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Message from Mary

Dear Volunteers and Parents,

It is not age that makes one irrelevant, but apathy. (Author unknown)

As we mark our 97th birthday this month, we celebrate how our timeless values - courage, confidence and character - have real impact on our communities. Making the world a better place is our mission, and it is a lasting commitment that will keep Girl Scouting relevant for another 97 years and beyond.

Our founder, Juliette Low, exemplified a lifelong willingness to learn and to serve, and a desire to equip others to do the same. In developing the Girl Scout Movement in the United States, Juliette brought girls of all backgrounds into the out-of-doors, giving them the opportunity to develop self-reliance and resourcefulness. Quite contrary to the societal mores of America's South in 1912, she encouraged girls not only to prepare for roles as homemakers, but for active citizenship and possible roles as professional women in the arts, sciences and business.

Active citizenship is something we understand. Our girls, both locally and nationwide, embrace making the world a better place as part of the Girl Scout experience. Whether you are a Girl Scout Brownie troop serenading residents at an assisted living facility or teen troop donating a portion of your Cookie Sale Program proceeds to hurricane survivors, I applaud you for your work with and gift to girls. The Girl Scout experience is unparalleled, and true leadership means connecting with others to Take Action. **Thank you for your leadership!** - *Mary*

**See pages 2-3 for exciting new
 Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program information!**
including Booth Sale updates and new plans and incentives

Go Green for Girl Scouts!

Girl Scouting's 97th Birthday is March 12, 2009

Here's a great idea to promote Girl Scout Week (March 8-14, 2009), and we'd like your help in spreading the word!

Please encourage all Girl Scouts - girls, volunteers and alumni - to wear their uniform and/or green clothing (with membership pin) on March 12, 2009 – and tell everyone why they're doing it! We hope this will really draw attention to Girl Scouting. We're also hoping you will encourage your girls to ask their school principals to include in the day's announcements that March 12 is the 97th birthday of Girl Scouts.

Please talk about this at your troop meetings and Service Area Leader Meetings, and help spread the word! See page 10 for more ideas on how to celebrate Girl Scout Week in a special way.

Please note: active hyperlinks are indicated by underlined text



2009 Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program

Imagine if...we could change the world!

Important Cookie Sale Program Dates

March 2-6	Cookies and recognitions delivered to TCMs
March 7-18	Girls deliver cookies and collect money
March 13- April 26	Cookie Booths held
March 20	Money due to SACM
March 25	Copy of deposit slip, <u>Cookie Program Uncollected Funds Form</u> and validated deposit ticket due to Appleton Service Center
March	Girls receive recognitions
April 3	Booth Sale money due to SACM
May 8	<u>Cookie Program Uncollected Funds Form</u> due
May 31	Final day to report recognition discrepancies or problems to the Product Program Dept.

Booth Sale Dates Extended!

It's not too late to schedule your booth sales!

Cookie booth sales may be held from March 13 through April 26. To schedule your troop's booth sale, download, complete and return the GSNWGL Cookie Booth Form.

Did you know?

Cookie Booth locations can be found by clicking the Cookie Booth Locator icon on the website!

Troop Cookie Managers: Remember to schedule your troop's cookie booths!

Cookie Cupboards

GSNWGL will arrange Cookie Cupboards throughout the jurisdiction. The Product Program Department will work with Cookie Cupboard Managers to determine how many cookies will be ordered and stored at each Cookie Cupboard.

Cookie Cupboards will store a variety of cookies that any troop may access to fill late orders and Goal Getter Orders. These cookies will also be available to sell at a Cookie Booth.

Cookie Cupboards will be available from March 7 to March 29, 2009.

When cookies are picked up by box or case from a Cookie Cupboard, the Cookie Cupboard Manager will transfer cookies to the receiving troop using eBudde. Cookies picked up from Cookie Cupboards may NOT be returned. However, cookies may be traded for another flavor. Troops are responsible for the cost of any cookies taken from the Cookie Cupboard and the amount will be included in the "Amount Owed to Council" on the Sales Report screen. Payment at pick up is NOT required. Troop Cookie Managers or her/his delegate must count, verify and sign for the cookies received from a Cookie Cupboard.

