



# Connect

*The newsletter for our volunteers*

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## Welcome!

As a volunteer with Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes, Inc. you are starting (or continuing) on a very exciting journey. Volunteers play a vital role and are a fundamental element to the program. Girl Scout volunteers are special people, truly committed to helping girls develop into confident young women. You are the foundation of the Council and provide the support, dedication and inspiration needed to enable girls to develop their leadership abilities, discover new skills, connect with others, and take action to make the world a better place.

Remember that as a GSNWGL volunteer you are never alone - your Service Team volunteers and Council staff members are available for you with the instruction, guidance, and support that you will need to fulfill the responsibilities of your volunteer role successfully as you guide girls through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

Although being a Girl Scout volunteer may mean something different to each person, there is a common ground - the desire to help girls become courageous, confident leaders with character. We wish you all a wonderful year full of excitement and joy!

## *If she can think it, she can do it.*

### Today's Girl Scouts: More choices. More reasons to join.

Think more amazing adventures. More cool, life-changing experiences. More non-stop fun. Think today's Girl Scouts, offering girls so many exciting new ways to do so many amazing things. If she can think it, chances are she can do it with Girl Scouts!

Click [here](#) for registration events near you!

## The Girl Scouts Advocacy Network

### *Update on the status of the Girl Scouts Commemorative Coin Act*

Thank you! Because of direct outreach to Congressional offices from across the Girl Scout Movement, 44 Senators and 252 Representatives have cosponsored the Girl Scouts Centennial Commemorative Coin Act ([House cosponsors](#), [Senate cosponsors](#)). In order to pass the Coin Act, we need 67 Senators and 290 Representatives cosponsors. Together we can advocate for a Commemorative Coin that will be a lasting symbol of Girl Scouting's 100th Anniversary!

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

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**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*.

Please note: active hyperlinks are indicated by underlined text



## Welcome to the 2009-2010 Membership Year!

### Here's a sneak peek at what's new this year:

#### Membership Department

- The "Council Information" section at Service Area Leader Meetings (SALMs) will be much shorter. We're also providing ideas to Service Area Managers about how to incorporate resources and inspiration for leaders.
- New guidelines for Service Area allocations! Meeting your Service Area goals equates to more cash for your Service Area. *See page 6.*
- New Service Area awards! Service Areas who extend membership in their Service Areas and provide high-quality programs for their girls will be awarded the Super Service Area Award. Additionally, one Service Area will be designated the Trefoil Award. *See page 6.*

#### Property Department

- The [Property section of our website](#) is up and running! Pictures of buildings can be viewed and many facilities even have floor plans so that you can see the layout of the building.
- Any Girl Scout event (meeting or program) lasting three hours or less held between Sunday late afternoon and Thursday evening is FREE!
- Our facilities are now open to other organizations in our communities! Any organization is able to utilize our [camps](#) and three [Service Centers](#).

#### Program Department

- More [Council programs](#)! We will offer five Council-Wide programs (the same programs held on the same day in six locations), as well as many new Council-Sponsored programs (unique programs based out of each Service Center area, held on varying days and covering a variety of topics). Girls and troops are invited and encouraged to attend any Council programs! *See page 13.*
- Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards have gotten a makeover! GSUSA has revamped all award prerequisites and requirements. Although the new award model is not mandatory until 2012, GSNWGL encourages all girls to use the new model starting this fall. *See page 14.*
- Five new Portable Programs! New kits focus on health and wellness, bullying, financial literacy, history, and a special training kit for the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards.

#### Brand & Marketing Department

- The 2009-2010 issue of [The Source](#) is bigger, better and more valuable than ever!
- The Public Relations Representative is now a required Service Team position. Talk to your Membership Manager to sign up for this position and help spread the word about all the great things Girl Scouts do!
- Coming soon - tips, resources and guidelines for using social networking services (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) to enhance communication in your Service Area.

### ***Check out the rest of this issue of Connect to see what's new in these departments:***

- ***Council Shop (pages 7-8)***
  - ***Fund Development (pages 10-11)***
  - ***Adult Development (page 12)***
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## GSNWGL Product Programs

### 2009 Girl Scout Fall Product Program

Check out our [website](#) for more information!

#### Dates:

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

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

### ***...and introducing the 2010 Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program theme & 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:

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| January 22-February 7, 2010 | • Girls take orders for cookies |
| March 3-24, 2010            | • Girls deliver cookies         |

### **Reminder: Using Cookie Dough/Fall Product Program Credit**

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

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

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

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

**2008/2009  
Product Program  
credit expires  
September 30, 2009!**  
**Be sure to visit the  
Council Shop or sign  
up for a Council-Wide  
or Council-Sponsored  
program before then!**

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

## Updates & Reminders from the Membership Department

### Troop Bank Accounts

All troops are required to have their own checking accounts. All monies received in the name of the troop must be deposited in the troop checking account.

The Council recommends the following institutions:

- First Choice: Associated Bank
- Second Choice: Citizens Bank, Chase, M & I Bank, Baylake Bank, Wells Fargo, Bank Mutual
- Third Choice: If none of the above institutions meet your needs, please check with your Membership Manager and she will help you select an alternate institution

Take these steps when you open a troop bank account:

1. When opening a new bank account, the Troop Leader MUST use the Council's Federal Tax ID #: 39-1016314.
2. To safeguard your personal information, please do not use your social security number to open a Girl Scout checking account! The Federal Tax ID number listed above is used in place of a social security number.
3. A minimum of two signatures are required on every checking account. All signers must be currently registered Girl Scout members.
4. A copy of [GSNWGL's Corporate Resolution](#) must be on file at the bank for every Girl Scout account.
5. Please make sure that the bank statements are mailed to your home address - not to a Council Service Center.

Every troop must have a completed copy of the [Troop/Service Area Bank Account Record](#) form, including a voided deposit ticket on file with the Council. The form is due to the Council four weeks after the troop account is opened. **Returning troops who already have a completed copy on file and turned in an [Annual Troop/Group Financial Report](#) do not need to complete this form.**

#### Note these tips about managing Girl Scout bank accounts:

- Make sure all adults who handle troop monies are registered Girl Scouts. This includes Product Program volunteers and any adults who take in or spend money on behalf of the troop and any adults who take in or spend money on behalf of the troop.
- Save all receipts for all purchases. We suggest keeping them in a large manila envelope so they are available when it comes time to file the [Annual Troop/Group Financial Report](#)
- Save all bank statements, deposit slips and cancelled checks or the duplicate copies
- You MUST file an [Annual Troop/Group Financial Report](#) at the end of each year before June 30
- Do not keep any petty cash. All monies, no matter how small the amount, should be immediately deposited in the troop account
- New this year: It is acceptable to use debit cards!

