



# June 2025 Council Updates

girl scouts   
of greater chicago  
and northwest  
indiana

*Coming soon...*  
**Service Unit Manager  
Meeting Schedule for MY26**

**Girl Scout Expo**

- **Saturday, August 16 from 9:00am – 5:00pm**  
Tinley Park Convention Center

This event is for Girl Scouts and Volunteers.

Learn more or register at

[girlscout.info/GirlScoutExpo](https://girlscout.info/GirlScoutExpo)

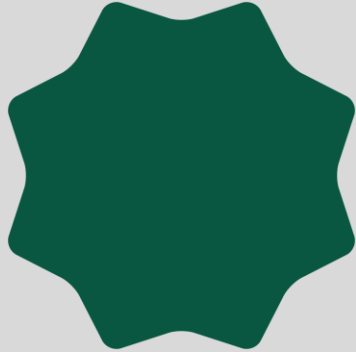
**Save the Date**

- **September 26-28**  
LEAP (Leader Enrichment Activity Program)  
Camp Butternut Springs

Registration opening soon on June 19

*Please join us for these great events!*

# ACTION ITEMS



- Don't forget to renew yourself and your Girl Scouts! (And remind your troops, too!)
- Attend our Girl Scout Expo on Saturday, August 16 at the Tinley Park Convention Center
- At the expo, we will have:
  - The MY2026 SUM Meeting Calendar
  - Your MY2026 Goals for:
    - Fall Product and Cookie Sale
    - Family Partnership
    - Membership
  - Other surprise swag – just for SUMs!

# Announcements



Calling all Girl Scouts who  
graduated high school this year



**You made it!**

Join us at the highest awards picnic  
for a Bridge to Adult ceremony.

**Sunday, July 20th**

**2:00 pm-5:00 pm**

**Joliet Gathering Place**

**1551 Spencer Road, Joliet, IL 60433**

Cost: \$30 for highest award recipients  
(includes swag bag and patch),  
\$10 for all other attendees

Scan the QR code or register at [bit.ly/458YBPM](https://bit.ly/458YBPM)

**Are you a troop leader of  
a faith-based troop?  
Would you like to help create more  
faith-based programs for troops?**

Girl Scouts is launching a focus group to better understand and support the unique needs, strengths, and perspectives of faith-based troops. This group will help us shape resources, programs, and partnerships that reflect the values and missions of troops connected to faith communities.

To join this group, complete this survey:  
**[https://fs24.formsite.com/gsgcnwi2/  
bv3flqmelm/index](https://fs24.formsite.com/gsgcnwi2/bv3flqmelm/index)**





# Membership

# Get Ready with Girl Scouts!

New PreK and Kindergarten girls registering as a Girl Scout between April 1 - June 30 not only get five extra months of fun, but they will now also receive three activity books! Each book is mailed monthly for even more Girl Scout adventures.

*Scan the code to see how you can register to receive these amazing booklets!*



**GET IT BEFORE IT'S GONE!**



Kick off her summer with fun adventures and new friendships.



**Join today and receive three monthly activity books plus a gift!**



Start building school-ready skills together now.



# Renew Your Membership!

We can't wait to see all the chapters you add to your story in the new Girl Scout year.

Renew your membership by July 31 and receive a 2026 Adventure patch!





# Bridging Daisy Troops to New Brownies

Did you know that Daisy Troops that  
bridging are eligible to receive the new  
Brownie Experience Box?!

**It's true!**

Daisy Troops bridging into Brownies for  
the upcoming membership year

OR

First time new Brownie Troops

Can get a **FREE** monthly  
subscription box for the troop



[Learn more here](#)

Whether it's encouraging troops in your service unit to make sure all their spots are filled, or creating new troops in your communities, there is always room for more girls to become Girl Scouts.

Now when new girls or troop leaders register, they can receive some amazing perks! Share the links below with anyone who you know is interested in joining Girl Scouts!

To learn more about the areas of opportunity in your community, contact your Community Specialist or email us at [customercare@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:customercare@girlscoutsgcnwi.org)



[Troop Perks](#)

[Girl Perks](#)

# Fund Development Programs



# FUN RUN AND FAMILY FEST



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indiana

**AUGUST 2, 2025**

**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**



**FERRERO** Social Responsibility

## Kinder Joy of Moving Fun Run/Walk & Family Fest

Join us for a day of fun family  
fun at Camp Palos!