Current Cookie Cupboard Locations

Appleton Service Center Area
Neenah, WI

Eau Claire Service Center Area
Prairie Farm, WI

Green Bay Service Center Area
De Pere, WI
Green Bay/Howard, WI

Marquette Service Center Area
Escanaba, MI
Houghton, MI
Kinross, MI
Manistique, MI

Schofield Service Center Area
Antigo, WI
Medford, WI
Tomahawk, WI
Rhineland, WI
Park Falls, WI
Minocqua, WI
Eagle River, WI

Wisconsin Rapids Service Center Area
Stevens Point/Plover, WI

Each Service Center will also have a Cookie Cupboard.

For more detailed information regarding Cookie Cupboard locations contact your SACM, Membership Manager or the Product Program Department.

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2009 Girl Scout Cookie Stimulus Package

Community support for this year's door-to-door Cookie Sale Program was tremendous – we surpassed last year! But with so many projects needed in our communities and so many girls to serve, we want to help your troop meet its financial needs and help the Council reach 100% of its budgeted goal, so we encourage your troop and your girls to participate in all three aspects of the Cookie Stimulus Package! Click [here](#) for a printable flyer with Girl Scout Cookie Stimulus Package information.

Cookie Stimulus Plan

If your troop sells...

150 boxes more than your initial orders on eBudde, the troop will receive a \$15 Cookie Gift Card to be used at GSNWGL Council Shops!

OR

300 boxes more than your initial orders on eBudde, the troop will receive a \$30 Cookie Gift Card to be used at GSNWGL Council Shops or ONE FREE overnight at the troop's choice of The Lodge at Camp Pow-Low, Hawks Haven or Yurt Unit at Camp Winnecomac, Chalet at Camp Nawakwa, Graebel Lodge or Ethel's Yurt Village at Camp Birch Trails, Troop House at Camp Cuesta, any facility at Camp Sacajawea or the Appleton/Green Bay Service Centers.

OR

600 boxes more than your initial orders on eBudde, the troop will receive a \$60 Cookie Gift Card to be used at GSNWGL Council Shops or TWO FREE overnights at the troop's choice of The Lodge at Camp Pow-Low, Hawks Haven or Yurt Unit at Camp Winnecomac, Chalet at Camp Nawakwa, Graebel Lodge or Ethel's Yurt Village at Camp Birch Trails, Troop House at Camp Cuesta, any facility at Camp Sacajawea or the Appleton/Green Bay Service Centers.

OR

1200 boxes more than your initial orders on eBudde, the troop will receive a \$250 gift card for a ONE NIGHT STAY at Tundra Lodge in Green Bay, WI, Lodge at Cedar Creek in Rothschild, WI, or Great Wolf Lodge in Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Please note that these incentives are not cumulative.

I Called Back Plan

Using the Goal Getter Order Card, girls who sell 50 or more boxes will earn an I Called Back patch. Here's how: girls call all their customers from their initial order card to ask if they would like to buy any additional cookies – or try customers they have not yet tried.

For every 100 girls that sell 50 additional boxes or more on their Goal Getter Order Card, ONE Wii GAME CONSOLE or a \$250 WAL-MART GIFT CARD will be awarded! For each additional 50 boxes sold, girls will earn another entry!

Each Girl Scout must have her first and last name, phone number, and troop number on order card. Per *Safety-Wise* guidelines, please do not put last name or phone number on the order card until after all orders have been taken.

Be sure to indicate in which drawing (Wii or \$250 Wal-Mart Gift Card) girls wish to be entered. If no choice is indicated, girls will be entered into the \$250 Wal-Mart Gift Card drawing.

The Troop Cookie Manager will collect the order cards, then email, fax or mail them to GSNWGL: Product Program Department, productprograms@gsnwgl.org. (Please keep copies for troop records.) All order cards must be received by Tuesday, April 28. The drawing will be held Wednesday, April 29. All winners will be notified, announced in the May issue of Connect, on our website, and at May Service Area Leader Meetings.

