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GSNWGL Service Centers

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4693 N Lynndale Dr, 54913
920.734.4559

Eau Claire
4222 Oakwood Hills Pkwy, 54701
715.835.5331

Green Bay
2430 Finger Rd, 54302
920.469.4860

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

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

Wisconsin Rapids
3910 Chestnut St, 54494
715.423.6360

General phone number
888.747.6945

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

Check out what Chloe's been up to! See the last page for the latest Chloe's Corner.



Into the Woods

Saturday, October 24, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Discover the world in which you live. Investigate and explore trees, animals and the environment through exciting activities and games. Challenge your friends in a fun nature obstacle course. Outdoor experts will show you the way people impact the environment and what we can do to make the world a better place to live. Click [here](#) for more information and to register today!

Top 10 Reasons to Participate in the Fall Product Program (FPP)!

- Provides an opportunity for girls to**
 - Learn the importance of goal-setting and develop plans to achieve a goal.
 - Understand how their efforts contribute to the overall good of their Council and Girl Scouting.
 - Put the ethical standards of the Girl Scout Promise and Law into practice, which helps girls truly integrate the ideals into their everyday actions.
 - Learn about entrepreneurship/basic business and financial planning.
 - Develop high levels of self-esteem, self-reliance and personal achievement.
 - Heighten their career awareness.
 - Develop valuable life skills such as money management, teamwork and time management, even marketing and sales!
- The QSP (magazine) Program promotes READING which leads to a higher self-esteem, a better vocabulary, better performance in school, and a more creative imagination.**
- Allows each girl to connect with her family, friends and neighbors.**
- Profits provide much needed troop "start-up" funds early in the year (especially THIS year)!**
- Profits provide financial relief to your girls' families – since the troop has its own funds it is able to ask for less from the parents.**
- Nuts and chocolates make great deer camp snacks for all of the hunters in your family and neighborhood!**
- Nuts and Chocolates make great holiday gifts, in exchange for that surprise gift you receive from the mail carrier, UPS driver, kids' teachers, elderly neighbor, etc!**
- NEW this year, troops can earn an additional \$0.03 in troop profit for the Cookie Sale Program if the troop reaches a FPP per girl selling average of \$165 and all paperwork is complete and turned in no later than Friday, October 30, 2009.**
- Girls earn great recognitions - including a chance for an overnight troop trip to Ashdon Farms for a behind-the-scenes tour of our nut/chocolate vendor! Check out our website for one troop's story and picture from their Ashdon Farms trip last year.**
- It's quick, it's easy and it's fun!**

Click [here](#) for the FPP section of our website.

Important News!

Effective October 9, 2009 the Marquette Shop and Service Center will be open Monday-Friday, 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (EST)

We are managing our staff resources while maintaining customer service in the Marquette Service Center. From 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the phones will be automated for you to access staff using their extensions. The Shop and Service Center will be open 12:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Please note: active hyperlinks are indicated by underlined text



GSNWGL Product Programs

2009 Girl Scout Fall Product Program (FPP)

Click [here](#) for the FPP section of our website.

Dates:

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| September 8-14 | • Service Area Fall Product Managers trains Troop Fall Product Managers |
| October 1-8 | • Troops train for Fall Product Program |
| October 9-25 | • Girls take orders |
| November 21-30 | • Girls deliver Fall Product |

- 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

2010 Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program theme & dates!

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

Girls will **discover** what matters most to them. They will **connect** with people in their communities. And they will use the power of Girl Scout Cookies to **take action** in their own neighborhoods and far beyond!

Inspired by U.

Dates:

December - Mid January

Service Area and Troop Cookie Manager Training for Cookie Sale Program

January 22 - February 7, 2010

Girls take orders for cookies

March 3 - 24, 2010

Girls deliver cookies

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

Product Programs are in Full Swing!

With the autumn weather and festivities upon us, we are in full swing with our Girl Scout Product Programs. From the dates listed above, you have noticed that we are once again hosting a fall “family and friends” sale of nuts, chocolates, and magazines, and a winter/spring Cookie Sale Program kicking off Friday, January 22, 2010. This structuring of our two Product Programs allows GSNWGL to be consistent with other Councils nationally since the majority of them participate in a Spring Cookie Program.

Selling cookies in the spring will provide unprecedented awareness for the programs benefiting the troops and girls who rely on these programs to fund their activities and community service projects for the entire year. It will also give troops sufficient time to organize, recruit, and train a volunteer Cookie Manager, as well as set their goals and priorities prior to embarking on everyone’s favorite entrepreneur development program.