### Troop Kits

When you become a Troop Leader you will receive a troop kit. Along with grade-level Journey books and/or Try-It, Badge or Interest Project books, the troop kit will help you fulfill your role as a Troop Leader. The Council-issued troop kit contains:

- [Safety-Wise](#)
- [Blue Book of Basic Documents](#)
- [The Source](#)
- [New Leader Packet](#)
- Shop catalog
- Insurance forms
- [GSUSA girl registration forms](#)
- [GSUSA adult registration forms](#)
- [Health history forms](#)

*If you need any of these items, please contact your Membership Manager*

### Recruitment Supplies

***When the leaves start to fall and school begins again, it's time for Girl Scout recruitment and registration!***

At schools throughout our jurisdiction, School/Community Organizers will recruit girls in their schools and communities using "To Go" recruitment kits from Council staff. To Go Kits have all of the supplies you need to prepare for the recruitment, register girls, and report back to the Council. In each To Go Kit you will find forms, Girl Scout catalogs and brochures to decorate your recruitment table, a list of the current troops and leaders in your school or community, supplies like paper clips, a stapler, pens and pencils, and a "How To Do Recruitments" guide to help you every step of the way. Thank you for recruiting Girl Scouts!

## Updates & Reminders from the Membership Department

### Service Team Training *Hundreds of volunteers joined us to LEAP into the new Girl Scout year!*

On August 2, Service Team members from throughout the Council hopped over to their nearest Service Center for an afternoon of Service Team Training. These volunteers were the very first to see the new edition of *The Source!* They heard from all Council departments about what's new and exciting for 2009-2010, they received training for their Service Team positions, they learned about new Service Area allocations and they were the first to see new Service Area award criteria.

### Service Team Positions are Available in Your Service Area!

Girl Scout Troop Leaders are the heart and soul of the Girl Scout Movement, but it takes many other volunteers to make Girl Scouting happen. Each community and area has a team of people providing support to the Troop Leader, and they need your help. Service Teams provide programming for girls beyond the troop level and assistance to Leaders. Here are just a few of the behind-the-scenes positions that make it possible for troops to operate:

- **Service Area Manager:** leads the Service Team, plans Service Area Leader Meetings, recruits other team members
- **School/Community Organizer:** recruits girls and adults in a given school or community and places them in troops
- **Family Partnership Ambassador:** encourages and promotes the Family Partnership Campaign to families in the Service Area
- **Event Planner:** plans and carries out special events for girls in the Service Area
- **Product Program Manager:** coordinates the Fall Product Program and/or the Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program for all troops in a Service Area
- **Service Area Public Relations Representative:** coordinates publicity for Girl Scouting within their Service Area
- **Service Area Treasurer:** keeps track of the Service Area checkbook, issues checks, receives income

Each Service Area is unique and will have other positions available. Talk to your Service Area Manager or Membership Manager and see how you can help your Service Area provide great Girl Scout programs for every girl!

## August Service Area Leader Meetings/Fall Kick-Off Events

### August Service Area Leader Meeting Recap

- We kicked off a new troop year!
- We got the 2009-2010 edition of *The Source!*
- We learned about the new (and so many more!) Council Programs this year!
- We learned about the new incentives for the Fall Product Program!

### 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.

### ***The Source***

The 09-10 issue of *The Source* is available! *The Source* is a volunteer resource guide with all of the new forms and resources you need for Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes. Each troop will receive one printed copy of *The Source*, and it's available to download from our website [here](#).

### **Search Our Website**

Did you know that our website has a search function? There's a link on the footer of every page: [Site Search](#) (the direct link is <http://www.gsnwgl.org/search/search.asp>)

To search our site, just type a few descriptive words in the search box and hit the 'enter' key or click on the Search button.

## New Service Area Awards

At Service Team training on August 2, the Council unveiled two new awards for Service Areas. The Super Service Area Award and the Trefoil Award recognize the efforts of Service Teams who provide quality program and support for girls and adults, retain extensive membership, and help the council achieve its goals. All Service Areas who meet the designated criteria will be awarded the Super Service Area Award. Additionally, each year one Service Area will be further honored with the Trefoil Award. ([Download SA plan of work/award criteria packet here](#))

Members of the Service Team can use the Super Service Area and Trefoil Award form to document the completion of the criteria and their results. The form can be submitted to the Council or your Membership Manager by October 10, 2010. Certificates will be presented to all Service Areas who earn the Super Service Area Award. A special Trefoil Award certificate will also be presented to the Service Area chosen for the Trefoil Award. This Service Area will also be presented with the Trefoil Award flag. A traveling award, this flag can be used at Service Area events, parades, flag ceremonies, etc. by troops in the Service Area. Only the Service Area who currently holds the distinction of the Trefoil Award can use this flag. After one year, the flag will be passed to the next Service Area to earn the Trefoil Award.

**Notice: At Service Team Training on August 2, Service Team members learned how their Service Areas can increase their Service Area allocations if they help the Council meet its membership, Family Partnership and Cookie Sale Program goals. Ask your Service Area Manager how you can help the Service Area earn even more!**

## On-Time 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.
- The membership year is October 1 - September 30. Membership registrations received in any of the six Council Service Centers on or before September 30 are considered on-time.
- The annual membership fee is \$12.
- A registered troop includes 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 and adults can register at any time of the year.

## New Pathways

A Pathway is the way in which a girl participates in Girl Scouting. The most common Pathway is the troop Pathway. But girls can also participate in Pathways like short-term interest groups, Summer Camp or program events. A girl might even decide to participate in more than one Pathway. This year GSNWGL will be introducing some New Pathways for girls including opportunities to participate in a community service-focused special interest group and individual participation through our many Council events and programs. Stay tuned or ask your Membership Manager for more information about New Pathways.

## Has your Membership Manager changed for this fall? Here's why:

Staff members make up only about 1% of the adults involved in Girl Scouting, nationally and locally. At all levels, from troop to Service Area, board of directors to training corps, volunteers are the driving force of the Movement. After a few staff changes last year, some Service Areas will be assigned a new Membership Manager. Because the strength of the Movement is in the local volunteers, Girl Scouting will always stay strong in local communities, even when the staff members change.