Cookies must be purchased from a Cookie Cupboard; GSNWGL will verify that the correct number of boxes were transferred to the troop on eBudde before the entry is valid.

NOTE: Girls participating in the *I Called Back Plan* can apply their total number of boxes sold to their troop's involvement in the Cookie Stimulus Plan. However, boxes of cookies sold during Booth Sales cannot be applied towards a girl's Goal Getter Order Card.

Cookie Booth Sales Extension

Booth Sales are a great way to help your troop meet its financial goals and help girls achieve their individual goals. Booth Sale dates have been extended to Sunday, April 26, due to the number of requests in April. 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 wants to support you, too! We will issue press releases and publicize cookie booths online, which will not be possible without a [Cookie Booth Sale Request Form](#) being submitted! Payment for Cookie Booths held after March 29, is due to Service Area Cookie Managers no more than one week after date of Cookie Booth. Payment for Cookie Booths held prior to March 29, follow dates already set forth.

For more information about the 2009 GSNWGL Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program please contact the Product Program Department: productprograms@gsnwgl.org or call your nearest Service Center and ask for extension 3348.

Updates & Reminders from the Membership Department

Bring-a-Friend Report

Thank you participating in our Bring-a-Friend campaign! 153 troops added three or more girls to their troops and earned a \$5 coupon towards a purchase of \$25 or more at any of the council shops. Congratulations to Troop #2560 from the Appleton East Service Area! They are the winners of the drawing- enjoy your weekend at camp!

With the school year well under way, some families may believe it is too late for their daughter to get involved in Girl Scouts. But it's never too late to register! When you are encouraging girls in your communities to join Girl Scouting, please talk about all of the terrific reasons why a complete, life-changing Girl Scout experience still awaits all girls!

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, or "Early Bird" Registration! Spring Registration makes a lot of sense: families can check one task off their fall "to do" list and leaders can better plan the upcoming troop year, knowing how many girls they'll have! Watch for Spring Registration information in March/April Service Area Leader Meetings.

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

Service Area Leader Meetings - February Recap

- Leaders shared updates about the HUGS Family Partnership Program and the talks they are giving to their parents
- We started to talk about our end-of-year events to celebrate the accomplishments of the girls and the volunteers in the Service Area
- We learned about how cookie cupboards, goal getter cards and booth sales work
- We heard about exciting summer camp programs and teen program opportunities
- We talked about camp clean-up days
- We talked about spring registration
- We talked about things we could do in our communities to promote Girl Scout Week
- We learned about new ways to give input about Council programs, services and procedures - surveys on the website and the new email address: why@gsnwgl.org
- We had a mini-training about bridging

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.

HUGS Family Partnership News

Every day throughout our Council, the Girl Scout Leadership Experience is making a lasting impact on girls and young women. Leaders... take the challenge to guarantee that 100% of their parents are given the opportunity to give through the HUGS Family Partnership Campaign. With your help, we can meet our 2008/2009 goal. You play a vital role in helping us ensure that Girl Scouts is available for your daughter, girls in your troop, your community, and throughout GSNWGL!

Remember! Additional support is available from your Membership Manager or Beth Hrubesky, Fund Development Dept: bhrubesky@gsnwgl.org or call your nearest Service Center and ask for extension 4013.

Updates & Reminders from the Membership Department

Service Area Best Practice Highlight

Marshfield Service Area

The Marshfield Service Area annually celebrates the accomplishments of the girls in the Service Area with an event called “Marshfield Bridging”. Held in early May, the event honors all girls who are bridging to the next level of Girl Scouting, all girls who applied for *destinations*, the top cookie sellers in the area, all graduating seniors and all girls who earned the Girl Scout Bronze Award, Girl Scout Silver Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, religious awards, Program Aide and LIT. While the Marshfield Service Team is instrumental in putting on this event, sometimes a teen Girl Scout troop takes on all or parts of it for leadership projects.