The Fall Product Program allows troops to develop necessary “start-up” funds and practice their marketing and goal-setting skills for the Cookie Sale in January. Not to mention the nuts, chocolates and magazines make great holiday gifts as well as delicious snacks for the hunters in your family/neighborhood.

“Both Product Programs provide a unique avenue for girls to learn and develop valuable leadership skills such as goal-setting, financial literacy, communication skills and problem-solving. They are also an integral part of the Girl Scout mission to build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place,” commented Mary Charles, CEO.

Updates & Reminders from the Membership Department

September Service Area Leader Meeting Recap

- We received training for the [Fall Product Program](#)!
- We learned about the new (and so many more!) [Council Programs](#) this year!
- We talked about our Service Area goals and our plans for meeting them!

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

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.

Membership Update

As of September 29, there are 5,622 girls and 2,653 adults registered at GSNWGL.

The Council goal is 19,022 girls.

We are 30% of the way there!

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

2009-2010 Service Area Allocations

Last year Service Areas received an allocation from the Council of \$1 per girl to do Service Area business. This year Service Areas will earn at least \$1.02 per girl and they will have the opportunity to earn up to \$1.65 per girl if they meet their goals! This year the Service Area allocations will be distributed in three parts - in September, November and March. In September Service Areas will receive a larger allocation if they were successful in meeting last year's Family Partnership goal.

Look ahead! In November the size of the Service Area allocation will be based on girl membership as of October 31. In March the size of the allocation will be based on initial cookie sales. Help your Service Area reach their Family Partnership, girl membership and cookie program goals, and you will help the Service Area receive more money for the girls!

Important Notes About Registration!

It's very important to register your troop. Until you are registered, the Council will not have your information for regular communication. And if you are not registered, your troop is not covered by Girl Scout insurance!

- A registered troop includes two (2) registered, non-related adults.
- All new volunteers must complete a Volunteer Application.
- It's never too late to register!
 - You can always add new girls to your troop!
 - Girls can register at any time of the year!

Talk to your Membership Manager if you have any questions.

Updates & Reminders from the Membership Department

Troop Activity Idea: Celebrate Juliette Low's Birthday

Birth Date: October 31, 1860. Birthplace: Savannah, GA

To celebrate the founder of Girl Scouting in the United States, do one of these activities in her honor:

Discover: Who was Juliette Gordon Low?

- Find out all about Juliette Gordon Low. Check your handbook, visit www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/history/low_biography/, or download *All About Juliette Gordon Low* [here](#).
- Girl Scout Daisies can make a puppet at <http://scoutingweb.com/scoutingweb/SubPages/JulLowPuppet.htm>
- Girl Scout Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors can make a skit about her life and perform it to the group!
- Learn a new outdoor skill, like tying a new knot, building a fire, or using a compass.
- Try an activity from an old Girl Scout handbook!

Connect: How does her past connect to our future?

- Make a scrapbook with Juliette's picture and the girls in your troop. Write positive qualities around the pictures that represent both Juliette and the girls.
- Play a game like Jeopardy: <http://www.scoutingweb.com/scoutingweb/subpages/GSJepdy.htm>

Take Action: Girls act to make the world a better place!

- We can celebrate her mission by role modeling courage, confidence and character!
- Send free e-cards to your girls at <http://ecards.friendcircles.com/2059-1-JulietteGordonLowsBirthday.htm>
- Consider throwing a birthday party with your troop, school or Service Area to celebrate her birthday (suggestion: have the girls vote on a theme!). Make the party a "Bring a Friend" event to celebrate Juliette Low starting Girl Scouts.
- Celebrate Juliette Low's love of helping others! Do a service project for a group or an individual and make October 31 special in your own way!

Note: If you are having the girls go online, be sure to review the Internet Safety Pledge [here](#)!

New Program Pathways and Take Action Club (TAC)

Girl Scout Pathways are nationally consistent, yet flexible ways that girls and adults can participate in Girl Scouting. Girls and adults can choose from several Pathways, both short and long term, including troop, travel destinations, short term program activities, day camp and resident camps, special interest groups/series, or virtual activity connections.

