouting, we need your help to pass legislation introduced in the 111th Congress that will authorize the U.S. Mint to issue a Girl Scout Commemorative Coin. For this to happen, we need you to contact your Members of Congress to encourage them to pass "The Girl Scouts USA Centennial Commemorative Coin Act."

Here's how you can take action:

- Visit www.girlscouts4girls.org
- Scroll down and click on **Enact Legislation for the Girl Scouts Commemorative Coin!**
- Follow the easy, step-by-step instructions that will generate a letter to your Members of Congress, asking that they support the Girl Scout Commemorative Coin bill.

For this bill to pass, we will need 290 House cosponsors and 67 Senate cosponsors. We can reach these numbers, but there is some work to be done. Please take action and invite others to do so as well!

The Council Shop is the place to get your Girl Scout gear!

See page 6 for special Leader Appreciation, camp & 'go green' items!

You are invited to GSNWGL's First Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 16
1:00-4:00 p.m. CST
Appleton Service Center
4693 N Lynndale Drive, Appleton

All Girl Scout members age 16 and older are invited to attend the Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes Annual Meeting. The meeting will include a report to the membership on the work since merger, current status of the council, election of board and governance and leadership members.

In addition we will be recognizing National Award recipients and teens who have earned the Girl Scout Gold Award in the past year.

Please RSVP with your name and Service Area to Theresa Brady at tbrady@gsnwgl.org, 888.747.6945 extension 4016, or PO Box 9427, Green Bay, WI 54308.

Please note: active hyperlinks are indicated by underlined text



2009 Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program

Imagine if...we could change the world!

Booth Sale Dates Extended!

First and foremost, we'd like to thank each of our volunteers for their dedication and hard work during the 2009 Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program. GSNWGL has officially sold 1,612,020 boxes of cookies in the initial order – this is almost 17,000 more boxes sold than in the 2007/2008 legacy council cookie programs initial orders! This achievement would not have been possible without our committed, passionate volunteers.

After discussing the 2009 Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program with parents, Service Area Cookie Managers, Troop Cookie Managers, and Troop Leaders, GSNWGL has decided to extend the booth sale dates. Booth sales may now take place between March 13 and April 26, 2009.

The decision was made to extend booth sale dates for many reasons, including but not limited to:

- Overwhelming number of Booth Sale Requests Forms submitted requesting approval of a Cookie Booth during the month of April
- Due to the inclement weather in the month of January, many troop leaders found their cookie sales to be down. By holding booth sales through April, troops will be able to earn additional money! (Remember, troops will earn a profit of \$0.65 per box on any cookies ordered under a BOOTH troop and/or purchased from a Cookie Cupboard!)
- Many volunteers requested additional time to sell cookies – as you all know girls are getting busier by the day – many Girl Scouts did not have sufficient time to sell cookies with all their other commitments to their community, family and school!

Make sure to submit your [Cookie Booth Sale Request Form](#) to productprograms@gsnwgl.org to ensure approval and marketing of your booth sale! GSNWGL's Brand and Marketing Department will issue press releases and market cookie booths online – this will not be possible without your Cookie Booth Sale Request Form being submitted!

2009 Girl Scout Cookie Program Delivery

2009 Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program Cookie Delivery is complete! It definitely was a monumental task involving over 100 delivery sites throughout our jurisdiction in just six days!

Some Service Areas undertook a HUGE new challenge with this year's cookie delivery – with the changes in size of various Service Areas, the number of boxes being delivered to some sites has doubled, etc. Here are just some of these locations where volunteers took on cookie delivery on a massive scale compared to past years!

- Neenah/Menasha Service Area, headed by Donna Joachim and Marcy Ziepke, received, sorted and distributed 85,392 boxes of cookies!
- Riversmeet Service Area, headed by Carissa Hogan, received, sorted and distributed 70,500 boxes of cookies!

Again, we'd like to THANK all of our 2009 Cookie Sale Program Volunteers! Without your dedication, efforts and time the 2009 Cookie Sale Program would not have been such a success!