\$25/ person, includes:  
T-shirt, water bottle, food, Family Partnership  
patch, and LOTS of fun activities!

[Click for more details and to register](#)



# Try the TRI!

**Join Team GCNWI at the  
2025 Chicago Triathlon  
Saturday, August 23rd**

Registration by age level:

- Ages 7-10 Kids Jr.
- Ages 11-14 Kids Sr.
- Ages 15+ Super Sprint

[Click here to learn more or  
to join Team GCNWI today](#)



**CHICAGO**  
TRIATHLON





# Family Partnership



[Click here to donate](#)



Give the gift of Girl Scouts with a donation to Family Partnership Annual Giving Campaign.

Family Partnership donations support our financial assistance program which provides opportunities for girls to have a full Girl Scout experience.

Gifts of \$10 or more will receive our Family Partnership patch.

# Girl Experience: Programs





There is so much to do!  
Find a council program  
that is the perfect fit  
for your troop.

[See All Program Offerings Here](#)

# Upcoming Girl Scout Days

Chicago Fire | 6/14 @ 7:30 pm

[www.gofevo.com/event/Girlscoutsoffer2025](http://www.gofevo.com/event/Girlscoutsoffer2025)

Chicago Sky | 7/12 @ 12:00 pm

[www.gofevo.com/event/GirlScoutNight2025](http://www.gofevo.com/event/GirlScoutNight2025)



## Coming Soon:

Gary RailCats | 7/19 @ 4:00 pm

Movie Night: "Smurfs"

Hollywood Blvd Woodridge | 7/19 @ 11:00 am

Questions? Contact [zhou@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:zhou@girlscoutsgcnwi.org)

# Partner Program

How do we taste?  
Why do apples turn brown when you cut them?  
What goes into making our favorite foods?

Explore the exciting world of Food Science  
with our FREE Spark Day, hosted and  
sponsored by the  
**Chicagoland Food Science Foundation.**

Girl Scouts will explore hands-on experiments  
with food, including getting to make a sweet  
treat, as well as learn about all the different  
career opportunities in the field of food science.

July 19 at Joliet Gathering Place  
Cadettes, Seniors & Ambassadors



Register at [bit.ly/3S3gvfm](http://bit.ly/3S3gvfm)

# In my Junior Era: Girl Scout Kick off Party



Are you in your Junior Era?

Join us at the Joliet Gathering Place for the *Best Day* of singing, dancing, service, and creation to kick off your Junior Girl Scout Era.

This event is open to all Girl Scout Juniors. (Grades 4-5)

Fun patch, snacks, and activities are included!



Saturday, September 13 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm  
Joliet Gathering Place, 1551 Spencer Rd, Joliet

Cost: \$25\*



Level: Juniors (Grades 4-5)

\*Financial assistance is available



Scan the QR code or [click here to register](#)



Questions? Contact [programs@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:programs@girlscoutsgcnwi.org)

# Fun Clubs in Schererville

## Cooking Club

*Back by popular demand!*

Let's whip something delicious  
while we create friendship.

June 6  
July 12  
July 26  
August 1



Scan the  
QR Code  
or [click  
here to  
register](#)

## Art Club

June 14:

*Art Club is on the road!*

Pick and paint a ceramic at  
the Artist's Den in  
Highland, Indiana.

July 19:

*Girls decide!*

Girl Scouts will vote on what  
art project they want to  
complete.



# Fun Every Day of the Week

## *Get messy on* **STEM Saturdays**

**July 12: Let It Fly**  
Greene Wood, Joliet,  
Schererville, and  
Vernon Hills



**September 13: Craft It, Engineer It**  
Schererville, Whitney  
Young Library Chicago,  
Greene Wood



**\$25 per Girl Scout**  
Daisies, Brownies & Juniors

Scan the QR code  
or [click here to](#)  
[register](#)



## **Virtual** **Wellness Wednesdays**

**July 9 – July 30**

Girls will explore emotions through fun activities like drawing, writing, and making self-care crafts. Each session encourages self-expression and emotional awareness.

*Materials for this 4-week virtual program will be available for pickup at Gathering Places in late June.*

**\$35 per Girl Scout**  
Daisies, Brownies,  
Juniors, Cadettes,  
Seniors & Ambassadors

## **It's time to compete!**

Join us for a day of friendly competition at the Joliet Gathering Place where we'll go head-to-head playing classic Field Day games. Come as a team!

