

# October 2025 Council Updates

girl scouts  
of greater chicago  
and northwest  
indiana



# Announcements

**Cookie U is our “first course”  
with the Sweet Success  
Entrepreneurial Initiative.**

**COST:** \$10 per Girl Scout (includes one accompanying adult\*)

**BONUS:** Each Girl Scout will receive a special patch!

*Older Girl Scouts (grades 6–12) interested in assisting with sessions? Let us know.*

**What to Expect:**

- Interactive stations: cash handling, sales pitches, goal setting, business ethics, cookie booth simulations & more!
- Girls earn "Cookie Expert" certification
- \*Plus: special adult breakout session to support your Girl Scout's entrepreneurial journey

Scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/4mvsrTX>



COOKIE U 

Saturday, November 15, 2025  
Vernon Hills ♣ Joliet (simultaneous sessions)



Daisies/Brownies  
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Juniors  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.





Scan QR or  
visit [bit.ly/46pCML4](https://bit.ly/46pCML4)  
to register today!



PRESENTED BY:

**girl scouts**  
of greater chicago  
and northwest  
indiana

FEATURING:



ORDERS OF 30+ TICKETS (ON ONE ORDER) WILL RECEIVE  
A CHICAGO WOLVES HAT FOR EVERYONE IN THE GROUP IF  
TICKETS ARE PURCHASED TOGETHER BY DEC. 1.

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES  
AT ALLSTATE ARENA. OPEN TO ALL GIRL SCOUTS,  
TROOPS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.



## Schedule of Events

**1:30-4:30 p.m.**

Be Brave! Pierce! Fun!

- Games and activities for all ages!
- Skill builders for Girl Scouts
- Are you ready to groove and move? Learn some dance moves and then join in the fun at the concert!
- Exchange SWAPS and make Friendship Bracelets
- Skating on the Ice will be available from 2-4 p.m. You must bring your own skates to go on the ice.

**4:45-5:45 p.m.**

Cookie rally inside the arena featuring  
Red Revolution - The Taylor Swift Experience

**6 p.m.**

Doors open to the public.

**7 p.m.**

Chicago Wolves game with puck drop and color guard presentation by the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana. Earn the chance to drop the puck! The lucky winner will be chosen from ticket purchases made through Dec. 7.

## Ticket Purchasing Information

\$23 per person by Dec. 7, 2025. \$25 per person starting Dec. 8, 2025.

Your ticket includes:

Entrance to Cookie Rally • Commemorative T-shirt • Chicago Wolves game ticket • Rally patch for Girl Scouts

In addition, you may purchase a hot dog and soda voucher for \$7.

See details on how to register on the back.



Join your fellow Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from over 150 countries around the world to celebrate 100 years of World Thinking Day!

The 2026 activity guides are now available.



Visit <http://bit.ly/4niMOVl> to learn more



Introducing Badge Boost,  
a monthly training crafted just  
for volunteers.

Each Boost is practical and designed to  
give you new tools, ideas, and confidence  
to bring back to your troop.



## Badge Boost of the Month

Grow your skills—one badge at a time!

### Why now?

Because Girl Scouts is all about  
discovery—not just for girls, but for  
leaders, too!

Badge Boost makes gsLearn more  
than a place to check off requirements—  
it's your space to explore, grow,  
and earn your next  
“badge” of leadership.

## Your FIRST Badge Boost is Here!



GSUSA  
Volunteer  
Toolkit—  
Troop Leader  
View

Ready to pick up a new tip, try something  
different, or just get inspired?  
Head to the gsLearn library and search:

### 430 Volunteer Toolkit Resources

Learn how the VTK can simplify meeting  
planning, streamline parent communication,  
and spark new ideas for your  
troop's badge journey.