This month GSNWGL is debuting a new Pathway - a special interest group/series called the Take Action Club (or TAC). Girls in grades 5 to 12 can form a TAC group around their common interest of planning and carrying out service projects in their communities. Along with the assistance of two to four local volunteers, the girls will meet for activities, planning sessions and community service projects according to a schedule that works for them. It is recommended, but not required, that TAC groups use the new Journey 2 curriculum, an environmental education and health and wellness curriculum developed by Girl Scouts of the USA while they are researching and acting on local issues. The primary goal of TAC groups is to recruit new girls in grades 5 to 12, but current Girl Scouts are welcome to help start a group and invite their non-Girl Scout friends to join. If you are interested in learning more about TAC, please talk to your Membership Manager about getting a TAC group started in your community.

Updates & Reminders from the Membership Department

New Troop Leader Tip: Do Teambuilding Activities with you Troop

You, the girls and adult volunteers in your troop are a team! This year you will set goals, make plans to meet those goals, do activities and projects together, and have a lot of fun. In order to work together as a great team, try some teambuilding exercises with your girls; examples listed below.

All Aboard

For this challenge you will need an item that is foldable and preferably not too slippery. (An old flannel-backed tablecloth works well.) In front of the group, the leader spreads the cloth and explains that when "All Aboard" is called, everyone is to get both feet onto the platform. "All Aboard" is called, everyone is praised and asked to move back off the platform. Fold the cloth in half (or just fold 1/3 under), lay it down, and call "All Aboard" again. This is where they begin to get the picture and begin to cooperate. Continue to make the platform smaller and smaller until safety forces you to stop.

Balloon Train

Have the girls stand in a line like you would for the bunny hop. Each girl has a balloon, and the balloon is placed between your chest and the person in front of yours back. The object is to have the train move around the room without the balloons falling and without use of arms and hands. If a balloon falls they must get the balloon back up trying not to let any more fall. This will take teamwork!

Human Knot

Girls get in a circle and put their hands all together in the center. Girls grab hands without looking at whose hands they are grabbing...they are "knotted up" and have to untangle without letting their hands go. They can twist their hands but never let go.

Turn the Circle Inside Out

A circle is formed using all the players. Everyone joins hands and faces the middle of the circle. Everyone closes their eyes and tries to turn the circle inside out so that everyone is facing the opposite direction (outside of the circle) without letting go of each others' hands. (Hint: the solution is that two players hold up their hands and everyone else follows through underneath.)

Beaded Conversations

Give each girl a package of beads (different color for each person). Give everyone a 6" piece of string with a heart bead in middle. Divide group into two rows and have them sit facing each other with feet touching. Then have each person carry on a conversation with the person facing you. Tell about yourself. Where you are from, birth date, favorite color etc. Then exchange bead with that person thread it onto you have traded all your color beads (or have one left), and move down line to your right to next person and do the same thing until you have exchanged all your beads. Tie and wear your new bracelet!

Hints for Becoming a Great Team:

- Encourage girls to support and assist one another.
- Talk about teamwork. Ask the girls to define teamwork. Help them use words and phrases like cooperation, working together, planning and listening.
- Plan and carry out a community service project together.
- Use the Fall Product Program and the Cookie Sale Program to improve your teamwork. Together, set a goal. Encourage the girls to encourage each other to reach the goal.

Council Shop News

October is National Book Month!

Research shows that girls with access to the handbooks, program books and badge books get the most out of the Girl Scout program.

- The Handbook and Badge book are a core part of the Girl Scout Program
- Journeys are an important foundation for every Girl Scout. They engage girls in using all three leadership keys – Discover, Connect and Take Action
- Girls climb a “leadership ladder” in Girl Scouts as they do Leadership Journeys at every level and earn the leadership awards incorporated within them
- Learning Petal activities (Daisy Activity Book) focus on fun ways for girls to learn and gain understanding of the Girl Scout Promise and Law
- Brownie Try-it, Junior badge and Cadette/Senior/Ambassador interest project activities focus on a single topic, enabling girls to develop skills in that topic area
- Girls choose to add Learning Petal, Brownie Try-it, Junior badge or Cadette/Senior/Ambassador activities to their Journey experiences with the guidance from volunteers and parents/guardians
- Girls are always permitted to work on awards individually or as part of their troop
- Books let girls know of everything the Girl Scout program offers
- Parents who have access to the books have:
 - A greater understanding of what Girl Scout program is doing for their daughter
 - Are more likely to help with troop activities and to help their daughter earn awards
 - A better understanding of how meetings operate and the structure of the Girl Scout program.

Get ‘Em While They’re Hot - Council T-Shirts and Sweatshirts

Pre-order a new Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes t-shirt, sweatshirt or polo shirt in the size, color and style you prefer! Click [here](#) for the flyer and order form.