Fun patch is included!

**Sunday, July 13 from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm**  
**Joliet Gathering Place**

**Cost: \$25\***

\*Financial Assistance is available



Scan QR code or register at  
<https://girlscout.info/GSFieldDay>

## **Girl Scout Field Day**



**Questions? Contact [programs@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:programs@girlscoutsgcnwi.org)**

# Read with us!

Register for our **Summer Reading Challenge** to take part in the fun.  
Girl Scouts who participate are asked to read for twenty hours between June 1 and August 1.

## To earn the summer reading patch:

- Please register for the program by scanning the QR code or visiting [bit.ly/GCNWISummerReading](http://bit.ly/GCNWISummerReading)
- Read at least two titles from the Summer Reading List
- Read at least twenty hours
- Submit the Reading Log form by August 2



# Read, Reflect, and Create at the Library!

Girl Scouts go to the library! Join us to create bookmarks, make your own story board, read silently, and explore the library. A fun patch is included.

Independence Branch Library  
4024 N Elston Avenue Chicago



Tuesday, June 24  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Find us in the Meeting Room  
[girlscout.info/RRCIndependence](http://girlscout.info/RRCIndependence)



Glen Ellyn Public Library  
400 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn



Monday, July 14  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Find us in the Meeting Room  
[girlscout.info/RRCGlenEllyn](http://girlscout.info/RRCGlenEllyn)

Cost: \$25 (Financial assistance is available) • Questions? Contact [programs@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:programs@girlscoutsgcnwi.org)



# Custom Programs are back!

Let us bring the programming to you.

Choose from 1 of 4 engaging activities:

**Spa Science, Food Science, Craft It Engineer It,  
or Colorful Science**

Custom programs are \$20 per person and last two hours each.

The cost includes all supplies, staff facilitation, and a patch!

Scan the QR code or visit <https://girlscout.info/CustomPrograms>  
for more details or to start scheduling your custom program:



Questions? Contact [programs@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:programs@girlscoutsgcnwi.org)



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# Girl Experience: Community Service Opportunities

# Community Service Corner

Join our virtual info sessions  
to learn more about upcoming  
**Community Service Opportunities**  
**held every 2nd Tuesday**  
**beginning Tuesday, July 8**

**Daisy, Brownie, Junior Leaders** 5:00 pm-5:45 pm

How can your troop lend a hand?

Searching for ideas?

[Join us to discuss](#)

**Cadette, Senior, Ambassador Girl Scouts and  
Leaders** 6:00 pm-6:45 pm

Looking to earn your Service Bars?

[Join us to learn more](#)

Pre-order your **Kindness Rock Kit** for \$30 between  
June 1 - June 30

Learn more and pre-order at  
[girlscout.info/SpreadingKindnessRocks](https://girlscout.info/SpreadingKindnessRocks)



Kits available for pick up June 24-26 or July 8-10  
between 10:00 am – 1:00 pm or 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm



**Feed My Starving Children Event**

Saturday, November 8

555 Exchange Court Aurora, IL

*\$12 (includes \$10 donation to FMSC & a patch)*

Available shifts: 9am-10:45am or 2pm-3:45pm

Interested in Participating? Please complete interest  
form: [girlscout.info/FMSCinterest](https://girlscout.info/FMSCinterest)

**Girl Scouts Pitch In For the Parks** *(Park Clean up)*

Sunday, September 14 12:00 pm-2:00 pm

4 park locations in Chicago

**FREE to participate**

or purchase an optional  
service kit for \$30:

*includes T-shirt, snack, & patch*

Sign up for park clean and order the service kit at

[girlscout.info/PitchInFortheParks](https://girlscout.info/PitchInFortheParks)



Questions? Contact [jhickman@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:jhickman@girlscoutsgcnwi.org)

# Girl Experience: Trip & Travel Opportunities

# TRIP & TRAVEL WORKSHOPS

## Ready, Set, Travel

Adult Virtual Workshop

Dreaming of taking your Girl Scout or troop on an unforgettable adventure? Whether you're planning a local day trip or a big out-of-town journey, this informative virtual workshop is for you!

FREE for Volunteers

Wednesday, June 25

Wednesday, August 27

Tuesday, September 23

All sessions start at 6:00 pm

Scan QR code or register for all these workshops at [bit.ly/4dpMuzW](https://bit.ly/4dpMuzW)



## Girl Travel Programs:

### Adventure City: Build, Map and Explore!

Imagine, create and explore in this hands-on adventure. Girl Scouts will learn to plan for a trip, design a city, create a map and build a sculpture.