The event takes part in a high school auditorium. From the moment you walk in the door, you know that this is a special and important event. You are greeted by Girl Scouts in uniform who hand you an event program. At the beginning, guest speakers talk about Girl Scouting, community service and leadership. Next, we see the bridging ceremonies. Each bridging troop is in charge of its own ceremony and troops do everything from listing the badges that girls earned that year to Girl Scout Daisies walking through cardboard box “ovens”, emerging as new Girl Scout Brownies! Every bridging girl walks across a small bridge on the stage. After the bridging, it’s time for special awards. Girls who earned top awards and all of the top cookie sellers are brought to the stage individually for a certificate and applause. At the conclusion of the event, there is a cake and punch reception where girls, volunteers and parents mingle and offer congratulations!

This year the Marshfield Service Area has plans to incorporate volunteer recognitions into the event.

Regional Meetings Set

In preparation for our first Annual Meeting (Saturday, May 16), we are holding six regional meetings for our membership to receive an update on GSNWGL, elect Council Delegates and share at CEO listening sessions. All members 16 years and above are invited to participate. We invite you to attend the regional meeting closest to you:

Appleton Service Center Friendship Rooms	March 19	7:00 p.m.
Eau Claire Service Center Conference Room	March 26	7:00 p.m.
Green Bay Service Center Lower Level Activity Rooms	March 18	7:00 p.m.
Marquette Service Areas Peter White Public Library	March 30	7:00 p.m. EST
Schofield Service Areas Alexander Lodge at Camp Del O’Claire (Schofield, WI)	March 25	7:00 p.m.
Wisconsin Rapids Service Areas Charbonneau Center at Camp Sacajawea (Wisconsin Rapids, WI)	March 23	7:00 p.m.

Please RSVP your attendance at the regional meeting to Theresa Brady: tbrady@gsnwgl.org or call your nearest Service Center and ask for extension 4016.

Council Delegates to be Elected

We are seeking nominations for Council Delegates from your area! We will elect delegates at the regional meetings (see page 5 for more information on regional meetings). If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please log on to our website, www.gsnwgl.org, go to the Forms Section and under the Delegate Section utilize the Delegate Nomination Form to submit your name (or click [here](#) for form).

Council Delegates need to be able and willing to: 1) attend the GSNWGL Annual Meeting, 2) receive periodic communication from the GSNWGL board of directors and then share the information at local Service Area Meetings and 3) attend a special regional meeting in October or November. Delegates are elected for a one year term and may serve consecutive terms.

Delegates are critical to our Council operations and we hope that you will consider serving in this role.

Nominations are due by March 13. You do not need to be present at a March Regional Meeting to be elected.

Council Shop News

Special Shop Hours

Council Shops will remain open until 7:00 p.m. the night of the Regional Meetings (Appleton 3/19; Green Bay 3/18; Eau Claire 3/26; Marquette 3/30; Schofield 3/25 and Wisconsin Rapids 3/23). In addition, the Appleton and Schofield Shops will be open Saturday April 4 and Saturday May 2 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Check out our website for Girl Scout Bronze Award, Girl Scout Silver Award, and Girl Scout Gold Award merchandise!

Girl Scout Birthday Celebration Sale!

Council Shops are celebrating Girl Scout Week with a fantastic week-long sale! Come in to any Council Shop to select a special Girl Scout Birthday Card to find your discount. Can't get to a Council Shop? Call us and we will select a discount card for you!

This super sale starts Saturday, March 7, at the Leadership Conference in Kaukauna, WI and continues through Friday, March 13. Discounts will apply to all regularly-priced Girl Scout and GSNWGL merchandise. Click [here](#) for flyer.

Discounts do not apply to sashes, vests, tunics, insignia, earned awards, age level books, or clearance merchandise.

Bridging Kits are Here!

We want to make your life a little easier by putting together everything your girls need when bridging to the next Girl Scout grade level. Just add the girl's name to the card on the outside of the kit envelope, and you're ready to present these items at your ceremony!