Special Shop Hours

Closings for ALL Council Shops and Properties:

Thursday, November 5

Thursday, November 26 (Happy Thanksgiving!)

Friday, November 27

Fall Extended Hours:

Appleton Council Shop only:

Saturday, October 24: 8 a.m. – Noon

Saturday, November 7: 10 a.m. – Noon

Thursday, November 19: 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, December 5: 8:30 a.m. – Noon

Schofield Council Shop only:

Saturday, December 5: 10 a.m. – Noon

Juliette Low’s Birthday

Juliette Gordon Low’s birthday is a great excuse to have a party! Learn about our Girl Scout founder and celebrate her birthday. The Council Shops have lots of fun patches and small party favors to commemorate any activities pertaining to Juliette Low, her birthday and fall fun. Patches and pins range from \$1 to \$2 each.

Special Offer!

Use the coupon in your Girl Scout catalog to receive 20% of the purchase of two or more regular priced girl or teen apparel. It is not too early to think of holiday shopping. This is a great time to get the newest Girl Scout fashions. This offer is good through Thursday, October 15. You may also download the coupon [here](#).

Essentials for Leaders Kit

The Council Shops have put together some “leader basics” including adult insignia and pins, the Journey How to Guide book sets, grade-level leader guides, adult Girl Scout apparel, and our own GSNWGL Council clothing. Use the order form to let us know which items you need; shop staff are available to help with any questions you have. Receive a free “Imagine, Dream, Believe” Council tote bag with a minimum purchase of \$45. Set a good example for your troop with a Girl Scout top to wear to meetings along with the appropriate insignia and pins. Orders for new Council merchandise can be applied to this purchase. Click [here](#) to get the Leader Starter Kits Order Form.

Council Shop News

Great Start Kits - *Start Your Year Right!*

Start the new school year ready for success. The Great Start kit for girls is a convenient way to purchase all the essentials for a successful Girl Scout journey. The kit includes your choice of sash or vest, the Council ID set, the American Flag patch, four troop numbers and insignia tab. Choose the books you need – grade level handbook, grade level badge book, or the grade level Journey books. We recommend that each girl have the handbook and badge book along with one Journey book to start. Purchase any three books and receive a free “Girl Scout Promise and Law” drawstring nylon backpack. Kits with two books will be packaged in the basic Girl Scout Gear tote bag. Click [here](#) to download your Great Start Kit Order Form.

DAISY Grades K-1	BROWNIE Grades 2-3	JUNIOR Grades 4-5	CADETTE/SENIOR/ AMBASSADOR Grades 6-12
Vest or Tunic Plus size additional cost	Sash or Vest Plus size additional cost	Sash or Vest Plus size additional cost	Sash or Vest Plus size additional cost
Flag Patch	Flag Patch	Flag Patch	Flag Patch
Troop Numerals (4)	Troop Numerals (4)	Troop Numerals (4)	Troop Numerals (4)
GSUSA ID Set	GSUSA ID Set	GSUSA ID Set	GSUSA ID Set
Insignia Tab	Insignia Tab	Insignia Tab	Insignia Tab
Daisy Activity Book Daisy Journey – Wel- come to the Daisy Flower Garden Daisy Journey – Between Earth and Sky	Brownie Try- It Book Brownie Handbook Journey – Brownie Quest: Follow the Trails Journey – WOW! The Wonders of Water	Junior Badge Book Junior Handbook Journey – Agent of Change Journey – Get Moving!	Interest Project Book Journey – It’s Your World – Change It!*
Complete kit with three books for: \$48.50 with Tunic \$50.50 with Vest	Three book kits start at: \$42.95 with Sash \$52.95 with Vest <i>Prices will vary by which books are selected.</i>	Three book kits start at: \$45.20 with Sash \$54.95 with Vest <i>Prices will vary by which books are selected.</i>	Complete kit with three books for: \$43.70 with Sash \$57.70 with Vest
<i>Includes free drawstring backpack</i>	<i>Includes free drawstring backpack</i>	<i>Includes free drawstring backpack</i>	<i>Includes free drawstring backpack</i>
<i>Kits with tunic or vest and any two books include free basic tote bag</i> <i>Prices will vary depending on book selection</i>	<i>Kits with tunic or vest and any two books include free basic tote bag</i> <i>Prices will vary depending on book selection</i>	<i>Kits with tunic or vest and any two books include free basic tote bag</i> <i>Prices will vary depending on book selection</i>	<i>Kits with tunic or vest and any two books include free basic tote bag</i> <i>Prices will vary depending on book selection</i>

**Free Tote Bag
included with
the purchase of
two books!**

**Free Drawstring
Backpack included with
the purchase of three
books!**

Fund Development News

Family Partnership *How You Can Help*

As a Girl Scout volunteer, you play a vital role in helping us ensure that every Girl Scout family is given the opportunity to support Family Partnership! Our Council-wide campaign goal this year is \$71,606. This goal was set with input from volunteers in each Service Area. Through spring registration you raised 19% of this goal, leaving us with a little over \$58,000 to raise between now and the end of March 2010.