\$25 per Girl Scout (Daisies, Brownies, & Juniors)

Friday, June 27 - Joliet

Saturday, July 26 - Schererville

### Travel Smart!

Through fun, interactive activities, girls will explore how to choose a destination, pack efficiently, and prepare for a trip. This workshop will inspire young adventurers to travel with confidence.

\$25 per Girl Scout (Cadettes, Seniors, & Ambassadors)

Wednesday, July 9 - Joliet

Tuesday, August 5 - Schererville

Questions? [GSTravel@GirlScoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:GSTravel@GirlScoutsgcnwi.org)



# TRIP & TRAVEL

## The Chicago Big Bus Tour and Scavenger Hunt



Climb aboard this double-decker bus and take a one-of-a-kind adventure and see Chicago's must-see sights. Then set your own pace on a fun and interactive scavenger hunt.

**Saturday, September 9**  
**12:00 pm to 4:00 pm**  
**Cost \$45**



Scan the QR code or  
register at [bit.ly/432lH9w](https://bit.ly/432lH9w)

Questions? [GSTravel@GirlScoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:GSTravel@GirlScoutsgcnwi.org)

# TRIP & TRAVEL

## Kalahari Resort Family Getaway



**August 22 – 24**

Meet us for a fun-filled Girl Scout getaway at Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells!

Enjoy a weekend of adventure, bonding, and splashes at one of America's largest indoor waterparks.

This is an overnight trip with the option to stay for one or two nights, and includes Kalahari waterpark passes, admission to Timbavati Wildlife Park and the Tommy Bartlett Exploratory, an interactive science center.

Scan QR code or register at  
[bit.ly/4jgfCLr](https://bit.ly/4jgfCLr)



Questions? [GSTravel@GirlScoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:GSTravel@GirlScoutsgcnwi.org)

# TRIP & TRAVEL

## YOU & ME IN INDY!



Get ready for an unforgettable day of discovery, creativity, and connection as you and your Girl Scout embark on a fun-filled adventure at the Indianapolis Zoo!

**Saturday, September 13**

**\$125.00 per child**

**\$150.00 per adult**

**Cost includes: Round-trip coach bus to the zoo, entry into the zoo, zoo tour & a boxed lunch**

Scan QR code or register at  
<https://bit.ly/4kjsm4W>



Questions? [GSTravel@GirlScoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:GSTravel@GirlScoutsgcnwi.org)



# TRIP & TRAVEL

## Savannah, GA Takeover



Ready for a  
Girl Scout Adventure to  
Savannah, Georgia?

Are you a troop leader or parent  
interested in exploring the birthplace of  
Girl Scouts?

We're planning an unforgettable trip to  
Savannah, GA—where history, sisterhood,  
and adventure come together!

Please complete this interest form:  
[fs24.formsite.com/gsgcnwi2/savannah/  
index](https://fs24.formsite.com/gsgcnwi2/savannah/index)

It's the first step toward making this  
dream trip a reality!

Questions? [GSTravel@GirlScoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:GSTravel@GirlScoutsgcnwi.org)

# Girl Experience: Outdoor Program

**CAMP CEO**  
**September 19-21**  
**Camp Butternut**  
**Springs,**  
**Valparaiso, IN**



Camp CEO is dedicated to creating a safe space for Girl Scouts to network and interact with women from a variety of industries and backgrounds who believe in girls and all that they can accomplish.

[Click here to learn more or to apply to attend as a Girl Scout or as a mentor](#)

# Friday Fun at Camp Greene Wood

**Friday, June 6 at  
Camp Greene Wood**

From playing classic camp games to roasting a s'more, you'll get a front-row seat to the magic of camp while making memories with your troop or family. Get to know the camp staff as they try out their new camp skills to make our summer camp programs safe, inclusive, and packed with fun. This event is **free** to all participants. Sign-up [HERE](#)







# Experience a Day at Camp

## **Thursday, June 12 at Camp Butternut Springs**

Experience the magic of camp while making memories with your troop or family. Get to know the camp staff as they try out their new camp skills to make our summer camp programs safe, inclusive, and packed with fun. Activities include canoeing, rock climbing and zip lining (4th grade+), and much more! Sign-up [HERE](#)

**This event is free to all participants.**

Lunch will be provided.