Available kits include Bridge to Girl Scout Brownie Kit, Bridge to Girl Scout Junior Kit, Bridge to Girl Scout Cadette Kit and Bridge to Girl Scout Senior Kit. Each kit includes the appropriate bridging patch, membership star and disc, bridging certificate and a surprise gift! Click [here](#) to download a flyer with details. Click [here](#) for Bridging Kit order form.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program Merchandise

Items related to the 2009 Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program may be pre-ordered and pre-paid. When available, we will contact you, and you may pick your order up at the Council Shop most convenient for you. Orders may be shipped if an additional shipping and handling charge is pre-paid. Click [here](#) to download the order form.

Adult Development News

Looking for Training Opportunities Near You?

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.

Help Girls Reach for the Stars!

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.

GSNWGL's Volunteer Application Process Now Online!

As of March 1, GSNWGL's volunteer application process will be primarily Internet based. To increase security and efficiency, paper copies will be 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.

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 sessions will be offered at Camp Winnecomac, Camp Ishnala, Camp Cuesta, Camp Del O'Claire, 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.

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](#)).

Join us for our 3rd Council-Wide Program Science Spectacular!

Calling all mad scientists! We need your brain power in the lab. We'll do a little mixology, a bit of designology & a lot of grossology!

Science Spectacular! program details:

Date/Time: Saturday, April 4, 2009, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Locations:

- Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI
- St. Norbert's College, DePere, WI
- University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire
- University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh
- University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point
- Wausau East High School, Wausau, WI

Grade Levels: All

Cost: \$15/girl, \$5/adult (lunch is included)

To Register: Troops/groups and individual members may register online [here](#) or by completing and submitting the [Event Registration Form](#). Before registering, see important registration note at the top of this page.

Space is limited so register early!

Make things go boom! Grab your goggles to try some awesome experiments at Science Spectacular April 4! Enjoy fun, hands-on lessons on topics such as astronomy, chemistry, biology and more! Have a blast mixing, multiplying, maneuvering and manipulating while discovering the connections between science and everyday life. *Science Spectacular!* is for girls of all grade levels and each group will do age-appropriate activities.

We are currently looking for professionals or enthusiasts in STEM related fields as well as general volunteers who would like to help at this event. If you or anyone you know would like to be a part of *Science Spectacular!*, or if you'd like more information, please contact Carrie Andringa: candringa@gsnwgl.org or call your nearest Service Center and ask for extension 5513.

Survivor Council-Sponsored Program

Could you survive if you were lost in the woods or stranded on a deserted island? Join your friends at this program to spend time at camp building fires, outdoor cooking, perfecting archery and tying knots. Tackle the ropes course and take a nature hike to learn about the beauty around you.

Date: Saturday, March 28

Locations/Times:

- Camp Birch Trails, Irma, WI, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- Camp Nawakwa, Cornell, WI, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- Camp Winnecomac, Kaukauna, WI, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Grade Levels: All

Cost: \$15/girl

Space is limited, so register today!

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Danielle at dpolzin@gsnwgl.org or call your nearest Service Center and ask for ext. 3371.

Portable Programs

Girl Scout week is fast approaching. Use the Portable Programs to help you celebrate! Each one of the kits offers fun activities and insightful discussion topics.

Check out the [list of available Portable Programs](#) and have the girls choose which one they'd like to try. Complete the activities that interest the girls the most and discuss with the troop ways they can use what they've learned and take action in the community by completing a service project during Girl Scout week. For example, the girls may want to take part in a healthy living service project after trying the activities in the Saturday Suitcases, be inspired to reach out to new people in the community after completing the Making America Home kit, or teach friends about the benefits of Girl Scouting after working with the Girl Scout Daisy Celebration kit.

Take action projects are out there just waiting to be discovered, use a Portable Program to help you find them!

Program Updates

Get Ready for Summer!

Spend your summer swimming, kayaking, singing and dancing! Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes has camp programs that suit every girl. Like...