Do you have a question? Email it to [why@gsnwgl.org](mailto:why@gsnwgl.org)

## Troop Leader Tip: Hold a Parent/Guardian Meeting

Start your year off right and gain support for your troop by holding a meeting early in the year for parents only. Have a co-leader, another parent, or an older Girl Scout do an activity with the girls while you grab the undivided attention of the parents. Use an agenda like this:

1. Get acquainted with the group. Have the parents introduce themselves, tell who their daughter is, and share two expectations/hopes for their daughter's troop experience.
2. Explain the basics of Girl Scouting.
3. Explain that you are willing to coordinate the troop activities, but you must have cooperation and assistance from everyone involved in order for their girls to accomplish everything they have set their minds to.
4. Show the group a list of goals that the girls made at their meeting.
5. Explain how you plan to structure and schedule the year. Include the troop meeting schedule, events you know of, special troop activities, and the month you plan to do them.
6. Point out the activities, badges, etc. you will be able to do with the girls. Then go through the girls' list item by item and ask for volunteers to help with each. The more specific you can be in terms of date and workload when asking for help, the more likely someone is to accept.
7. Do this for every aspect of running the troop - delegate!
8. Explain your rules/guidelines and expectations; ask if there are any questions.
9. Once everyone is committed to their share of the tasks/troop needs, thank them for attending, ask if there are any other questions, and tell them where the next troop meeting will be.

**[Download Parent/Guardian Meeting outline here!](#)**

## Council Shop News

### Special Shop Hours

All Council properties (including Shops) will be closed November 5, November 26 and November 27

## Are you ready for an exciting new year?

Whether you are new to Girl Scouts or are a seasoned Girl Scout, the Girl Scout Council Shops have everything you need for a successful year. Shops are fully stocked with merchandise from the Girl Scout catalog as well as many other fun items for every age. Our shop staff is ready to assist you in selecting the items you need as well as answer many of your general questions. Stop in and see all the new items, including new environmentally-themed merchandise, and support GSNWGL - all proceeds from the shops remain with Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes to benefit girl and leader programs!

Contact the Council Shop staff with questions or to order: [shop@gsnwgl.org](mailto:shop@gsnwgl.org) or call your nearest Service Center and ask for the Shop Assistant.

## 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 items. It's not too early to think of holiday shopping. This is a great time to get the newest Girl Scout fashions!

*But hurry - this offer is only good through October 15.*

## Be Prepared this Fall!

### Starter Kits for Girls

Great Start Kits (GSKs) for girls are back! All kits include a sash, vest or tunic; Council ID set; American Flag patch; four troop numerals; insignia tab and your choice of two or three books:

- Purchase two books and the kit is packed in a basic tote bag
- Purchase three books and the kit will be packed in our new GS Promise and Law drawstring backpack!

GSKs gives girls the best start to the new year with the books she needs to get the most out of Girl Scout program and a sash or vest to proudly display all her earned awards as well as mementos from her Girl Scout activities.

### Leader Essentials Kits

You asked, and we listened! We are thrilled to offer Leader Essentials Kits to get you off to a great start! Kits include adult insignia and pins, the Journey How to Guide sets, grade level leader guides, adult Girl Scout apparel and our own GSNWGL Council clothing. Use this [order form](#) to let us know which items you need (remember that Shop staff are available to help with any questions you have!) Receive a free GSNWGL "Imagine, Dream, Believe" tote bag with a minimum purchase of \$45 (orders for new Council merchandise can be applied to this purchase). Set a good example for your troop with a Girl Scout top to wear to meetings along with the appropriate insignia and pins.

## What's Available from the Council Shops?

Check out your nearest Council Shop for a full line of uniforms, books, patches, and accessories for your Girl Scout. In addition to items from the Girl Scout merchandise catalog, we also carry patches, sweatshirts, T-shirts, baby items and more with the Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes name.

### New Items

- Daisy troop numbers (\$1.25 each)
- Redesigned Girl Scout Brownie vests are now available. These are more fitted and longer than the earlier versions. Regular size vests are \$15.75 and plus size vests are \$16.75. The previous style vests are on clearance for \$10.99. Sizes and quantities are limited so shop early for a great bargain!

### Camp Trading Post Items

A limited selection of summer camp trading post merchandise is still available! Contact the Eau Claire Service Center for Camp Nawakwa items, the Wisconsin Rapids Service Center for Camp Sacajawea items, and the Appleton Service Center for Camp Birch Trails items.

### *Juliette Gordon Low's philosophy on badge work...*

***"Each badge you earn is tied up to your motto. This badge is not a reward for something you have done once or for an examination you have passed. Badges are not medals to wear on your sleeve to show what a smart girl you are. A badge is a symbol that you have done the thing it stands for often enough, thoroughly enough, and well enough to be prepared to give service in it. You wear the badge to let people know you are prepared and willing to be called on because you are a Girl Scout. Girl Scouting is not just knowing, but doing...not doing, but being."***

## Council Shop News

# We're gearing up, getting ready for fall & 'back to troop'!

### ***Did you know....***

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
- These books include many activities that be enjoyed individually or as part of the family
- 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
  - o A greater understanding of what Girl Scout program is doing for their daughter
  - o Are more likely to help with troop activities and to help their daughter earn awards
  - o A better understanding of how meetings operate and the structure of the Girl Scout program

### ***Here's a preview of the exciting new Journeys available now from the Council Shops!***

#### **Girl Scout Daisy Journey - Between Earth and Sky**

Daisies and their flower friends take a cross-country road trip, exploring what sprouts up across the country as they learn how to protect what needs protecting. As they zip along in Lupe's petal-powered car, the Daisies witness some of the wonders and woes of nature and are on their way to earning the Clover, Blue Bucket and Firefly awards.

#### **Girl Scout Brownie Journey - WOW! Wonders of Water**

Brownie friends explore the Wonders of Water and Ways of Working as a team. Brownie ELF is back for the Very Wet Elf Adventure. In real life, the Brownies might just hold their own "Green Tea for the Blue Planet" as they earn their Love, Save, Share and Wow awards.

#### **Girl Scout Junior Journey - Get Moving!**

Juniors explore the energy inside them, the energy used in their spaces and the energy of getting from here to there. A new comic story, "*Vamos Ya!*" will inspire the action (walking school bus, anyone?) and Dez, the fashionista spider, is back with some wit as she tries to figure out life "off the grid." Along the way, Juniors can earn Energize, Investigate and Innovate awards!