New Delivery Method Piloted

Cookie delivery was handled in a new, simplified way for the Marshfield and West Green Bay Service Areas. No massive sorting and organization efforts were needed, thanks to the Semi Truck Delivery! Volunteers essentially completed a 'drive-thru' cookie delivery. Here's how it worked: in Marshfield and Green Bay, semis loaded with the Service Areas' cookies parked in an appropriate, convenient location (in these cases, a Marshfield shopping mall and a Green Bay school), volunteers pulled up to the truck, and their cookies were loaded directly into their vehicle!

We are hoping that this type of cookie delivery will minimize the need for reserving large buildings in each Service Area. We hope to utilize this convenient, simplified cookie delivery method in future Cookie Sale Programs!

2009 Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program

Imagine if...we could change the world!

Congratulations!

2009 Cookie Sale Program Top Sellers

Kristen Radant

1502 Boxes
Troop 7125
Wausau Service Area

Sheridan Freenberg

1024 Boxes
Troop 2239
Northeastern Waupaca County Service Area

Madisyn Ludvigsen

800 Boxes
Troop 2423
Shawano/Menomonee Counties Service Area

Sierra Crowe

800 Boxes
Troop 6096
Rockwood Service Area

Kathleen Wolfgram

795 Boxes
Troop 6280
Marshfield Service Area

Genevieve Witz

775 Boxes
Troop 7021
Wausau Service Area

Kayla Hill

765 Boxes
Juliette
West Green Bay Service Area

Rooke Knapton

706 Boxes
Troop 4378
Door County Service Area

2009 Troop Cookie Manager Cookie Booth Drawings

**Winner of the Cookie Booth Lottery
Recognition Package:**

Jackie Montour

Troop 2199
Neenah/Menasha Service Area

**Winners of the top selling opening weekend
Cookie Booth Recognition Package*:**

1st Place:

Wendy Junneman and Ann Olson

Troop 2090
Appleton West Service Area
Over 400 boxes sold at Wal Mart, Appleton

2nd Place:

Donna Anders

Troop 3060
Riversmeet Service Area
360 boxes sold at Shopko, Eau Claire

** Due to all of the high sales we decided to award
two recognition packages!*

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! Watch for spring registration information at April/May Service Area Leader Meetings.

Special offer only for troops who spring register! Troops who spring register will be able to purchase spring registration patches from Council Shops at a special low cost. The patch will only be available for girls who register before June 30. After June 30, the patch will no longer be available.

BYOU2 Dance Party events will be held in April and May. Thanks to a grant from *uniquely ME! The Girl Scout/Dove Self-Esteem Program*, all girls who register at a BYOU2 dance party will receive \$5 off of their annual membership dues. Watch for more information coming soon!

National Dues

Beginning with the 2009-2010 membership year (this year's spring registration), Girl Scout annual membership dues will be \$12. 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.

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.

Over the past 40 years, the National Council has approved dues increases approximately every six years.

Service Area Leader Meetings - March Recap

- Leaders shared updates about the HUGS Family Partnership Program and the talks they are giving to their parents
- We started to talk about spring recognition events to celebrate the accomplishments of the girls and the volunteers in the Service Area
- We heard about exciting summer camp programs
- We shared dates for camp clean-up days
- We talked about end-of-the-year paperwork
- We saw the contents of the Council Shops' Bridging Kits
- We learned more about the Cookie Stimulus Plan

More Information About Service Area Leader Meetings

Most Service Areas meet monthly during the school year and all Leaders (01 and 02) are encouraged to attend. If no Troop Leaders can attend, a member of the Troop Committee should attend.

During meetings, Leaders:

- Network with each other
- Give input and help make decisions about Service Area program opportunities for troops
- Receive information from the Council, community and Service Area
- Receive brief, informal training
- Receive items from the Council Shop

There will be Service Area, Council, and community information at the Service Area Leader Meetings. At every Service Area Leader Meeting, there are also copies of forms that leaders use the most (these forms are also in the back of *The Source* and on the website [here](#) to be copied as needed). Click [here](#) for the date, place and time of your next Service Area Leader Meeting.