- Rock Stars! is a day camp session at Camp Winnecomac in Kaukauna, WI, that will have every girl moving to the beat and singing to all the most popular songs.
- Stay up late stargazing in the Night Owl program at Camp Birch Trails resident camp, just north of Wausau, WI!
- Show off your skills in the kitchen during Camp Del O'Claire's Iron Chef Girl Scout, a day camp session in Schofield, WI.
- Pony Tails and Silver Spurs are two sessions where girls can ride horses at Camp Nawakwa, a resident camp in Cornell, WI.
- Girls can reach new heights on the high ropes course during resident camp sessions at Camp Nesbit in Sidnaw, MI!
- Art Extravaganza resident camp session at Camp Sacajawea, Wisconsin Rapids, WI, gives girls the chance to explore and show their creativity!

You can also share camp with your friends and family!

- Discover the Door County, WI, Peninsula with your troop at Camp Cuesta.
- Take your favorite adult to Camp Ishnala in Crivitz, WI, for the weekend at the Me and My Gal or Me and My Pal camp sessions!

There is something for everyone at GSNWGL camps this summer. Cookie Dough can be used for camp programming, so make sure your hard work selling cookies equals big fun this summer! Find more information, including a complete listing of programs, how to register, and camp property details in the [camp section of our website](#). Spots fill quickly so register today!

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

Work at Camp!

It's time to start thinking about how you want to spend YOUR summer. Why end up behind a cash register or desk when you can work, play and live in the great outdoors through the Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes summer camps. If you have the energy and enthusiasm to make a difference in a young girl's life, then you have found the right place!

Camp is a great place to work! It is a fun, relaxed environment, where staff and campers alike, are challenged to grow and to learn. Information on all of our camps and applications are available in the [camp section of our website](#) (or click [here](#) to download Camp Staff Application Packet).

Program Aide Training

Would you like to volunteer at camp this summer? Interested in helping younger Girl Scouts in a troop? Excited about assisting at a Council or Service Area event? Program Aide is a leadership training which includes the information and skills needed to work with younger girls in a troop, camp or program setting. Girls will leave this overnight training with skills in fire building, outdoor cooking, knot tying, the ability to teach songs and games, and so much more. Program Aide Training is a pre-requisite to volunteer at camp this summer.

Choose one session to attend:

Session 1:

Date/Time: Saturday-Sunday, April 25-26, 2009; Saturday 10:00 a.m.-Sunday 12:00 p.m.

Locations: Camp Nawakwa, Cornell, WI, OR Camp Winnecomac, Kaukauna, WI

Session 2:

Date/Time: Saturday-Sunday, May 2-3, 2009; Saturday 10:00 am – Sunday noon

Locations: Camp Birch Trails, Irma, WI; Camp Sacajawea, Wisconsin Rapids, WI, OR
Camp Pow Low, Gwinn, MI

Grade Levels: 7-12

Cost: \$25/girl

Trees for the 21st Century Patch Program

Get ready for Earth Day (April 22) and help build upon the success of the Girl Scout's 95th anniversary tree planting, where 144 councils planted over 14,000 trees provided by the Future of Life! This new program kit contains:

- A "Trees for the 21st Century" patch
- DVD featuring Wangari Maathai
- Leader Activity Guide (by grade level)
- Tree planning and stewardship guide
- Seedling trees appropriate for your region

Click [here](#) for more information or to order. You may also email: info@erthnxt.org

Celebrate Girl Scout Week!

It was 97 years ago on March 12 that Juliette Gordon Low established the first Girl Scout troop in the United States. Girl Scouts throughout our nation celebrate this special anniversary during Girl Scout Week, which is March 8-14 this year.

There are so many ways Girl Scouts can celebrate and show their pride in this historic movement!

- Girl Scout Sunday, March 8, is a great opportunity for troops and individual Girl Scouts to volunteer at their local place of worship. Whether greeting, doing a special Girl Scout reading or serving refreshments after services, this is a great way to reach out to religious organizations and recognize Girl Scout members in the community.
- Consider doing something to make the world a better place during Girl Scout Week! Choose a service project to benefit an organization in your community, such as participating in the Council-wide food drive (click [here](#) for details).
- Set up a display in your local library or store windows in your town. Ideas include making bright, informative posters, displaying Girl Scout uniforms and books or historical Girl Scout items.
- Think big! Plan and implement a large project, such as painting a mural in a prominent location, hosting a huge get-together in your downtown or visiting a city council meeting where the mayor signs a proclamation in honor of Girl Scout Week. Bonus - invite your local media to cover your big event!