#### **Girl Scout Cadette Journey - Breathe**

Cadettes engage all five senses as they clear the air-their own and Earth's. While measuring air quality and acting to improve it, girls also find their flair, think about "Hair," and perhaps try an éclair. From cigarette smoking to deforestation, they get an aerial view of many issues! As girls become more Aware, they Alert others and then Affirm their impact as they add these uplifting awards to their collection.

#### **Girl Scout Senior Journey - Sow What?**

Girls investigate the 'food network'. (No, not the cable channel, the real one that gets food to our tables!) As they ponder the 'dirt' on land use around the world (corn's a big issue!), girls think about who and what they can cultivate en route to earning the Harvest Award.

#### **Girl Scout Ambassador Journey - Justice**

Through the ages and across the world, people have yearned for justice. And yet, injustice – for Earth and all its inhabitants – continues to elude us. As Ambassadors do the math and create their own unique equation for justice, they will find that they are also networking and gathering ideas for college and careers. Ultimately, they can add the Sage Award to their list of accomplishments.

***Girl books are \$7, How to Guide/Journey book set is \$15.***

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## Thanks and Shout Outs!

### GSNWGL Volunteer Honored for Service

Wausau volunteer Colleen (Kelly) Gostisha was recently awarded Marshall & Isley Corporation Wings Award for Volunteer Service for her outstanding contribution to GSNWGL girls! Here's what her nominator has to say about Kelly\*:

"Kelly has given so much time over the past 20 years to local Girl Scouts. She has served as troop leader for years, and even helped her own troop of Girl Scout Seniors lead a Girl Scout Brownie troop. At the council level, Kelly has served as Service Unit leader, special project coordinator and cookie coordinator for the entire area. She was instrumental in long-term planning for Camp Birch Trails and increasing its outdoor programming. Kelly gives to Girl Scouting quietly and constantly in order to help develop leadership in the next generation of girls!" *\*Paraphrased from nomination form*

## Congratulations, Kelly!

### CEO's Volunteer Kitchen Cabinet Off to a Great Start

In late June, 18 volunteers and seven senior staff members gathered to kick off the Volunteer Kitchen Cabinet. The purpose of the Cabinet is to have volunteers help staff to test ideas and upcoming decisions from all areas of Council work. The volunteers represent Service Areas from all across the Council.

We had lively discussion on topics such as resting some of our properties/troop houses over the winter months, utilizing a reward process for Service Area allocations recognizing superior performance, training, cookie sale dates, and ways to increase Fall Product Program participation. It was clear we had great volunteers participating as they shared their views and opinions. It was enlightening to the volunteers how vast the opinions are across the Council and many realized how hard it is to find common opinions and ways of work. We met for two and a half hours and conversation never dragged! On some topics we came to great consensus, on others opinions were so varied it became obvious that no single concept was perfect.

We have 25 volunteers who have committed to being a part of this team over the next year, no two from the same Service Area. We will meet on an "as need" basis via video conference from all six Service Centers.

We are grateful for the enthusiastic support and efforts of the following members of the Volunteer Kitchen Cabinet team:

Brenda Anderson, Kimberly	Mary Freitag, Hiawatha West	Robyn Morin, Red Cedar
Liza Baltzell, Marshfield	Judy Goodnight, Neenah/Menasha	Linda Peterson, Merrill
Linda Beauchamp, Delta Bay	Mary Grace, Appleton East	Kim Pirman, Hiawatha
Shawn Behne, Riverbend	Mary Harrison, GB East	Cathy Resch, Northern Lakes
Tara Beuscher, Lakeland	Susan Horn, St. Ignace	Linda Schraa, Greenville /Hortonville
Mary Birrittella, Nokomis	Kay Kissinger-Wolf, Tomahawk	Lisa Sharkey, Rural Winnebago
Tricia Blomquist, DePere	Jill Lemke, Trillium	Mary Vertanan, Marquette
Leah Bruess, Paper Cities	Sara Marquardt, Mountain Bay	Lisa Voelker, Howard/Suamico/Pulaski
Michele Cassidy, Lac Verde		

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

### New from GSUSA: *Transforming Leadership Continued*

Transforming Leadership Continued (TLC) expands the discussion of leadership begun in Transforming Leadership with its focus on the three Girl Scout Processes -Girl Led, Learning by Doing, and Cooperative Learning. TLC discusses the meaning of the three Girl Scout processes, and at each of the six Girl Scout grade levels, provides conceptual and concrete examples of how these processes can be applied - by adults and by girls - in grade-appropriate ways from the Daisy to Ambassador levels. Download this valuable resource [here](#).

## Fund Development News

### Women of Courage, Confidence and Character

#### Eau Claire Area Special Event

GSNWGL is pleased to announce the 2009 Women of Courage, Confidence and Character honorees from the Eau Claire area. This year, GSNWGL will honor four women who have had a positive impact on their community and who have demonstrated significant achievements in their professional and personal lives. The 2009 honorees are:

**Betty Kleemeier** is known for her commitment to the common good of her community. For over 25 years, Betty has worked for what is now called Pathways, an alcohol and other substance abuse prevention agency serving Chippewa County. She has served numerous youth for substance abuse-related committees and supported 14 area programs. Betty is a strong voice of reason and is exceptionally skilled at getting people to come together to develop and carry out a plan. She realizes how change has to start with one person, and has been that person for Chippewa County.

**Gladys Waller** serves the elderly population of Dunn County in a tireless manner. She often jokes that she may need to be on the receiving end one of these days. When Gladys discovered her passion was to assist those who are not able to do for themselves, she realized there was no one to advocate for the elderly. As the board chair for the Disabled and Elderly Transportation (DET), Gladys educates the board and community on important issues and legislation regarding senior citizens. Her life is based on the courage, confidence and character directed at service to her community and humanity.

Nearly 25 years ago, **Lisa Walter** was the first female to be hired by the Dodge County Sheriff's Department. Described as courageous in her work and confident in her demeanor, Lisa has had a variety of police roles, most recently as Chief of Police at University of Wisconsin-Stout. Much of her volunteer time is spent with the Indianhead Area Special Olympics and Special Olympics of Wisconsin. "Every day I spend with an athlete, I learn how to be a better person!" says Lisa. On top of her career and volunteer service, Lisa is pursuing her Master's Degree in Public and Non-Profit Administration, and tries very hard to have dinner with her family every night.