# Product Program

# 2025 Fall Product Program



**BRAVE.**  
**FIERCE. FUN!**

Reminder

## Important Dates

Order Taking Period	September 19 thru October 16, 2025
Last day for parents to enter nut/candy order card sales into the M2 online system.	October 14, 2025
Troop leader deadline for entering in-person orders (paper card orders).	October 15, 2025
Last day for customers to place orders online for both girl-delivered and direct ship.	October 16, 2025
Service Unit Fall Product Manager deadline for entering in-person orders (paper card orders).	October 16, 2025
Council ACH Sweep - 100% of the amount due to council.	October 24, 2025
Product delivery of in-person nut/candy items to service units.	October 30 - November 2, 2025
Reward delivery to service units	December 2025



# 2026 Cookie Program



## Important Dates

December 12

**First Day of  
Cookie Order  
Taking**

January 3

**Cookie Rally**

January 22 thru  
February 1

**Service Unit  
Delivery**

January 26

**Cookie  
Cupboards  
Open**

January 26

**Goal Getter  
Program  
Begins**

January 30 thru  
March 8

**Cookie Booth  
Period**

February 13 and  
March 13

**ACH Sweep**

March 9

**\*\*Last Day of  
the Cookie  
Program**

*\*Key dates shown*

*\*\* There are more opportunities like Loop Site, or we can work with you to extend the time if your Girl Scouts want to continue.*

**Brave.  
Fierce.  
Fun!**

# Level Up Your Cookie Game!

*Bulk Delivery  
unlocks after the  
Initial Order Period*



## Big Cookie Goals? We Deliver!

*Skip endless cookie cupboard trips with bulk delivery!*

### Why Choose Bulk Delivery?

- **Save Time** - One delivery vs. multiple pickups
- **Focus on Sales** - Less logistics, more selling
- **Scale Up** - Perfect for high-volume troops

### How It Works (Starting February 2)

- Order 300+ cases (any variety) → We deliver to your door!
- Full payment due ACH Sweep (March 13<sup>th</sup>).

### Ready to Qualify?

- ✓ **Secure storage available** (garage, basement, indoor space)
- ✓ **Easy truck access** for delivery day
- ✓ **300+ cases minimum** per location
- ✓ **Full troop leadership buy-in** required

### Final Details

- **All orders/sales are final** - plan your quantities carefully
- Maximize your cookie season potential!

Questions? Email [productprogram@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:productprogram@girlscoutsgcnwi.org)



Membership

## Invite a Friend to Join the Fun!

Did you know that  
**you can get fun patch** when you  
invite a friend to join Girl Scouts?

All new Girl Scouts in grades K-12 who  
refer a friend to join Girl Scouts are  
eligible to receive:

- A Lily pad friend patch...and
- One baby frog patch for every friend  
you bring!

[Learn more here](#)





# Girl Experience: Program

## Choose Your Side



Let's come together  
to embrace our creativity,  
explore self-expression and  
celebrate friendship  
while viewing *Wicked* 1

Saturday, October 25 11:00am-2:00pm  
Joliet Gathering Place



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

## Join us for a *Wickedly* Creative Pajama Paint Party

# WICKED



Cost: \$30 | Snacks Provided

All levels are welcome!  
This is a drop-off event.

Saturday, October 25 11:00am-2:00pm  
Vernon Hills Gathering Place



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

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

# Register for the Fall Reading Challenge!

**Cost:** \$5 (includes reading list, reading tracker, reflection log, and fun patch)

**Dates:** September 10-November 10

Register using the QR code or visit  
[girlscout.info/FallReadingChallengeRegistration](https://girlscout.info/FallReadingChallengeRegistration)



## Will you earn them all?

Starting with our 2025 Summer Reading Challenge, each participant will receive a base patch and accompanying seasonal rocker.

## First time participating?

Select that you need a base patch when you submit your reading reflection log.



## Junior and Cadette Book Club

Juniors and Cadettes, join us for Book Club! We meet virtually on the last Sunday of each month.