Limited transportation from Camp Palos or the Schererville Gathering Place is available for \$10 per person.





# Experience a Day at Camp

## **Thursday, June 12 at Camp Juniper Knoll**

Experience the magic of camp while making memories with your troop or family. Get to know the camp staff as they try out their new camp skills to make our summer camp programs safe, inclusive, and packed with fun. Activities include canoeing/kayaking (4th grade+), making cookout snacks, and much more! Sign-up [HERE](#)

**This event is free to all participants.**

Lunch will be provided.

Limited transportation from the Vernon Hills Gathering Place is available for \$10 per person.



## Explore the Outdoors **June 18 & August 9 at Camp Juniper Knoll**

This fun-filled program will equip you with the necessary skills for exploring the great outdoors. Enjoy tying knots, practicing basic first aid, working on making the perfect s'more, and so much more!

June 18 sign-up [HERE](#)  
August 9 sign-up [HERE](#)

# Explore the Outdoors and Aquatics!

**June 18 at  
Camp Butternut Springs**

Spend a day learning outdoor adventure skills, then take a dip in the pool or ride around the pond in a canoe. End your day with building a campfire and enjoying a s'more with new friends! Sign-up [HERE](#)







# Explore the Outdoors and the Sky!

**June 20 at  
Camp Butternut Springs**

Learn to navigate with only a map and compass, practice basic first aid, learn how to set up a tent and campsite, and perfect your knot-tying skills. After, explore the sky on our camp zipline, rock wall, or adventure course! Sign-up [HERE](#)

# Pleasant Lake Beach Party

**June 20 at  
Camp Juniper Knoll**

Spend the day having fun in the sun at Pleasant Lake. Enjoy activities like swimming, boating, sandcastle building, beach games, and more!

Sign-up [HERE](#)



# You and Me: Troop Camping Weekend at Camp Butternut Springs



Grab a special adult in your life and join us for a weekend of making memories. Sleep overnight at camp, go on a scavenger hunt, swim in the pool, relax in a hammock, hike, get crafty, and so much more. Cook your dinner over a fire, then enjoy songs and a s'more around the campfire. Bring SWAPS from home to exchange with your new friends.

**July** and **August** sessions available.

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# You and Me: Troop Camping Weekend at Camp Butternut Springs



**Spend time together this summer!**

Each Girl Scout should register with an adult for this event.

Learn more and register [HERE](#):

July 11-13, [Two Nights](#)

July 12-13, [One Night](#)

July 12, [Saturday Only](#)

August 8-10, [Two Nights](#)

August 9-10, [One Night](#)

August 9, [Saturday Only](#)

Financial Assistance is available for this program.

# Troop Summer Camp Getaway: World Explorers

**August 5-8 or August 6 at  
Camp Juniper Knoll**



Experience a vibrant cultural odyssey as a world explorer. Enjoy time at camp as a troop while you craft traditional artifacts, create international artworks, and explore diverse cultures through storytelling, music, and dance. Plus, savor the flavors of the world as you dive into international cuisines. Join in this colorful adventure where creativity, craftsmanship, and cultural understanding come together in a celebration of global arts, traditions, and culinary delights!

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## **Troop Summer Camp Getaway: World Explorers**

**August 5-8 or August 6 at  
Camp Juniper Knoll**

Sign-up is available for any of the  
following lodging options:

[Lodge](#) | [Platform Tent](#) | [Tabin/Yurt](#) |  
[Wednesday-Only](#) |

Financial Assistance is available for this program.



# More Summer Fun

## Bring your troop for summer fun at Camp Palos!

Not sure where to start with planning your campout activities?  
Add some of these facilitated options to your list:

- For \$10/youth you can participate in sprinkler and water games, tie-dye and friendship bracelets, campfire with songs and s'mores, and a night hike.
- Other add-on activities scheduled separately:
  - Trading post
  - Archery (Junior+) (\$100/youth/1.5-hour session)
  - Facilitated cookout (\$30/person/3-hour session)
  - Outdoor badge workshop (\$25/youth/3-hour session)



# Summer Camp

There's still space at Camp Butternut Springs, Camp Greene Wood, and Camp Juniper Knoll for more Girl Scouts to dive into a world of summer fun!

Register your Scout today and get them excited for a summer of fun, friendships, and adventure.