Because of You

*Because of you
she makes a Promise
and keeps it.*

*Because of you
she learns a Law
and lives it.*

*Because of you
she goes into the world
and changes it.*

*Because of you
the Girl Scout
Volunteer.*

Updates & Reminders from the Membership Department

Bridging

Bridging is a Girl Scout ceremony to recognize a girl's progression from one grade level to the next. Each level of Girl Scouting has special bridging activities (outlined in the grade-level Girl Scout handbooks) to help make girls' transitions to the next level meaningful. Bridging activities are part of a Girl Scout's last year at a particular age level. Each girl is encouraged to work on recognitions for the grade level she is moving into, attend a meeting or activity with a troop or group at the next grade level, participate in a service project and summer activity with girls from the next level, and talk with girls or leaders who are already at that level.

Girl Scout Daisies	Kindergarten and 1st Grade	1st Graders Bridge to Girl Scout Brownies
Girl Scout Brownies	2nd and 3rd Grades	3rd Graders Bridge to Girl Scout Juniors
Girl Scout Juniors	4th and 5th Grades	5th Graders Bridge to Girl Scout Cadettes
Girl Scout Cadettes	6th, 7th and 8th Grades	8th Graders Bridge to Girl Scout Seniors
Girl Scout Seniors	9th and 10th Grades	10th Graders Bridge to Girl Scout Ambassadors
Girl Scout Ambassadors	11th and 12th Grades	12th Graders Bridge to Adult Girl Scouting

For ideas about how to earn bridging recognitions, how to work with troops in the next level of Girl Scouting, and elements to incorporate into your bridging ceremonies, read the Bridging Ceremonies packet [here](#).

End-of-the-Year Paperwork

Before the 2008-2009 troop year ends and the 2009-2010 year begins, your troop will need to complete a few simple year-end reports, including the Year-End Leader Survey (coming soon!) and [Annual Troop Financial Report](#). This paperwork is due June 30.

If your troop is disbanding or merging you will need to take these additional 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.

Family Partnership News

Great Girl Scout experiences require adult volunteers who give their time as well as families who donate their dollars. Family Partnership contributions are used to provide exciting activities for almost 24,000 girls. Each donation lowers program costs, develops new programs for all grade levels and provides financial scholarships to girls in need.

Keep your eyes open this spring and into the fall for Chloe, little sister to Bonnie who is a Girl Scout Brownie. Chloe is leading our Family Partnership effort! Follow her through the first year of becoming a Girl Scout Daisy under the watchful eye of Bonnie. Watch her earn petals, participate in the product sales programs, earn the Trefoil Pin, attend Service Area events and earn participation patches. Chloe will share her many adventures as a new Girl Scout Daisy.

For questions about Family Partnership talk to your Membership Manager or Beth Hrubesky, Fund Development Department: bhrubesky@gsnwgl.org or call your nearest Service Center and ask for extension 4013.

Fund Development News

Winner Trivia Contest

Do YOU want to be a winner? Of course you do! Join in the GSNWGL's Winner Trivia Contest! Your participation is all it takes to be a winner, and you will be helping to create winning opportunities for girls.

As you know, there are girls in our community who need financial assistance to be a part of Girl Scouting. This event is dedicated to raising funds so that no girl need be denied the life-changing Girl Scout Leadership Experience!

The Winner Trivia Contest is easy and fun! Gather a team of four for a night of laughs and competition. You can sponsor yourselves or have your business or employer sponsor you! Click [here](#) for more information and a downloadable brochure.

So be sure to save the date and plan to join us on Wednesday, May 13, 6:30 p.m. at Stadium View in Green Bay, WI!

Council Shop News

Special Shop Hours

The Appleton and Schofield Council Shops will be open Saturday, April 4 and Saturday, May 2 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. All Council Shops will be closed on Friday, May 1.

What's New in the Council Shops

- The Council Shops are full of great new [Fun Patches](#), [Camp Essentials](#) and [Keeping it Green Environmental products](#)!
- Great new [fun patches](#) are arriving. From camp themes to community service, there is a patch for all activities and occasions.
- Inexpensive, great items for girls include colorful embroidered Endangered Species pins, a Girl Scout lanyard, swaps bag and Girl Scout Chunky Pencils.
- [Girl Scouts Go Green with fun, new merchandise](#) with an environmentally friendly message. The girl's Polar Bear Organic T-shirt, an adorable plush frog with an Earth friendly message, and new biodegradable water bottles are just some of the new eco-friendly items.
- For girls headed to camp, be sure to [check our camp essentials](#) such as the autograph bag and pen, the Girl Scout bandana, and the Precision Silva Starter Compass, great for learning orienteering. We also have the official multi-purpose Girl Scout knife that comes in a gift box with the Girl Scout logo engraved on the cutting blade. This knife comes with a lifetime warranty and makes a great gift for a special girl or volunteer.
- Girl Scout Leader Day is April 22 and National Volunteer Week is April 23-29! Don't forget to thank your troop leaders, co-leaders and any special volunteers! The Council Shops have a wide selection of gifts, from inexpensive pins and patches to tote bags, T-shirts and collectibles.