*This is a FREE program.*

**Junior October Book Club:**  
[girlscout.info/JROctBookClub](https://girlscout.info/JROctBookClub)  
**Cadette October Book Club:**  
[girlscout.info/CDOctBookClub](https://girlscout.info/CDOctBookClub)

# Community Service Corner

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

**Daisy, Brownie, Junior Leaders** 5:00 pm-5:45 pm  
**Join us to discuss**

**Cadette, Senior, Ambassador**  
**Girl Scouts and Leaders** 6:00 pm-6:45 pm  
**Join us to learn more**



**Preorder your Kindness Rocks Kit**  
at [girlscout.info/kindnessrockskit](https://girlscout.info/kindnessrockskit)  
from **October 1 – October 25**

Kits will be available for Pick up at your nearest  
Gathering Place during the week of Oct 27

Cost: \$30 *which includes 10 Rocks, 10 patches, 10 cards to  
share as you spread kindness, paint markers and sealant*

## Feed My Starving Children Event

Saturday, November 8

555 Exchange Court Aurora, IL



*\$12 (includes 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)

## Winter Service Project 11/10-12/12

Collecting donations for  
senior holiday care packages:  
*fuzzy socks, tea bags, hot chocolate packets,  
puzzles, word search books, handwritten  
cards at each Gathering Place*



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



## Ooey Gooley Science

October 11 | 10:00am – 12:00pm | \$25

Schererville and Greene Wood Gathering Places  
Daisy, Brownie, and Junior (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

Let's get messy while we play with  
STEM (science, technology,  
engineering, and math)

Explore chemical reactions, make  
messy paintings, and create ooey  
gooley slime!



Scan the QR code  
or visit  
[bit.ly/ooeygooeysci](http://bit.ly/ooeygooeysci)

## Wreath Making Workshop

Coming December 13

Save  
the  
Date!

Girl Scouts (and their adults)  
are invited to join us for some  
cozy craft time fun!

A  
You and Me  
Program

## More Spark Days

Girl Scout Money Workshop with U.S. Bank:  
November 22  
Columbus Park Refectory Building

Scan the QR code or  
click here to register



Rose Pest Spark Day:  
November 1  
Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum  
*Registration coming soon!*



## NEW! Body Appreciation Badges

@girlscouts

These badges (for K-12th grade) are all about helping girls see their bodies in a whole new way!

Through fun, age-appropriate, and progressive activities, Girl Scouts build confidence, practice self-care, and start lifelong habits that support both physical and emotional well-being.

Girl Scouts get to move for fun, celebrate what makes them—and others—unique, and embrace their authentic selves. Along the way, they'll explore how to set healthy boundaries and handle pressures from society, media, and peers—all while learning how to lift others up and create a culture of kindness and respect.

Learn more here: [girlscouts.org/en/activities-for-girls/for-every-girl/body-appreciation.html](https://girlscouts.org/en/activities-for-girls/for-every-girl/body-appreciation.html)

## NEW! Girl Scouts and Gabby's Dollhouse: The Movie!

Girl Scouts can get a free Gabby's Dollhouse: The Movie Activity Book. Find it here: [girlscouts.org/en/activities-for-girls/for-every-girl/gabbys-dollhouse.html#download](https://girlscouts.org/en/activities-for-girls/for-every-girl/gabbys-dollhouse.html#download)

*Fun Patch available soon!*





# Apply for Junior Pearls!

Junior Pearls are Junior Girl Scouts (grades 4-5) who are ready to shine through service, leadership, and community action. Named for the pearl, joining Junior Pearls symbolizes wisdom, growth, and strength. This program gives Juniors a dedicated space to dream big and dig into meaningful causes.

This is a new and unique program. Join our inaugural class!  
Tuition includes all programming for the year.