[Scan the QR code or click here to see summer camp offerings and to register.](#)





Highest Awards:  
Bronze, Silver, and Gold

# Bronze Award Celebration



## Join us in a celebration of our Bronze Award Recipients

2024 and 2025 recipients  
are invited along with their  
fellow troop members and their family members

July 11, 2025 from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Candlelight Lincoln Park, 1501 N Kingsbury St, Chicago

\$15\* for recipients, \$27\* for all other attendees.  
Cost includes a pizza buffet, plus a certificate and  
SWAG bag for all Bronze Award recipients

\*Financial assistance is available  
Scan the QR code or  
register at [bit.ly/CelebrateBronze](https://bit.ly/CelebrateBronze)



Questions? Contact [programs@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:programs@girlscoutsgcnwi.org)



## Calling all Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award Girl Scouts

Let's celebrate your hard work  
on earning a higher award in  
2024-2025

**When:** Sunday, July 20 2:00pm-5:00pm

**Where:** Joliet Gathering Place

1551 Spencer Road, Joliet, IL 60433

**Cost:** \$30 for highest award recipients  
(includes swag bag and patch);  
\$10 for all other attendees

## Highest Awards Picnic



Scan QR code or register at [girlscout.info/Picnic](https://girlscout.info/Picnic)

# Got a vision for a better world?

Join us for our **Highest Award** workshops to learn everything you need to know to be ready to get started on your **Silver or Gold Award**.



**Upcoming Silver Award Workshops:**  
August 20, October 22, December 11



**Upcoming Gold Award Workshops:**  
July 17, September 17, November 20

All workshops run from 6:00pm-7:00pm  
*(Link provided after registration)*

Cost: \$8

Scan the QR code or register at  
[bit.ly/highestawardstraining](https://bit.ly/highestawardstraining)



## Volunteers:

Are you interested in helping girls achieve the highest award in Girl Scouting?

**Our Gold Award Committee is growing!**  
We are looking for new panelists and coaches.



The panel meets once a month to review final reports, and coaches support the girls throughout their project with monthly check ins.

If you would like to know more,  
reach out to Sam Lehman at  
[goldaward@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:goldaward@girlscoutsgcnwi.org)





Governance

Get a seat at the  
table with our  
Board of  
Directors

Learn more and  
apply now through  
July 15, 2025



[bit.ly/GirlRep2025](https://bit.ly/GirlRep2025)

## Girl Representatives to our Board of Directors



Must be in high school by the fall of 2025

Questions?

Contact Nancy Armstrong, [narmstrong@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:narmstrong@girlscoutsgcnwi.org)

# Save the Date for the next Girl Scout Convention

Join GSUSA and 10,000+ Girl Scouts at the next Girl Scout Convention. This special six-day event only happens once every three years. You won't want to miss it!



Scan the QR code or click the link below to learn more and sign up for the Convention Insider List:  
[bit.ly/2026GSConvention](https://bit.ly/2026GSConvention)

*General convention questions?*

Email Alaina at  
[nationaldelegate@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:nationaldelegate@girlscoutsgcnwi.org)



Reminder:  
Add to  
Calendar!



2026 Girl Scout Convention  
July 20–25  
Washington, DC

# Volunteer Development

# Troop Annual Finance Reports (AFRs) are due July 30, 2025!



Unsure how to submit your report?  
Need some tips and tricks?  
Join us at an Annual Finance Report Office Hour

## 2025 AFR Office Hours:

- Wednesday, June 4, 7:00pm
- Monday, June 9, 12:00pm
- Tuesday, June 17, 7:00pm
- Wednesday, June 25, 9:00am
- Thursday, July 10, 7:00pm
- Tuesday, July 15, 12:00pm

Register here:



[bit.ly/2025AFROfficeHours](https://bit.ly/2025AFROfficeHours)

Unable to make an Office Hour but aren't sure how to get started? Check out the *Troop Financial Report Training Video* on **gsLearn**. This video is part of the *Managing Troop Finances Module* and is available year-round.





# Breaking News!


PDFs of Badge Booklets  
are now available in the  
Volunteer Toolkit for  
download!

You will find these under  
Meeting Plans once a  
badge is added to your  
Year Plan.



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 **MEETING : GAME VISIONARY 1**


[+ Add a meeting location](#)

Badge Steps:


1. Break the ice
2. Imagine all the world's a board
3. Create a physical challenge
4. Get puzzled
5. Make an ultra-scavenger hunt

**Purpose:** When Seniors have earned this badge, they'll be able to design and organize games that will bring people together for creative and thoughtful fun.