Bridging Kits Available

Attention Leaders! Are you planning a bridging ceremony this spring? The Council Shops have made it easier for you. Purchase a Bridging Kit for each girl and receive all the items she needs to advance to the next Girl Scout grade level. Kits will have a special surprise gift for the girl and a coupon good for a future purchase. Contact [the nearest Council Shop](#) for details.

Adult Development News

Looking for Training Opportunities in your Community?

Spring learning opportunities are in full swing! To locate Leadership Essentials, Outdoor Education, and other offerings in your area, check out the [Training Calendar](#) on our website.

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

Facilitator: Marguerite Blodgett

To register, send a completed [registration form](#) and fees to GSNWGL's Adult Development Department, 3910 Chestnut Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494.

If you have questions about training, the volunteer application process or recognitions, contact the Adult Development Department: training@gsnwgl.org or call your nearest Service Center and ask for extension 3341.

Outdoor Education

With spring weather fast approaching, there is no better time to get out and explore nature with your troop! If you need to sharpen your outdoor skills, or have camping or overnight events in your future, these upcoming Outdoor Education offerings are a great resource.

Outdoor Education: Troop Activities in the Outdoors

- Course Overview: Basic, hands-on training course, designed to equip volunteers to teach age-appropriate outdoor skills such as knot tying, knife safety, fire building, outdoor cooking, kaper charts, cleanup methods, and fun activity ideas. One or more adults who have successfully completed the Outdoor Education course are required to accompany troops on any overnight camping activities at an established site

- Fee: \$20, includes a book, materials, and meals/snacks
- Spring and early summer sessions will be offered at Camp Winnecomac, Camp Ishnala, Camp Cuesta, Camp Del O'Claire, Camp Birch Trails, Camp Nawakwa, and several sites in Michigan's Upper Peninsula

Tent, Trip and Travel Camping

- Prerequisite: Outdoor Education: Troop Activities in the Outdoors (or legacy council equivalent)
- Course Overview: This overnight course builds on the skills learned in Outdoor Education, and includes hands-on instruction on establishing a campsite, pitching a tent, Leave-No-Trace principles, and more. Participants will spend the night in a tent.
- Fee: \$20
- This course will be offered at Camp Winnecomac in Kaukauna, WI, May 30-31

Keep checking the [Training Calendar](#) on our website for additional trainings and dates.

New Volunteer Application Available

To increase security and efficiency, the application process has become primarily internet based, and paper copies have been eliminated whenever possible. The volunteer application may be found on our website [here](#). Please use this updated version if you need to complete a volunteer application, or if you are recruiting a new volunteer. Completed applications should be saved to your computer, and emailed to volunteer@gsnwgl.org.

New volunteers without computer access may request paper copies from their Membership Manager or the Adult Development Department. ***The new application has been revised significantly, so please recycle old applications.***

2009 Leadership Conference

On Saturday, March 7th, GSNWGL's first annual Leadership Conference was held in Kaukauna, WI. Over 160 adult volunteers and Girl Scout Cadettes through Ambassadors attended the event. Attendees had a great time participating in breakout sessions on a wide variety of topics, ranging from Girl Scout History to financial fitness and Middle Eastern dancing.

One of the highlights of the event was a keynote address by internationally recognized poet Ellen Kort. Ms. Kort shared her own perspectives on leadership, and stressed the importance of finding our own passions in life, and sharing them with others. The event evaluations showed that the conference was a big success, and we hope to continue to offer and improve it in future years!

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteer session facilitators! This conference truly would not have been possible without your hard work and dedication!