As the proprietor of the Academy of Dance in Chippewa Falls, **Lou Ann Wischnewski** doesn't just teach dance, she helps her students grow and gain confidence in themselves. "My goal is to make every one of my students feel good about themselves... to have their moment in the sun!" says Lou Ann. Lou Ann's generosity shines through each spring during the annual recitals. Profits from her studio recitals are donated to a charity. She is a dreamer that takes action. Lou Ann is actively involved at Central Lutheran Church, and founder and co-chair of the Chi-Hi/McDonell High School All-Night Graduation Parties. She has always taught that when life gets difficult, "you must keep on dancing." This is how she lives her life.

The September 29 event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a reception. The dinner and recognition of the four honorees will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are now available, \$35 per person or \$210 for a table of six. All proceeds support the Girl Scout program locally. GSNWGL is still seeking sponsors for this event. To order your tickets, or to learn more about how you can become a sponsor, please contact 715.835.5331, ext. 5510.

### Thank you, United Way of Portage County!

The United Way of Portage County Allocation Panel met in June and recommended fully funding GSNWGL's request for funding in 2010 and 2011. The United Way has generously allocated \$49,940 for 2010 and \$52,437 for 2011. Over 700 Girl Scout members will benefit from the kindness of the United Way of Portage County.

# Fund Development News

## 2009 Family Partnership Campaign Update

School has started and Girl Scout registration time is here! Our spring registration campaign featuring Chloe got us off to a good start towards achieving this year's goal of \$71,606. As of August 31 we've brought in 19% of our goal! Thanks to all of the Service Area volunteers who provided their input in the Family Partnership goal setting process, we appreciate your time and feedback in setting reachable goals! All volunteers should become familiar with their Service Area goal. Updates on family gifts will be presented at monthly Service Area Leader Meetings.

### Family Partnership Ambassadors

On August 2, Family Partnership Ambassadors attended breakout trainings sessions where they received information about the focus of the fall campaign, reviewed the 2009/2010 Family Partnership Calendar, heard one volunteer's personal giving story, discussed hot topics (as identified in the Family Partnership Ambassador Survey), talked about the settings where Family Partnership pitches will be presented to parents and received items for a Take-away Toolkit.

As always, when you get a group of Girl Scout volunteers together and there are bound to be some great ideas come out of those conversations! One of those ideas is shown below. Several leaders mentioned that the breakdown in the Parent Letter (on the front of the registration form) was a great tool to use when talking with others about giving their gift. It was suggested that volunteers working at a registration event should point out this information to parents as they complete their paperwork. Here is the information from the parent letter:

**Invest in something that won't lose value...the 2009 Family Partnership Campaign**  
*This year it will cost \$234 (see table below) to provide your daughter the skills she will need to create a successful future. The Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program defrays \$151 of that cost, leaving \$83 per girl to be raised through your generous support.*

\$14 Volunteer Training	\$13 Communication	\$62 Program	\$24 Property	\$96 Membership	\$25 Management
Materials, curriculum development, conferences, and educational workshops.	Communication with Girl Scout families, friends and the community.	Development and delivery of innovative programs, including camps and workshops.	Maintenance and insurance of our camp properties and council service centers.	Membership development including recruitment of girls and volunteers.	Insurance, administration, compliance, and fund raising.

Be sure to take a look at the Family Partnership information in latest edition of *The Source*. You will find general information on page 50 and answers to frequently asked questions on page 183.

As always, remember that the primary goal of the Family Partnership Campaign is to ensure that every Girl Scout Family has the opportunity to make a financial gift to Girl Scouting. Since current program fees do not cover the programs' actual costs, the support of families is key to the foundation of Girl Scouts. Please contact your Family Partnership Ambassador for assistance in building your area's campaign. If you have questions beyond that, contact Laura Martens at [lmartens@gsnwgl.org](mailto:lmartens@gsnwgl.org) or call your nearest Service Center and ask for extension 4514.

### Helpful Hint

When working with parents, don't forget to mention matching gifts! Many employees take part in matching gift programs – a donation of time or money can sometimes be doubled or even tripled at no cost to the employee. Have parents contact their company's Human Resources office to find out if their company participates. Check out our website [here](#) for additional information.

*I volunteered to be a Family Partnership Ambassador because... "I thought that it would be fun and a new challenge for me. We are encouraging girls to try new challenges, we should show by example."*

- GSNWGL Family Partnership Ambassador

## Adult Development News

### Volunteer Training Policy

It is a GSNWGL policy that volunteers must take any required training within two months of appointment. Because of the new training material offered within the past year, this also includes experienced legacy council leaders. All leaders and co-leaders appointed prior to July 1, 2009 must complete Council 101 and Leadership Essentials by October 1, 2009. Click [here](#) to view the self-directed online options. Also, All new Volunteers, regardless of position, must complete the GSUSA new volunteer orientation. This is a brief course, available online. All Leaders, Co-leaders, Service Team Members, Coaches, and Facilitators should also take Council 101 and Leadership Essentials.

### Updated Volunteer Application

For the safety of our girls, all volunteers (including troop committee members) must complete a volunteer application and background check. New volunteers must complete the GSNWGL application. We can no longer accept legacy council volunteer application materials from new volunteer applicants. The volunteer application may be found on our website [here](#).

### Leadership Essentials

**Recently updated for 09-10, and Journey books no longer needed for self-directed option!**

If you still need to take the Leadership Essentials course, and prefer to complete the on-line (self-directed) option, we have recently made some updates to this module. In the past, participants needed a copy of the Journey books to complete the requirements for both online and paper self-directed options. With the new version, you will no longer need a copy of the Journey books—everything you need to complete the course is included! Click [here](#) to access the updated module. If you have limited internet access, and need a paper copy, contact your Membership Manager or the Adult Development Department.

### Training Calendar

Looking for face-to face learning opportunities? Although online options are available for most training opportunities, face-to face options provide a wonderful forum for networking and idea sharing. This year, we will offer special regional training events, grade-level enrichments, and more! Check the [Training Calendar](#) - if you do not see the course or location you are looking for, continue to check back as sessions are added regularly. To access self-directed training options, visit the training courses section of [gsnwgl.org](#), or request a paper copy from your Membership Manager or the Adult Development Department. To register for trainings, complete and return the [Adult Training Registration form](#) or contact the Adult Development Department.

### Change in Training Fees

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

### 2010 Leadership Conference

This 2009 event was a huge success, and 2010 promises to be even bigger and more exciting! The next Council-Wide Conference will be held in the Schofield area in March 2010. Watch for further details coming soon! The committee has already begun to organize, and feedback is always appreciated. If you would like to be a part of this committee, or have ideas for a session topic or presenter, please contact the Adult Development Department at [training@gsnwgl.org](mailto:training@gsnwgl.org).