[less](#) 



**Game Visionary Badge**  
[PURCHASE BADGE](#)



**Game Visionary Booklet**  
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# Product Program

## Service Unit Fall Product Manager Training

Virtual trainings are being held on  
**Wednesday, August 20 at 6:30 pm** or  
**Thursday, August 21 at 9:30am**

Join us as we explore the theme  
“Brave. Fierce. FUN!”

Discover the latest updates for our  
fall product program.

Learn about our adorable new mascot  
and gather fresh ideas to make the  
fall product season the best yet for  
your service unit!



Scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/4dlHwnP](https://bit.ly/4dlHwnP) to register



**SAVE THE DATE!**

## **Service Unit Cookie Manager Training**

Tuesday, October 21 – Schererville and Vernon Hills Gathering Places  
Wednesday, October 22 – Burbank and Greene Wood Gathering Places  
Thursday, October 23 – Joliet Gathering Place  
Wednesday, October 29 – Virtual Session

**6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Whether you join us live or online, it's guaranteed to be a blast! Watch for more details.



Girl Scout Shop



All Gathering Places will be closed on June 19 in observation of  
Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, and Emancipation Day.



*Juneteenth*

celebrate freedom

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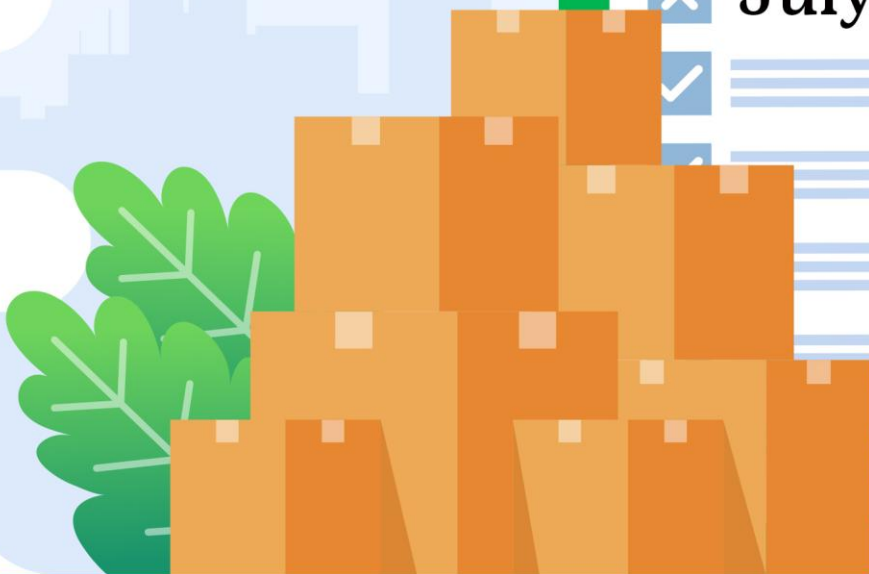
**July 1 - 5**

**INVENTORY CONTROL**

- ☒ **Shops Closed**
- ☒ **July 1 - 5**



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Troop Leader \_\_\_\_\_

*Nancy S. Wright*  
CBO, Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop #: \_\_\_\_\_



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# Troop and Volunteer Resources

# Let's Connect!

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Text "JOIN" to 40457

to sign up for text alerts  
from our council or scan  
the code to sign up!

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# Are you looking for a no-cost meeting space for your Service Unit or troop?

Look no further.  
You can reserve space at one of our Gathering Places.



Scan the QR code or  
[click here to book meeting space](https://fs24.formsite.com/gsgcnwi2/jgrefeuz7u/index)  
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## Financial aid is available to all Girl Scout members

Members can receive financial assistance for:

- Troop dues
- Troop-led outings
- Uniform essentials (once per level)
- Council-sponsored program
- Council-sponsored summer camp; day camp/resident camp, or signature series/events\*

\*Only one application in this category will be approved per year.

[Find financial aid form here](#)



## Need Help?!

Whether you need help with a parent meeting or recruiting to fill your troop, we are here to help.

Contact Girl Scouts by phone or email to get connected to someone who can assist you!

Phone:

855-456-8347

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[CustomerCare@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:CustomerCare@girlscoutsgcnwi.org)