Girl registration in the fall is a great opportunity to discuss this gift opportunity with the parents in your community. Here are some ways you can help your Service Area, and the Council, reach our goal!

1. Attend Service Area meetings to hear Family Partnership talking points, discuss objections and learn about progress on your Service Area's goal.
2. Get to know your Family Partnership Ambassador. Ask her or him what resources, such as tools, sample scripts and talking points, are available to you.
3. Lead by example and make your personal Family Partnership contribution! It is much easier to ask someone to join you in supporting something you both believe in.
4. Help your Family Partnership Ambassador and Service Area leaders make a personal Family Partnership ask of every parent in your Service Area. The main reason most people do not give is that they are not asked. Remember to give everyone the chance to give a gift!
5. Become familiar with the Family Partnership portion of the website. Tell other parents that they can learn all about Chloe, our ambitious Girl Scout Daisy, on the GSNWGL website! Simply click the "Have You Met Chloe?" button on the homepage and that will take them to the Family Partnership section of the site.
6. Check out Chloe's Corner in every issue of Connect!

I volunteered to be a Family Partnership Ambassador because... as a father of a Girl Scout I thought it would be a good way to help at the area level.

- *GSNWGL Family Partnership
Ambassador*

Reminders for Fall

- Refer parents to the matching gift information on the back of the Parent Letter. Encourage them to check with their employers about matching gift programs. Many companies have policies to match tax deductible contributions or volunteer hours given by their employees. Please let your Membership Manager know of any companies in your Service Area that offer matching gift programs.
- The [electronic funds transfer](#) (EFT) giving option is available for Family Partnership and Annual Giving! That means your personal, company or family gift can be paid directly from your bank account in convenient installments. Many people find this a great way to achieve the level of giving that works best with their personal goals.

Adult Development News

It's Back to School Time!

Girl Scout Volunteer Learning Opportunities abound this fall! To locate face-to-face training sessions in your region, check out our [Training Calendar](#). If you are unable to find an offering in your community, please check back – sessions are added regularly! Or, contact the Adult Development Department, and we will do our best to set one up!

Check Out These Fall Training Highlights!

Fall Training Blitz Days:

Please join in the fun at one of these exciting regional training events. These day-long programs provide a great opportunity to network with other leaders, share ideas, and learn new things!

Appleton Area: Saturday, October 24, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Appleton Service Center, Appleton, WI

A wide variety of breakouts, including Leadership Essentials, Grade-Level Enrichments, Increasing Parent Involvement, Outdoor Cooking, and many more will be offered. Click [here](#) to download the complete information and registration packet.

Deadline for registration is October 16, 2009.

Marquette Area: Saturday, October 17, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Pentecostals of Marquette Church, Marquette, MI
Sessions will include Leadership Essentials, Grade-Level Enrichments, Ooey Gooey Science, Ceremonies, Games, and more! Click [here](#) for a complete session listing and registration materials.

Deadline for registration is October 9, 2009.

Schofield Area: Saturday, October 10, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Camp Del O' Claire, Weston, WI

Leadership Essentials and Grade-Level Enrichments will be offered, as well as opportunities to network with other leaders and share ideas. Click [here](#) to download the complete information and registration packet.

Deadline for registration is October 2, 2009.

Get Back to Nature with Outdoor Training!

To register for any Outdoor Sessions, please complete the [Adult Training Registration Form](#).

Outdoor Education

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 nature-based activities.

Fee: \$20

Camp Nawakwa – Cornell, Wisconsin

Saturday, October 3, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Camp Winnecomac – Kaukauna, Wisconsin

Saturday, October 17, Hawk's Haven 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.,
(Directly followed by Tent, Trip and Travel Camping;
consider attending both of these great sessions and
double your fun!)

Tent, Trip, and Travel Camping

This 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. A list of items to bring will be emailed/mailed to attendees upon registration.