Program Updates

Council-Wide & Council-Sponsored Programs

Troops and individual Girl Scouts will love the Council-Wide and Council-Sponsored Programs! These programs have limited space and they fill up fast, so register EARLY! Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please note: individual Girl Scouts attending Council-Wide and Council-Sponsored Programs must attend with a parent or guardian, and everyone must bring a health form to the event in case of an emergency (the form may be downloaded [here](#)).

Special Program Opportunities Just for Teens!

Program Aide (PA) Training:

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.

Girls can choose which to attend:

Session 1: Saturday-Sunday, April 25-26; (Sat. 10:00 a.m.-Sun. noon)

Locations:

- Camp Nawakwa, Cornell, WI
- Camp Winnecomac, Kaukauna, WI

Session 2: Saturday-Sunday, May 2-3; (Sat. 10:00 a.m.-Sun. noon)

Locations:

- Camp Birch Trails, Irma, WI
- Camp Sacajawea, Wisconsin Rapids, WI
- Camp Pow Low, Gwinn, MI

Grade Levels: 7-12

Cost: \$25/girl

Counselor in Training I & II (CIT):

Do you love your camp counselors so much that you want to be one? The first step is to complete the CIT I program. While in training, you'll experience how camp is run from different perspectives; staff, campers, and volunteers. Study different age levels, and learn how to lead...and when to follow. What kind of camp counselor do you want to be? In CIT II, you will travel to different camps to see how they run, take part in an apprenticeship at camp in their chosen specialty, and receive their CPR and First Aid certification.

Both CIT I & II are offered at the following locations:

- Camp Birch Trails, Irma, WI
- Camp Nawakwa, Cornell, WI
- Camp Nesbit, Sidnaw, MI
- Camp Sacajawea, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Check out our website for specific dates, times and cost.

destinations

Wyoming's Wildlife Wonders:

A Naturalist Adventure!

Calling all environmental enthusiasts as well as girls who've never experienced the outdoors up close and personal! Come face-to-face with awesome wildlife, explore ecosystems, and view breathtaking scenery while improving your science skills and searching for those hidden treasures found only in nature. For more information about this program, visit the STUDIO 2B website [here](#).

To check out more *destinations* opportunities click [here](#). If your girls are interested in participating in any *destinations*, please contact Michelle Carr: mcarr@gsnwgil.org or call your nearest Service Center and ask for extension 4517.

Portable Programs

If you've checked out a Portable Program this year then you've noticed on the adult evaluation that we ask if there are any topics you'd like to see offered through Portable Programs. Many great ideas were offered by Troop Leaders from all over the council. We're happy to announce that we will be offering four new Portable Program kits for next fall! Here's a preview of the fun kits currently in assembly:

- **Peacemakers:** Sometimes it's not easy to get along with everyone. So what happens when things like bullying, fighting and other conflicts happen in your troop? The activities in this program can help!
- **GirlSports on the Go!:** Learn to swing, kick, jump, and hit like the best of them! Get your troop moving with this GirlSports kit.
- **Historic Hand Me Downs:** Try them on for size! This kit comes with historic uniform components as well as accessories and guides to help you identify the uniforms. If your troop likes fashion, design, and history, this kit is for you!
- **On the Road to Silver and Gold:** One is silver, and the other gold! Is your troop ready to go for the two highest recognitions a Girl Scout can achieve? If the answer is yes, then your first step is to check out one of these training kits.

If you haven't gotten to try all of the kits we currently have in circulation, don't worry! We'll continue to offer these kits to troops as well. If you have a suggestion for a Portable Program topic, we'd love to hear your idea! Contact Carrie Andringa: candringa@gsnwgil.org or call your nearest Service Center and ask for extension 5513.

100% of girls surveyed said they would recommend Portable Programs to other Girl Scouts!

Program Updates

Get Ready for Summer!

Here are some awesome adventures for your girls to try out this summer. Visit our website for more information and to register!

- **Camp Birch Trails:** Check out the 3-7 day trip programs offered to girls in grades 4-12. Girls can go backpacking, kayaking, biking, or canoeing in a wilderness setting. It's an unforgettable experience! All specialized equipment is provided along with staff with advanced first aid and lifeguarding.