*We have also gotten feedback that some volunteers would like to see two conferences per year, (one in the East Region, and one in the West) and may like to see the date moved to the fall. Because this event requires extensive planning, we cannot make this change for fall 2010, but this feedback will be strongly considered for the 10-11 membership year.*

### New Volunteer Resources Available!

#### The New Leader Welcome Packet

This resource is given to every new leader at the point of recruitment and covers all of the key "start up" pieces, including how to recruit girls, host a parent meeting, select a location and run a troop meeting. This guide is also available on our website [here](#).

#### Volunteer Essentials

This module covers every aspect of our organization, from Girl Scout history to international travel opportunities. Find Volunteer Essentials on our website [here](#), or request a printed copy through your Membership Manager or the Adult Development Department.

#### Grade-Level Resources

Although grade-level training is no longer required, many leaders have asked for additional resources specific to the level they are working with. We are thrilled to now offer resource guides for every grade level! They contain level-specific information on Journeys and awards, meeting examples, etc. Access these resources on our website [here](#). They will also be available as a face-to-face training in some areas.

# Program Updates

## Upcoming Fall Programs

Don't miss a minute of exciting Girl Scout programming this fall! In October and November, we have two Council-Wide programs (programs that are held at several locations throughout our Council jurisdiction on the same date at the same time) and seven Council-Sponsored programs (programs that are unique to each Service Center area) to engage, educate, and enrich our Girl Scouts.

### Fall Council-Wide Programs

#### Into the Woods

**Date/Time:** Saturday, October 24, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

**Locations:** Camp Birch Trails, Irma, WI; Camp Sacajawea, Wisconsin Rapids, WI; Chippewa Moraine Ice Age Center, New Auburn, WI; Camp Winnecomac, Kaukauna, WI; Camp Ishnala, Crivitz, WI; Camp PowLow, Gwinn, MI; Michigan East location - TBD; Michigan West location - TBD

**Description:** Investigate and explore the 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.

**Grade Levels:** All

**Cost:** \$10/girl

#### Amazin' Race

**Date/Time:** Saturday, November 14, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**Locations:** Camp Birch Trails, Irma, WI; Camp Sacajawea, Wisconsin Rapids, WI; Camp Nawakwa, Cornell, WI; Camp Winnecomac, Kaukauna, WI; Camp Ishnala, Crivitz, WI; Michigan East location - TBD; Michigan West location - TBD

**Description:** The race is on! Teams will compete in the Amazin' Race to solve clues, find different places, and perform fun tasks at each location. Will you make something, collect something, or showcase a skill? See if you can make it to the two pit stops, while being aware of surprises along the way such as: detours, speed bumps, and roadblocks!

**Grade Levels:** All

**Cost:** \$10/girl

### Fall Council-Sponsored Programs

All Service Center areas will host Council-Sponsored programming. These programs are open to all girls throughout the Council jurisdiction, so be sure to check them all out!

#### *Appleton Service Center Area*

##### Pow Wow

**Date/Time:** Saturday, October 10, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Appleton Service Center, Appleton, WI

**Description:** Pow Wow is an exciting opportunity for girls to see authentic dance and drum (with dancers from the American Indian Center), make Native American crafts, and hear traditional stories. Learn Pow Wow etiquette and help out during an actual ceremony. Meet, and discover the stories behind the dances.

**Grade Levels:** All

**Cost:** \$8/girl

#### *Eau Claire Service Center Area*

##### Mystery of the Missing Q

**Date/Time:** Saturday, October 17, Session 1-10:00 a.m.-Noon;

Session 2: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Eau Claire Service Center, Eau Claire, WI

**Description:** Where's the Q? It's 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!

**Grades:** K – 3

**Cost:** \$10/girl

#### *Green Bay Service Center Area*

##### Spectacular Science!

**Date/Time:** Saturday, November 7, 9:00 a.m.-Noon

**Location:** St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI

**Description:** Calling all mad scientists! We need your brain power in the lab. We'll be doing a little mixology, a bit of designology, and a lot of grossology! Here's your chance to get down and dirty all in the name of science. At Spectacular Science, you'll watch your ideas take flight – literally!

**Grade Levels:** All

**Cost:** \$10/girl

##### Free 2 Be Me

**Date/Time:** Saturday, November 21, 9:00 a.m.-Noon

**Location:** YWCA, Green Bay, WI

**Description:** What do you like to do? See what you like by trying different activities like belly dancing, Tae-Kwon-Do, yoga and more. These classes will get you moving and help you discover fun new ways to keep your body healthy and fit.

**Grade Levels:** All

**Cost:** \$8/girl

#### *Marquette Service Center Area*

##### Staying Alive!

**Date/Time:** Saturday, October 3, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Camp Hy-Da-Way, Manistique, MI

**Description:** Experience life as a castaway! Learn to live without modern conveniences and with minimal impact on the land. You'll learn skills needed to survive in the wilderness, cook over an open fire, find your way with a compass and take a nature hike.

**Grade Levels:** All

**Cost:** \$10/girl

#### *Schofield Service Center Area*

##### Get Your Groove On!

**Date/Time:** Saturday, October 10, 3:00- 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Central Wisconsin School of Ballet, Wausau, WI

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

**Grades:** K – 6

**Cost:** \$8/girl

#### *Wisconsin Rapids Service Center Area*

##### Active Athletes

**Date/Time:** Saturday, October 3, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Camp Sacajawea, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

**Description:** Spend the day kicking, hitting, running and more as we play, play, play! Try karate, kickball, volleyball and more. Make a healthy snack and discuss why it's so good for you to exercise.

**Grade Levels:** All

**Cost:** \$8/girl

## Girl Scouts' Highest Awards

### Girl Scout Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards

For generations, Girl Scouts have been making a difference in their communities and in their own lives. In an effort to celebrate their efforts and recognize their achievements, GSUSA has traditionally honored girls with awards within their grade level. Though the name of the award may have changed over the years, the prestigious distinction has remained constant.

Today the highest award a girl may earn in Girl Scouting is the Girl Scout Gold Award. This award was introduced in 1980 for girls ages 14-17, along with the Girl Scout Silver Award for girls ages 11-14. To receive these awards, girls must meet requirements that help them prepare for, and complete special projects that benefit their communities. In 2001, the Girl Scout Bronze Award was introduced for Girl Scout Juniors. These three awards are the highlights of the Girl Scout experience.

### A New Approach to the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards

GSUSA is revising the guidelines to align with the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. There is a two-year transition period, ending September 30, 2011. If the majority of awards' work will be done during the 2012 membership year, the new guidelines should be used.