Fee: \$20

Camp Winnecomac – Kaukauna, Wisconsin

Saturday - Sunday, October 17 - 18

5:30 p.m. Saturday - 12:30 p.m. Sunday (Overnight)

Adult Development News

Volunteer Application Updating Process for Legacy Council Volunteers Begins

Between 2009 and 2011, we will be updating our files for all experienced volunteers, Council-wide. Legacy council volunteers (those volunteering with a legacy council prior to the May 1, 2008, realignment) will be asked to fill out a new volunteer application and background check at some point within this time frame. This will not affect any volunteer who has already completed a GSNWGL application and background check. This process has been developed to ensure we have consistent, updated information for all volunteers Council-wide, as each legacy council followed a different process.

Once a volunteer completes a GSNWGL application, they will never be asked to complete another application for this Council. However, to ensure the safety of the girls we serve, they must complete a new background check every three (3) years.

We will be phasing in this process by Service Center, starting with Marquette, MI, and Wisconsin Rapids this fall. Volunteers will be contacted directly and asked to complete this process. ***Please do not do this until you are contacted by your Membership Manager.*** If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the Adult Development Department.

Save the Date!

The next GSNWGL Leadership Conference will be held on March 20, 2010, at the Jefferson Street Inn <http://www.jeffersonstreetinn.com> in Wausau, Wisconsin. This annual event provides a variety of leadership building, wellness, and personal enrichment opportunities for all Adult Volunteers and Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors. Specific event details and activity schedules will be available soon. If you are interested in joining the conference planning committee, would like to suggest or facilitate a breakout session, or have any questions about this event, contact the Adult Development Department.

H1N1 Influenza Update

The H1N1 virus, known commonly as Swine Flu, is again making headlines as the Centers for Disease Control sees potential for a spike in the flu with kids' return to school and group activities. GSNWGL would like to reiterate tips and messages from last spring to help keep everyone healthy and free of Swine Flu. In order to curb the spread of any virus, please note and share with your troop the following precautions:

- Stay home if you are sick or beginning to feel like you have aches, fever or a cough.
- Do not attend group functions (such as troop meetings or program events) for at least 24 hours after a fever or signs of a fever are gone - without the use of fever-reducing medicines (even if you are using antiviral medicines).
- Wash hands for at least 15 seconds several times a day, especially before and after eating or using the rest room, or using public equipment (art supplies, sports equipment, phones, etc).
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, or cough/sneeze into your upper sleeve - not into hands!
- Use hand sanitizers when soap and water are not available.
- Watch, listen to, or read the news to stay informed about the status of the flu.
- At home, have basic needs available such as hand sanitizers, antibacterial cleaning products, over-the-counter flu medicines/fever reducers, and tissues.
- At group activities/troop meetings, have available: hand sanitizers, antibacterial cleaning products, and tissues.
- Remind family members, especially children, to practice the same healthy habits.

To find more information and for situation updates log on to: www.cdc.gov/swineflu. If you have any questions, please contact your local County Health Department.

Program Updates

Fall is here and programs are in full swing!

Don't miss these exciting opportunities coming up in your neck of the woods.

Leader-In-Training (LIT)

Date/Time/Location:

Saturday, October 3, 2009, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Eau Claire Service Center, Eau Claire, WI

Saturday October 10, 2009, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Green Bay Service Center, Green Bay, WI

Saturday October 17, 2009, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Schofield Service Center, Schofield, WI

Grades: 10 – 12

Cost: \$12 per girl

Leader-In-Training (LIT) is a program open to girls who want to work with a troop and have completed the 9th grade. The LIT program provides a progression in leadership for girls who may have taken PA training and would like to increase their leadership skills. Being a leader takes patience, humor, motivation and organization. LIT training allows teen Girl Scouts to acquire the skills and confidence to guide younger girls and become future troop leaders. This training will cover the fundamental components of the Girl Scout program. The training includes program goals and resources, leadership skills, specific information on working with the grade level they choose and LIT management. Please bring a bag lunch; beverages will be provided. Program fee includes LIT pin.

Pow Wow

Date/Time: Saturday, October 10, 2009,
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Grades: K – 12

Cost: \$8 per girl

Location: Appleton Service Center, Appleton, WI
Celebrate the rich culture of Wisconsin Native American Tribes! Pow Wow is an exciting opportunity for you to see authentic dance and drum, make Native American crafts, and learn traditional stories. Learn Pow Wow etiquette and help out during an actual ceremony. Visit with dancers from the American Indian Center, and discover the stories behind the dances.