**Cost: \$200**

Includes:

- Dedicated space to earn a Leadership Award
- Participation in a Community Service Project
- Mentorship to design and facilitate a program in your Service Unit
  - Engagement in civic processes
  - Junior Camp CEO

Submit your application at [girlscout.info/JuniorPearlApplication](https://girlscout.info/JuniorPearlApplication)



# Juniors ♣ Cadettes

Join us for the NEW  
Leadership Program with our  
Associate Board

Saturday, October 18, 2025  
10:00am-1:00pm

Scan the QR code  
or visit [girlscout.info/  
LeadWithConfidence](https://girlscout.info/LeadWithConfidence)



**Lincoln Belmont Library**  
**1659 W Melrose Street**  
**Chicago, IL 60657**

This session is all about exploring  
leadership as a shared journey,  
where each of you has the power  
to create positive change in your  
life and the world around you.  
Come hang out with the Associate  
Board!

**Cost: \$25**  
(snack will be provided)

## Save the Date

Project Law Track Chicago: February 28, 2026

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Project Law Track Dupage: March 14, 2026

Spend the day with women law professionals serving as your mentors while you explore the path to law school and the many different opportunities a legal career can offer.



SAVE  
THE  
DATE!



# STEM Fest

\$30

April 25, 2026  
10:00am to 4:00pm  
Joliet Gathering Place

## TRIP & TRAVEL

### Savannah, GA Takeover



Join Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana on **August 3 – 7, 2026** as we take over Savannah, GA! Discover the roots of Girl Scouting in the charming city of Savannah—home of our founder, Juliette Gordon Low. Don't miss this unforgettable Girl Scout experience.

## TRIP INFORMATION

- Round-trip transportation from Chicago, IL to Savannah, GA via private charter bus
- Four-night hotel stay
- Ground transportation in Savannah, GA
- Visit Juliette Gordon Low's birthplace and the first Girl Scouts headquarters
- Visit to Tybee Island with a dolphin cruise
- Daily breakfast at the hotel
- Open to troops and individually registered members.
- Leaders and families are invited to attend.

Scan QR code or visit  
[girlscout.info/SavannahTakeover26](https://girlscout.info/SavannahTakeover26)  
by October 15 to register

**\$200 Deposit secures your spot**



Questions? [GSTravel☆ GirlScoutsgcnwi.org](https://GSTravel.GirlScoutsgcnwi.org)

# TRIP & TRAVEL WORKSHOP



Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors  
(Grades K – 5)

## ADVENTURE CITY

Saturday, November 8, 2025  
Schererville Gathering Place  
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Cost \$25

Fun patch included

Come join the fun as we 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!

Financial Assistance is available

Scan QR code or visit  
[girlscout.info/travel](https://girlscout.info/travel)



Questions? [GSTravel☆ GirlScoutsgcnwi.org](https://GSTravel.GirlScoutsgcnwi.org)



# TRIP & TRAVEL WORKSHOP

## TRAVEL SMART!

**Calling all adventurers in grades 6 – 12**

Using fun, interactive activities, Girl Scouts will explore how to choose a destination, pack efficiently, and prepare for a trip. This workshop will inspire young adventurers to travel with confidence and excitement!

Friday, November 7, 2025  
Schererville Gathering Place  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Cost \$25

Fun patch included

Financial Assistance is available



Scan QR code or visit  
[girlscout.info/travel](https://girlscout.info/travel)



Questions? [GSTravel☆ GirlScoutsgcnwi.org](https://GSTravel.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)



# Bronze Award Leader Training

Join us for a training for Troop Leaders, to help you confidently guide Girl Scouts through their FIRST Highest Award. We'll go over each step, project inspiration, and new prerequisites.

Participants will be mailed their guidelines, plus other helpful resources for you and your Girl Scouts!

**Dates:** October 21 and January 20

**Time:** 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Virtual - meeting link will be emailed to participants.

**Cost:** \$8



October Registration Link:  
[girlscout.info/OctBronzeTraining](https://girlscout.info/OctBronzeTraining)



January Registration Link:  
[girlscout.info/JanBronzeTraining](https://girlscout.info/JanBronzeTraining)

## 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:**  
October 23, December 11, February 19



**Upcoming Gold Award Workshop:**  
November 20, January 15

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

# Girl Experience: Outdoor Program



## **Astronomy Club**

October 26 at  
Camp Greene Wood

Connect with nature by exercising  
your wild side!