- **Camp Cuesta:** *Makeover Madness*, Grades 3-6, June 26-28, \$55

Girls, it's time to give yourself and your bedroom a mini-makeover. Participate in self-esteem and teambuilding activities as well as complete a special project that will give your room a unique touch.

- **Camp Del O'Claire:** *Girls Just Want to Have Fun*, Grades 4-7, August 10-14, \$145

Girls will pamper themselves and spend the week hanging out and having fun! Fun activities include making special soaps, jewelry, and girlfriends that last a lifetime.

- **Camp Ishnala:** *Nutty Professor*, Grades 2-5, July 31-August 2, \$60

Girls will create their own inventions such as silly putty, slime, bubbling solutions and foamy fun! When they're not making new discoveries, they'll enjoy activities such as swimming, hiking, and arts & crafts.

- **Camp Nawakwa:** *Making Waves*, Grades 4-6, June 14-19 or July 12-17, \$230

Starlight swimming, floating lunches, canoeing, water art, sand building sand castles are just a few of the activities girls will do. They'll leave the waterfront just long enough to cook over the campfire and explore some non-aquatic areas of camp, too!

- **Camp Nesbit:** *Mystery & History Detectives*, Grades 10-12, July 12-18, \$230

Visit the strange and eerie Paulding Light, learn about quirky UP characters from long-ago and solve mysteries of the universe!

- **Camp Sacajawea:** *Where the Wild Things Are*, Grades K-6, July 20-23, \$160

Get up close and personal with a variety of creatures. Girls will see a live frog presentation, meet birds of prey, and see creatures of mystery show. Girls will also take part in animal Olympics, and nature play, as well as all of your camp favorites.

- **Camp Winnemac:** *Incredible Edibles*, Grades K-3, June 22-26 or July 27-31, \$145

Get crafty in the kitchen! Bake apples, cut fruit, cook outside. Cook a couple of dishes during the week and make a recipe book. Each patrol will get to create their own soup!

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

Camp Volunteers

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 or 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 at camp.

- **Camp Nesbit:** This is a volunteer-run camp, and interested adults must complete a [camp staff application](#). There are a variety of positions available. Our volunteers are a dedicated mix of talent and experience! Stipends are available.

- **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.* Click [here](#) for more information about upcoming PA Trainings. Girls who have completed CIT Training may volunteer as a Junior Counselor.

Program Updates

The Highest Awards in Girl Scouting

Below are GSNWGL Girl Scouts who have earned the Girl Scout Silver Award and Girl Scout Gold 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 or call your nearest Service Center and ask for extension 4517.

Girl Scout Gold Award Recipients

Kelly Aldrich, Troop 5280	Alyssa Lauer, Troop 6202
Jessica Abernathy, Troop 3069	Emily Lutzen, Troop 6228
Sarah Campbell, Troop 2304	Megan Neveau, Troop 4217
Chelsea Fedie, Troop 3069	Sarah Pohlod, Troop 6020
Mackenzie Fochs, Troop 7241	Sara Schubert, Troop 2476
Katie Fuller, Troop 6228	Chelsey Smith, Troop 5280
Kelly Hofmann, Troop 6333	Joan Van Grinsven, Troop 2476
Jennifer Homeyer, Troop 7241	Emily Wittmann, Troop 2572