Get Your Groove On!

Date/Time: Saturday, October 10, 2009, 3 – 5 p.m.

Grades: K – 6

Cost: \$8 per girl

Location: Central Wisconsin School of Ballet, Wausau, WI
Get moving through some great jazz, hip hop and ballet moves! The Central Wisconsin School of Ballet and the Wausau Dance Theatre will show you some foot-stomping moves from the Wausau Dance Theatre: Thriller A Dance Spooktacular. Participation patch is included.

Mystery of the Missing Q

Date/Time: Saturday, October 17, 2009

Session One: 10 a.m. – Noon; Session Two: 1 – 3 p.m.

Grades: K – 3

Cost: \$10 per girl

Location: Eau Claire Service Center, Eau Claire, WI
Where's the Q? It is hiding somewhere; you just need to find it! Maybe it's in the silly putty you create, or in the gumdrops you make. It could be hidden in the guesstimation jar! We'll find it in one of the many fun science activities we'll try together. If you're up for the challenge, you'll love having a blast at this program!

Into the Woods

Date/Time: Saturday, October 24, 2009, 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Grades: K – 12

Cost: \$10 per girl

Locations: Camp Birch Trails, Irma, WI; Chippewa Moraine Ice Age Center, New Auburn, WI; Camp Ishnala, Crivitz, WI; Camp Sacajawea, Wisconsin Rapids, WI; Camp Pow Low, Gwinn, MI

Discover the world in which you live. Investigate and explore trees, animals and the environment through exciting activities and games. Challenge your friends in a fun nature obstacle course. Outdoor experts will show you the way people impact the environment and what we can do to make the world a better place to live.

Program Updates

Portable Programs

The following new Portable Program kits will be available for check out starting November 9, 2009.

- GirlSports on the Go
- A Penny Saved
- Peacemakers
- Historic Uniforms

Thank you for your patience in waiting for these great new programs! In the meantime, all of the Portable Program kits that were available last year are currently available for check out, so visit our [Portable Programs webpage](#) to see all of the kits available to you.

The On the Road to Bronze, Silver and Gold training kit will be available in December 2009.

Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Update

GSUSA has recently launched a new website for the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. Click [here](#) to learn more about the “New” requirements.

Note: The Gold Award Committees will be meeting in November to review Gold Award project Proposals and Final Reports. If you are currently working on Girl Scout Gold Award Proposal or Final Report, and you want it reviewed in November, then be sure to have all necessary completed forms mailed or emailed to Michelle Carr at the Schofield Service Center (mcarr@gsnwgl.org).

destinations

Through *destinations*, teen Girl Scouts ages 11 – 17 can be whisked away to the far corners of the world where you will meet remarkable girls, develop leadership skills, gain confidence, and enjoy valuable learning opportunities. Download [Explore Your World](#) and learn about all the fun and exciting experience these Girl Scouts had on their *destinations* trip.

For more information regarding *destinations*, log on to www.studio2B.org or contact Michelle Carr at ext. 4517 or mcarr@gsnwgl.org.

Council Collaborations

In addition to these fun and exciting events, did you know that there are several community collaborations offering programs year-round? Check out our [Collaborative Programs webpage](#) for more information. Collaborative Programs can also be found on pages 69 – 92 of [The Source](#).

Property Updates

Facility Update

In early June, to address cost saving measures, a list of facilities to rest for this winter was developed based on last year's usage. In late July, this list was presented to our Leadership Team and volunteer Kitchen Cabinets for their input. It was agreed that the proposed "restings" would go into effect this winter. The facilities to be rested are listed below. This temporary rest will help the Council save money in unnecessary heating, electricity and other general operational costs that we would normally incur if these buildings were to remain open. Based on last year's usage, the resting of these facilities should have little impact on troop/group usage this winter. Please understand that this is only temporary. We will revisit these temporary "restings" based on inquiries and need for additional capacity next year.

Camp Birch Trails – Graebel Lodge: December 7, 2009 – February 19, 2010
Camp Cuesta – Troop House: December 12, 2009 – April 1, 2010
Camp Ishnala – Troop House: December 20, 2009 – April 1, 2010

Camp Nawakwa – Chalet: November 16, 2009 – April 1, 2010
Camp Sacajawea – Baptiste: November 16, 2009 – April 1, 2010

Please note: If you have an event, meeting or program already scheduled, these will be honored and our Property team will work with you to accommodate those reservations.