Celebrate National Howl at the  
Moon Day by taking a night hike  
prowl. Come with your Girl Scout  
pack or as a lone wolf.

Sign-Up [HERE](#)



# **Astronomy Club**

November 1 at the  
Vernon Hills Gathering Place

Join us for a mind-bending journey into the mysterious world of black holes! We'll explore how they form, what makes them so powerful, and enjoy interactive activities to help us have fun while we learn.

Sign-Up [HERE](#)



# Pumpkin Archery



November 1, 8, and 9  
at Camp Butternut Springs  
and Camp Greene Wood

Learn the basics of holding and shooting a bow and arrow at our pumpkin-themed archery clinics. Bring your leftover pumpkin(s) to compost at camp for some extra bonus archery fun!

Click [HERE](#) > go to  
"2025-2026 Year-Round Programs" >  
filter for a session near you

# Pumpkin Smash November 8 and 9 at Camp Greene Wood

Bring your old pumpkins to compost...  
and SMASH!

Join us for our 8th annual Pumpkin  
Smash event and unite with others in  
the effort to help divert compostable  
material from our landfills.

November 8 Sign-Up  
November 9 Sign-Up







## Fall Fest November 8 and 9 at Camp Greene Wood

Participate in various activities that include making a themed craft, adventuring through the forest, playing games, and enjoying a snack around the campfire's glow.

Attend our fun Fall Fest either before or after the Pumpkin Smash!

November 8 [Sign-Up](#)

November 9 [Sign-Up](#)



## Hike and History at Isle a la Cache November 16

Embrace the great outdoors and enjoy the benefits of hiking with your Girl Scout friends.

This month we will be hiking at Isle a la Cache (in Romeoville). Step into the past and hike island trails surrounded by water, wildlife, and rich 18th-century fur trade history!

Sign-Up [HERE](#)

**Outdoor Leadership Club**  
Weekend  
at Camp Palos  
November 14-16, 2025

Spend the weekend with  
Outdoor Leadership Club!  
We will have plenty of fun camp  
activities, outdoor cooking, and  
teambuilding.

Celebrate Camp T-Shirt Day by leading  
other Girl Scouts in creating their own  
tie dye shirt and helping to design the  
Summer 2026 Camp Shirt!

Sign-Up [HERE](#)





# Tees, Trees, and Camp Memories

## November 15 and 16

### at Camp Palos



Celebrate National Camp Shirt Day by joining us for a cozy and creative weekend filled with, s'mores, stories by the campfire, silly games with friends, and outdoor adventures! This overnight experience is all about celebrating the traditions, skills, and friendships that make Girl Scout camp unforgettable!

This weekend is going to be tee-rific!

You'll also get to help design the 2026 Summer Camp T-Shirt!

Sign-Up [HERE](#)





## Camp Lights December 5, 6, 12, and 13 at Camp Palos

Camp is getting a festive glow-up during our annual Camp Lights event—an evening filled with twinkling lights, winter-themed fun, and magical memories waiting to be made. Wander through camp and choose your own adventure with a variety of glowing, wintry, hands-on activity stations!

Register by clicking a date below:

[December 5](#) | [December 6](#)  
[December 12](#) | [December 13](#)

Camp Lights:  
Troop Decorating  
Extravaganza!  
December 3 and 4  
at Camp Palos

Bring your troop to camp and help  
decorate Camp Palos for the  
holidays and the upcoming Camp  
Lights events!