Girl Scout Silver Award Recipients

Emily Aldrich, Troop 5261	Nicole Eparvier, Juliette	Rachel Peck, Troop 7146
Rachel Andres, Troop 4373	Danielle Friedrich, Troop 7125	Tiffany Peterson, Troop 4337
Gwen Atkins, Troop 5215	Jasmine Gillette, Troop 2130	Victoria Philippon, Troop 4069
Lauren Atonio, Troop 7125	Jessica Gillette, Troop 2130	Cassandra Philippon, Troop 4069
Marit Bakken, Troop 4237	Kimberly Gilman, Troop 4097	Cammy Rathsack, Troop 4237
Samantha Barnett, Troop 2237	Michelle Guerink, Troop 7146	Jessica Rendall, Troop 3385
Carly Beaudette, Troop 3348	McKenzie Halterman, Troop 3291	Sarah Romanows, Troop 3329
Barb Birrittella, Troop 3348	Jordon Hein, Troop 3385	Frances Rucks, Troop 3329
Kristin Bischel, Troop 3385	Theresa Hunt, Troop 3348	Patricia Ruhnke, Troop 7125
Megan Boldt, Juliette	Kaira Kamke, Juliette	Shaelyn Saffer, Troop 5261
Dominique Bowers, Troop 4373	Mariah Kestila, Troop 5166	Mara Scherer, Troop 4097
Courtney Breyer, Troop 2237	Samantha Kinas Troop 3329	Jordon Schimke, Troop 3291
Rebecca Briar, Troop 4337	Steffi Lietzke, Troop 2237	Lucy Schmitz, Troop 4373
Brianna Buhse, Troop 7108	Heidi Lindsley, Troop 7125	Cassiti Schultz, Troop 4069
Dani Burch, Troop 3329	Emily Lindsley, Troop 7125	Michele Scott, Troop 5120
Maggie Clark, Troop 3348	Sabrina Lloyd, Troop 3348	Amanda Shafer, Troop 5215
Courtney Clavers, Juliette	Mary Maher, Troop 7125	Katee Spaeth, Troop 3348
Hannah Cole, Troop 4353	Cera Malueg, Troop 4097	Kayln Szymanski, Troop 3291
Taylor Covelli, Troop 7125	Christy McDonald, Troop 5215	Tracy Terczynski, Troop 7108
Tamra Daros, Troop 5215	Jennifer McIntire, Troop 3291	Allison Verbrigghe, Troop 5166
Brooke Delgoffe, Troop 4337	DeAnna McNeil, Juliette	McKenna Vinall, Troop 3385
Jessica DeMenter, Troop 5166	Anna Moser, Troop 4069	Ashley Wilson, Troop 2130
Victoria DeMenter, Troop 5166	Clara Newton, Troop 4069	Katie Zarbock, Troop 3150
Danielle Edwards, Troop 3150	Elizabeth Ohvall, Troop 3385	
Kacy Elliott, Troop 4069	Anna Page, Juliette	

Congratulations to all of the Silver and Gold Recipients!

If your troop or a member in your troop wants to earn one of these awards, please refer to our website for updated forms.

Council Communications

What's New on the Website

What's New page

Think of this page as your 'one stop shop' for any new information added to our website. This page is continually updated so you'll want to visit often!

You can access this page in our [News Section](#), or click on the "What's New" graphic on our homepage.

Information Help Desk

Need to contact Council staff but not sure who is the right person? Refer to our Information Help Desk document to find out!

You can find this document by clicking the "Not sure who to contact?" button at the top of the [Staff Directory](#) page. Or simply download it [here!](#)

Coming Soon on the Website

Property Section

A comprehensive Property section is currently under development. There will be a Properties tab added to the top of each page of the website that will link to this new section. Each GSNWGL property will have its own page that will contain:

- a photo slideshow
- general descriptive information
- table of detailed information (the information that's included in *Connect* and *The Source*)
- ideas/suggestions of activities and equipment available at the property
- instructions on how to reserve the property, including a link to the reservation form
- contact information
- summer programs information, if applicable

The new Property section will be developed and posted in phases, with an anticipated completion date of May 15.

Let Us Know Your Service Area News!

Share your Leader Appreciation, volunteer recognition, teen awards, or other Service Area activities and news with us! 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

Featured Property

Each month we will highlight a GSNWGL property to help you get to know all of the incredible properties that are available to your troop/group and Service Area! Click [here](#) to see this property on our Council map.

Camp Ishnala Pound, WI <i>This camp is just 55 miles north of Green Bay with plenty of woodlands, an open field, hiking trails, and Memory Lake. The camp features a troop house, tent cabin units, and some tent sites. It also features a large shelter and an amphitheater. During the summer keep yourself busy by hiking, canoeing, boating, using the archery equipment, and completing the challenge course. In the winter, strap on those cross country skis available at camp and hit the trails!</i>		
Troop House Capacity: Fee: Available:	40 \$45/day; \$60/overnight Year round	Electricity, heat, indoor plumbing, bathrooms/showers, fireplace, phone, fully equipped kitchen. There is a leader's room with some beds, two dormitory-style rooms with sleeping mats for 20 in each room. Handicapped accessible.
Tent Cabins (3 units - Chipmunk, Pathways, Sleeping Fawn) Capacity: Fee: Available:	36 \$18/day; \$30/overnight May - October	Each unit has 6 tent cabins. One large open shelter with outdoor cooking equipment, outdoor latrines, and a hand pump for water.
Tent Sites (6) Capacity: Fee: Available:	4 tents/site \$15/overnight May - October	Sites for tents all have fire circles, picnic table, one open shelter with fireplace, water pump, and outdoor latrine.
Day Use w/ Shalaka Shelter Capacity: Fee: Available:	25 \$18/day use only May - October	Open shelter has a fireplace and electricity. Option to have a screened shelter with just a fireplace instead.