However you choose to celebrate Girl Scout Week, check out the resources we have available for you:

- Church bulletin inserts: Ask your Membership Manager to deliver printed copies to your Service Area Leader Meeting or during a community visit, or download and print your own [here](#).
- Girl Scout Week Proclamation: Contact the mayor in your town and ask her/him to issue [this proclamation](#) at the next city council meeting.
- Share your Girl Scout Week activities with us! Tell us how you plan to celebrate Girl Scout Week, or send us a summary of your service project or event with photos to brand@gsnwg1.org. We may submit the information to your local newspaper, use it in Council publications or on our website!

Happy Birthday, Girl Scouts!

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 Hy-Da-Way Manistique, MI <i>Camp Hy-Da-Way has a small heated troop house and some platform tents in a wooded setting. The camp is located across the road from Indian Lake State Park where there are many hiking trails to explore and a variety of educational programs during the summer season.</i>		
Jenny Lodge Capacity: Fee: Available:	12 \$18/day; \$30/overnight April-October	Heated lodge with fully equipped kitchen, refrigerator, stove, one large table with benches, access to water, and pit toilets.
Platform Tent Unit Capacity: Fee: Available:	30 \$18/day; \$30/overnight Mid-May-September	This unit contains six platform tents. There is access to water, pit toilets, two or three picnic tables at each tent, fire circles, and outdoor cooking/camping supplies.
Ground Use Only Capacity: Fee: Available:	100 \$15/day use only Year round	Access to water, pit toilets, picnic tables, dining tarps (in supply building), and fire circle.

Camp Property Availability

With the warmer months of March, April, and May coming up, you may be planning an overnight with your troop at one of the Council's camp properties. We do have a few camps that are starting to fill up fast; however, there are plenty of camps that have many dates to choose from.

Consider one of the following properties when you are planning your next overnight:

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| Camp Birch Trails | Camp Cuesta |
| Camp Del O'Claire | Camp Hy-Da-Way |
| Camp Ishnala | Camp Nawakwa |
| Camp Pow-Low | |

Please contact the Property Department with any questions or to check availability: property@gsnwgl.org or call the nearest Service Center and ask for extension 3349.

Camp Clean-Up and Set-Up

Spring is right around the corner and that means that it will soon be time to clean up the camps and get them ready for summer programs and activities!

The Property Department is currently scheduling Camp Clean-Up dates for all of our camps. Is your troop or Service Area interested in lending a hand? Keep your eyes open for dates to be posted soon!

If you, your troop and/or Service Area are interested, please contact us at property@gsnwgl.org with your name, troop number or Service Area name, and which camp property you are interested in helping at.

Reservation Procedures

We have been working hard to handle the volume of reservations that have come in throughout the year and to make the process as smooth and easy as possible for everyone. The reservation procedure has been adjusted a bit to help eliminate the last minute scramble to get items that are still needed in to the Property Department.

Reservations are still accepted first-come, first-served with the completed Reservation Form and security deposit. When this is received, you will be added to our calendars unless there is a conflict in which you will then be notified by phone. Once your reservation is on the calendar, an *Items Needed* letter will be sent to you for any remaining materials that need to be collected before approving your reservation. Once all required items are received, you will then be approved and sent a confirmation packet.

The confirmation packet will contain your confirmation letter, important information about the camp property or Service Center reserved, and a cleaning checklist. If you require directions to the property, please let us know so that you have all the information that you need for your troop/group to have a great time.

Thank you to the many troops/groups that have already utilized our facilities! We hope that many more will continue to take advantage of what our Council has to offer.

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Horse Stable Update

The list of approved horse stables is on track to be completed in early March. We are currently finalizing site visits and other steps for a stable to gain approval.

The final list will be posted on our website, announced in *Connect* and also available through your Membership Manager. Thank you for your patience during this process!