There are still many options for you and your troop to take advantage of for any overnights during this time period. The following heated lodges will remain available for troops to rent: Ethel's Yurt Village (Birch Trails), Alexander Lodge (Del O'Claire), Heyde House (Nawakwa), Charbonneau Center and Mead Hall (Sacajawea), Eagle's Lodge, Hawk's Haven, and the yurts (Winnecomac), and the lodge at Camp Pow-Low.

If you have any questions, please contact the Property Department: property@gsnwgl.org or extension 3349.

Ishnala and Pow-Low Water Updates

At Camp Ishnala, the hand pump by the tent cabin units has temporarily been shut down. We are providing water at those sites for anyone who is reserving the tent cabins. Troops/groups are still able to utilize water from the Troop House and the hand pump by Shalaka Shelter.

At Camp Pow-Low, we are planning on replacing the water hydrant by the pavilion. In the event that the weather turns too cold too quickly or resources are not available to replace the hydrant this fall after October 1, the Lodge will not have running water this winter. Troops/groups would still be able to rent the facility; however, they would have to bring in their own water supply.

Closings for Deer Hunting

For the safety of the girls and our volunteers, our camps are closed during the main deer gun hunting season. Camp Winnecomac is the only camp that is not affected by these closings as it is within city limits. In Wisconsin, the regular season runs November 21 – 29, and in Michigan, the season runs from November 15 – 30. In addition to the regular season closings in November, the state of Wisconsin also has additional gun hunts for deer. The following camps will be closed due to these additional hunting seasons:

Birch Trails:	December 10 – 13
Cuesta:	October 15 – 18 and December 10 – 13
Del O'Claire:	December 10 – 13
Ishnala:	December 10 – 13
Nawakwa:	October 15 – 18 and December 10 – 13
Sacajawea:	December 10 – 13

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

Sharing our Success

Girl Scout Nominated for Lifesaving Award

By Amy Ledvina Hardt

On Thursday, July 23, 2009, Courtney Falcon Hardt showed quick thinking and bravery. Courtney (11), Michele (40), and Jordan (4) were riding on a water towable. The towable overturned. Everyone was wearing a personal flotation device (PFD). When the water towable overturned, Jordan's head collided with Courtney's mouth cutting her mouth. Michele had swallowed water and was having trouble breathing so she was not able to help or reassure the children. When Courtney resurfaced, she heard her brother, Jordan, screaming and splashing in the water who was having trouble staying above water. Courtney swam to her brother and held him above water. She remained calm while treading water holding her brother, talking to him telling him everything is okay.

When help arrived, Courtney remained with Jordan. Courtney helped lift Jordan onto the boat and then she helped Michele onto the water towable. What was a wonderful day turned quickly into the unexpected. Although everyone was wearing a PFD, Jordan and Michele had a hard time staying upright and afloat. Courtney's calm actions neutralized the panic and fear of the situation as well as directly kept her brother from drowning!

Troop 7338 Earns Girl Scout Bronze Award

By Sheila Lentz-Krahn

The girls of Troop 7338 worked in conjunction with the Garden Club that 5th grade teacher Mr. Sepnafski directed as an after school activity during the 2008-2009 school year. They put in many community service hours and worked on various badges as well as world signs to achieve the Girl Scout Bronze Award.

Proud parents are Kurt and Pam Ostmann, Herm and Sheila Krahn, and Beth and Scott Huff.

Chloe's Corner

Hi, it's me, Chloe!

Guess what, I really like Kindergarten. You know why, because after lunch we get to take a nap. I don't always sleep sometimes I get to watch a book on tape, like Curious George.

My Daisy troop has been really busy; we went on a field trip to the place where the water comes from for our city. There are a lot of things that they do to water before we can drink it.

We have a lot of girls who wanted to join Girl Scouts after our first meeting. I went with my Mom to the Girl Scout office with all of the forms for all of the girls. Mom talked with the lady at the desk after we got everyone a uniform and fun Daisy books. Mom was really happy about this. So if she is happy, I am happy too.

At the next meeting we all got to wear our blue uniforms, and Mom took a picture of us. It's super cute! We also did something my mom called an Investiture Ceremony. Each one of us got a pearl necklace, and we heard a story about how a necklace just like mine helped Girl Scouts begin.

Some of the girls got a special patch with a picture of a little girl that looks like me, or at least I think she does. Mom said this patch was because they helped Girl Scouts by giving money. I just like the patches; that's all.

*Bye,
Chloe*