Camp Clean-Up

Camp clean up days have been set! If you or your troop is interested in assisting at any one (or more) of these events, please email property@gsnwgl.org. 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 Nawakwa - Saturday, May 2, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Camp Ishnala - Saturday, May 9, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Camp Sacajawea - Sunday, May 17, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Camp Birch Trails - Saturday, May 30, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Camp Pow Low - Saturday, May 30, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Camp Blueberry Knoll - Saturday, June 6, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Camp Hy Da Way - to be determined

Horse Stable Update

As of March 31, we have five approved stables collaborating with GSNWGL. The collaborating stables will be listed in the 2009-10 issue of *The Source* and posted on the website in early April. We will continue to add stables to the list throughout the year.

Moving forward, the website will be the best resource for a comprehensive list of collaborating stables. Until the list is posted please feel free to contact the Property Department. Also, please continue to send us contact information for stables that you would like to see on the list.

If you have any questions regarding approved stables, or to suggest a stable, please contact the Property Director: property@gsnwgl.org or call the nearest Service Center and ask for extension 4020.

Thank you for your patience and input throughout this process.

Troop 3186 Visits Camp Nawakwa

Written by Twilight

On January 9 and 10, Girl Scout Troop #3186 from the Eau Claire/Altoona area had an overnight at Camp Nawakwa in Cornell, WI. This was not just any overnight at camp, oh no! For, you see, this was an extra special overnight for the nine girls in attendance. They had three birthdays to celebrate!

The festivities began early. Upon arrival, the young women strapped on boots, threw on some layers, and took a nice winter stroll to experience the beauty of snow-covered camp. Now these young women lead extremely busy lives, so their time spent at camp was relaxed, easy-going, and meant to spend some quality time together. The evening of January 9 was spent playing board games, chatting, reminiscing about friends and summers at camp, making their own English muffin pizzas, singing a modified version of the camp birthday song, "Round the Dining Hall You Must Go!" and being all-out silly.

Let me tell you, these young women sure now how to get silly – a total of over thirty summers spent at camp taught them the joy of laughter, the necessity of silliness, and the importance of friendship! A night of merriment and giggles was much welcome long into the night! And do not let me forget to tell you about the tie-dye. Oh, the tie-dye! Creativity, teamwork, and thinking out of the box sure came in handy when these young women got color-fied! They proved there is no such thing as bad tie-dye! No white item went un-tie-dyed when the night was done.

Saturday, January 10 began in earnest with Twilight making the girls French toast. A kaper chart had been planned, but the young women deserved to relax and sleep in after the all the excitement of the night before! After breakfast, the campfire was stoked and the day commenced. Using their resources wisely, they decided it was time to continue with relaxing until lunch...

LUNCH! Did you forget this weekend there were three birthdays to celebrate? Well there were! The young women put on their party hats, cut the cake, and sang happy birthday to Jen, who turned 15, and Chipmunk and Jade, who both celebrated sixteen! The birthday girls were not allowed to use their hands to eat the cake - - did you see the pictures, yet? They proved yet again the power of camp on their lives when it was often said, "I'm so glad I finally got to celebrate my birthday at camp!"

Their time at camp was coming to a close so clean-up time and "see-ya later" to camp. There were some tears shed when the young women realized this was probably the last time they would see Trapper at camp. They decided it was their duty and honor to return next summer to show new and returning campers the wonder and joy of Camp Nawakwa...

...especially because their next overnight at camp in April will be spent celebrating yet ANOTHER birthday on that very same weekend...