Visit our website for more information on Girl Scouting's highest awards, including necessary forms. Also download our [Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards, at a Glance](#) document for an overview of each award. If you have questions about which guidelines to use, please contact Michelle Carr: [mcarr@gsnwgl.org](mailto:mcarr@gsnwgl.org) or call your nearest Service Center and ask for extension 4517.

### Take Action This Month

**September 26 is National Public Lands Day (NPLD)** Plant a tree! Build a trail! Put up a bird box! Clean up trash! Collect native seeds! Pull up weeds!

Take a hike and identify plants. Test the water quality in a nearby stream. Learn about the wildlife living in your local park. And then teach your friends what you have learned.

There are so many ways to lend a hand to your favorite public land, whether it's a stunning national park like the Grand Canyon, a beautiful beach like Cape Cod National Seashore, or your local forest preserve or schoolyard.

Visit the [NPLD website](#) for more information.

**Get outdoors and give something back to your community on National Public Lands Day!**

## 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.

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| • Camp Birch Trails - Graebel Lodge: December 7, 2009 - February 19, 2010 | • Camp Nawakwa - Chalet: November 16, 2009 - April 1, 2010     |
| • Camp Cuesta - Troop House: December 12, 2009 - April 1, 2010            | • Camp Sacajawea - Baptiste: November 16, 2009 - April 1, 2010 |
| • Camp Ishnala - Troop House: December 20, 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 Dept: [property@gsnwgl.org](mailto:property@gsnwgl.org) or extension 3349.

## Property Updates

### Camp Take Down/Clean Up

Sign up now to help with fall Take Down/Clean Up of GSNWGL camps. If you're interested in assisting at one (or more) of these events, please email [property@gsnwgl.org](mailto:property@gsnwgl.org) or call 888.747.6945 ext. 3349. Include your name, troop number, and the date/location of the clean up that you would like to assist with. We hope to have many volunteers help keep GSNWGL camps beautiful!

- Nawakwa - September 19
- Ishnala - October 17
- Blueberry Knoll - TBD
- Pow Low - September 26
- Sacajawea - October 17
- Hy-Da-Way - TBD
- Birch Trails - October 3

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### Top 10 Most Dangerous Mistakes Made While Driving

#### *Important information from Girl Scout insurance provider Wells Fargo*

1. **Swerving:** The #1 fatal mistake made by drivers is the most simple: not staying in their lane!
2. **Driving While Drowsy:** In 2007 fatigued driving caused over 1,400 deaths, and more traffic fatalities occurred between 3:00-6:00 a.m. (when most people are accustomed to being asleep) than at any other time of day.
3. **Drinking and Driving:** Every 40 minutes someone dies in a drunk-driving accident, with 21-34 year-olds responsible for well over half of alcohol-related fatal crashes. As expected, driving while intoxicated occurs most often at night and on the weekends. Surprisingly, alcohol is also a factor in half of pedestrian traffic deaths - both drivers and pedestrians are the culprits.
4. **Overcorrecting:** More than 4 percent of automobile fatalities a year occur because of drivers overcorrecting.
5. **Speeding:** Racing, driving faster than the posted speed limit or simply going too fast for road conditions (i.e., speeding) is the second highest cause of death in fatal crashes, with 30% of fatalities occurring at 55 mph or above.
6. **Failing to Yield Right of Way:** Failure to yield right of way was the fifth leading cause of fatal crashes in 2007.
7. **Erratic or Reckless Driving:** Examples of reckless driving include weaving and tailgating, driving on the wrong side of the road, exceeding the speed limit by 20 mph, and driving > 80 mph. This type of driving caused more than 1,850 fatalities in 2007.
8. **Running Red Lights:** 75% of automobile crashes occur in cities, with the most common cause of these accidents being drivers hitting the gas when the light turns red.
9. **Not Wearing a Seat Belt:** Despite being legally required, 33% of people who die in vehicle fatalities failed to buckle up. Without a seat belt, car drivers and passengers put themselves at risk of being ejected from a vehicle, and 76 percent of the time the ejection ends in death
10. **Inattentive Driving:** Eating, talking on a cell phone, typing text messages and fumbling with the car stereo all fall under the umbrella of inattentive driving, which was responsible for 4,704 deaths in 2007. Recent research shows that texting while driving increases the odds of having an accident by 800%-2300%!

*Adapted from the MSN Autos article Most Lethal Driving Mistakes by Claire Martin*

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### Preparing For Your Overnight

When preparing for you overnight at our facilities, here are a few helpful tips to make the reservation process go smoothly:

1. Call for availability, but keep in mind reservations are accepted first come, first serve.
2. Verify that you have an adult/leader that is attending the overnight that is or will be CPR and First Aid certified.
3. If you are planning on building a fire, cooking outdoors, etc., verify that you have a leader who has taken or will be trained in Outdoor Education training or an equivalent legacy council outdoor training.
4. If you are doing any water activities, verify that you have an adult who is a certified lifeguard. If your activities involve canoeing, kayaking, or boating, you will also need an adult who is small watercraft certified or equivalent.
5. Send in paperwork with your \$50 security deposit. Once this is received you will be added to the calendar.
6. If the date you are reserving is less than one month away, all items should be sent in with the paperwork.

You will be notified right away if there are any missing items. A confirmation packet will not be sent to you until all items have been turned in. Lastly, please take the time to read through your confirmation packet. This contains the information that you need in order to have a successful event including an equipment inventory, site-specific information, and any last minute information that you need to know. Maps are always available upon request.

We hope that with these tips and the information you are given, you and your troop will keep coming back for more great experiences at any or all of our properties!

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## Property Updates

### Wildlife At Camp

We are fortunate to have many beautiful properties that we share with many woodland critters. Some of these include raccoon, pine marten, black bear, mice, coyote, squirrel, wolf and wolverine. All the critters we share our properties with naturally shy away from humans and prefer to stay clear of us. Still, you will want to take steps to reduce the risk of an unwanted encounter. The number one attractant for many of these animals is FOOD.

To help keep these beautiful animals wild, please follow these tips whenever in the outdoors.

1. Don't cook, eat, or store food in your tent.
2. Store food and cooking utensils away from your campsite, preferably in a vehicle, a building or hung in a tree at least 10 feet off the ground and five feet out on a limb.
3. Dispose of scraps in designated containers away from the campsite – NOT in the fire.
4. Clean up and put away outdoor grills after you are done using them for the day.
5. Bird feeders can also attract more than birds. If you are doing a bird feeder project consider treating the feeders and feed as food (see #2).
6. Even in daylight, animals will still visit a campsite if food is present. If you are leaving for the day, please make sure to take the same precautions as listed above.

If you are fortunate enough to see any of these animals while out, please remember they are wild animals and we want to keep them that way. Make noise and wave your arms to let them know you are there so you don't surprise them. They will normally leave an area once they know a human is around. If you happen to surprise an animal at close range, back away slowly. If you are near a vehicle or building, go inside until the animal wanders away.

Enjoy watching from a distance. Respect them and their right to live alongside of us. If you have any questions, please contact your local DNR or the Property Department: [property@gsnwgl.org](mailto:property@gsnwgl.org) or call your nearest Service Center and ask for extension 3349.

### Insurance FAQs

1. **Do I need to purchase insurance for my troop's trip or overnight?** As long as everyone is a registered Girl Scout, you do not need to purchase any additional insurance. If you have some chaperones that are attending and they are not registered or if the event is longer than two nights, then you will need to purchase the additional insurance.
2. **If an organization is requesting a certificate of insurance, how do I get one?** Please contact the Property Administrative Assistant at ext. 3349 for assistance. You will need to have the name and address of the organization requesting the certificate. Also helpful to have on hand would be a fax number of the organization and a contact person.
3. **Do I need additional insurance for an out of state trip?** Again, as long as everyone is a registered Girl Scout and the trip is less than two nights (three with a holiday), you do not need to purchase additional insurance.

If you have a specific question, please do not hesitate to contact the Property Dept: [property@gsnwgl.org](mailto:property@gsnwgl.org) or extension 3349.

### Troop 6172 Discovers Camp Sacajawea

*By Brandy Lennert, Troop 6172*

I just wanted to let you know that our troop had a great time during our stay at Camp Sacajawea. The cabins were wonderful (so much that I had a hard time keeping the girls out of them during our outdoor activities!) and the outside area in the Shoshone unit was perfect.

This was the first time many of the girls went camping and they had a great time. They got to put the outdoor skills they have been learning all year to use and try a lot of new things. We even got the rare opportunity to visit with a Luna Moth that paid a visit. They definitely want to come back on another trip!

## Property Updates

### **Volunteers Conduct Nature Study at Camp Nawakwa**

*By Kathy LaValley and Sue Haake*

What critters at Camp Nawakwa can sound like songbirds, ducks, bulls, insects, horses' hooves on cobblestones, or twanging banjos? Frogs and toads! Volunteers Sue Haake and Kathy LaValley spent three evenings between April and July listening for frog and toad calls and recording their findings. These observations will be entered into a statewide database to be used in natural resources management, scientific studies, and environmental education.

In four seasons of listening at camp, Sue and Kathy have heard ten of the twelve kinds of frogs and toads known to be found in Wisconsin. Although thrilled with the discovery of Mink Frogs, the intrepid Nature-Mappers couldn't help but notice the apparent effects of early heat and low rainfall on the frog and toad populations in general in 2007 and the effect of chilly weather and low water levels in 2009.

What kinds of frogs and toads are at Camp Nawakwa? Wood Frogs, Chorus Frogs, Spring Peepers, Leopard Frogs, Eastern Gray Tree frogs, Cope's Gray Tree frogs, Green Frogs, Bull Frogs, Mink Frogs, and American Toads. The listening points used were the Beaver Pond overlook, the Waterfront, and the Frog Pond. It is still believed that someone very imaginative must have named the Frog Pond – again, the least frog activity was documented there!

Nature Mapping is a biodiversity survey program to help collect wildlife-related information for the statewide database. Anyone can become a Nature Mapper as long as they have a willingness to observe nature and record their observations. Training is available to help Nature Mappers learn to identify the mammals, amphibians, reptiles, and birds they observe and to teach them how to use the online data submission and reporting tools. Sue and Kathy attended training sessions at Beaver Creek Reserve near Fall Creek. This would be a fun and engaging nature activity for families, troops, or individuals!

For more information visit:

Wisconsin Nature Mapping - <http://www.wisnatmap.org/default.htm>

Information on the Frog and Toad Survey - <http://www.mbr-pwrc.usgs.gov/wifrog/frog.htm>

Beaver Creek Reserve Citizen Science Center -

<http://beavercreekreserve.org/site/page/Citizen%20Science%20Center>

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## Chloe's Corner

*Hi, I'm back! How was your summer? I did so much fun stuff and I want to tell you all about it!*

- Going to camp was the best thing I did this summer! We went swimming and made T-shirts and I met a lot of new friends!*
- Well, I already told you about my favorite dessert - a Tagalongs Blizzard. But when I tried the Thin Mint Blizzard I changed my mind - they're both my favorite!*
- And my mom signed up to be my Daisy leader! She had to go to training and grown-up meetings and stuff to learn how to be a leader. She said it was fun and she met a lot of other nice leaders. I'm so excited and I think it will be a really fun year!*
- We also went back to the Girl Scout store to buy some books. Mom bought a book to help her be a good leader for my troop. She also got me my very own Girl Scout Welcome to the Daisy Flower Garden Journey book. It's really cool with lots of pictures and stories. I can't wait til we start!*

*Ok, so what's new? Oh, I just started Kindergarten! Mom and I went to an open house at my school and met my teacher. Her name is Mrs. Shanley and she's really nice. She showed me where I sit and where I can keep my backpack. After we met my teacher we went to meet other people at the school. The Girl Scout lady was there and she talked to me about when the first meeting was going to be.*

*When mom told me that it was time to go to the meeting, I was so excited, I had my uniform on and my Daisy book, I was all ready to go. Mom said that this meeting was to talk to the other girls and their parents about joining Girl Scouts. It was pretty cool when we got there because I got to meet friends from my class and also some girls from the other Kindergarten class. My friends and I made bookmarks while the parents talked, and they talked for a long time. When the parents were done talking my mom asked us to help her make something called a Kaper Chart. This is the thing that tells everyone who gets to bring the treat to the meeting, and who gets to do things like led the Girl Scout Promise and clean up after the meeting. There was something for every girl to do to help.*

*Last night my mom went to a grown-up Girl Scout meeting. I was sad that I couldn't go with her :( But when she came home she was all excited and told me she had some great new ideas for my Girl Scout troop. I hope she found out how to play some new games because that is my favorite thing to do. Well, can't wait 'til next time - TTYL!*

*Your friend,  
Chloe*

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