December 3 [Sign-Up](#)  
December 4 [Sign-Up](#)





## Outdoor Clubs Combined Holiday Party December 7 at Camp Palos

Join us for a club holiday party and get excited for 2026 club and outdoor opportunities! Reminisce about your favorite camp and outdoor memories, enjoy some delicious pizza, play some fun holiday-themed games, and do some favorite camp crafts.

Sign-Up [HERE](#)

# Belonging and Culture



## Nourish & Lead: A Workshop Series for Youth Workers



This initiative is designed to refresh, connect, and celebrate the vital roles you play in the lives of young people. This environment is tailored for YOU, whether you are a volunteer or part of the staff.

We are thrilled to introduce a unique workshop series presented by Amulet Consortium: Nourish & Lead

**Session 1:** *Finding Joy and Purpose as a Volunteer*

**Date:** Saturday October 25, 2025

**Time:** 10am - 12:30pm

**Location:** Schererville Office

**Session 2:** *Cultural Awareness & Emotional Intelligence*

**Date:** Sunday November 9, 2025

**Time:** 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

**Location:** Schererville Office

**Session 3:** Metal Health Care and Fatigue

**Date:** December 10, 2025

**Time:** 7pm **Location:** Virtual

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**Questions? Email:** [everygirl☆ girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:everygirl@girlscoutsgcnwi.org)

## Introducing our council's ALL ABILITIES Patch Program

Completing this patch program will strengthen the following skills:

- Recognizing the abilities of others
- Embracing one another and appreciating our individual talents
- Embodying the fundamental human right to belong

Click here or visit  
[bit.ly/AllAbilitiesPatchProgramRequest](https://bit.ly/AllAbilitiesPatchProgramRequest)  
to request a copy of the All Abilities Patch Program



Questions? Email: [everygirl☆ girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:everygirl@girlscoutsgcnwi.org)

## Does your troop have sensory support needs?

Our council is now sensory certified...  
And we can provide resources for YOU and YOUR TROOP!

Register for a session to learn more, during which you will learn how to:

- Support individuals with sensory needs
- Better engage with individuals with sensory needs

Click here to register or visit  
[bit.ly/KultureCityTrainingforLeaderTeams](https://bit.ly/KultureCityTrainingforLeaderTeams)



# We're for EVERY Girl Scout!

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana welcomes the participation of all youth and adults.

Our council strives to ensure that our activities are accessible to everyone, regardless of ability. Contact our Belonging and Culture Team to discover all that Girl Scouts has to offer you or your Girl Scout.

Looking for resources? *We've got them!*

KIT (Kids Included Together) provides training and development opportunities. Visit training options in gsLearn (through your MyGS account) or visit [kit.org](https://www.kit.org)

Looking for accessible supports?  
[Click this link to complete a request form.](#)

Looking for mindful resources?  
Contact our Belonging and Culture Team to discover more

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Christine Ward, Manager  
[cward@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:cward@girlscoutsgcnwi.org)

# Fund Development





# 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.



Governance



Washington, DC  
July 20-25, 2026

Registration is now open  
for the 2026  
National Council Session  
and Girl Scout Convention



Once every three years, Girl Scouts from across the movement gather for this exciting event! Want to learn more? Visit the [GSUSA Convention Page](#). Tickets and hotel room blocks are now available.



General questions about the convention experience?  
Email Alaina Greene at [agreene@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:agreene@girlscoutsgcnwi.org)

## Why are District Delegates important?

District Delegates – along with our National Delegates and our Board of Directors – make up the voting body for our council. In other words, District Delegates have a direct impact on decision making for our council!

Learn more by visiting our [Democratic Process page](#)

### Here are the details:

- Each Service Unit is allowed to select 2 District Delegates
- Delegates may be Adult Members or Girl Scouts who are at least 14 years of age at the time of selection
- Delegates typically attend 5-9 virtual meetings a year and our Annual Meeting (which typically happens in April)

Interested? Contact your Service Unit Manager to see if your Service Unit is looking for a District Delegate.

SUMs may use the email below to inform us of any selections.

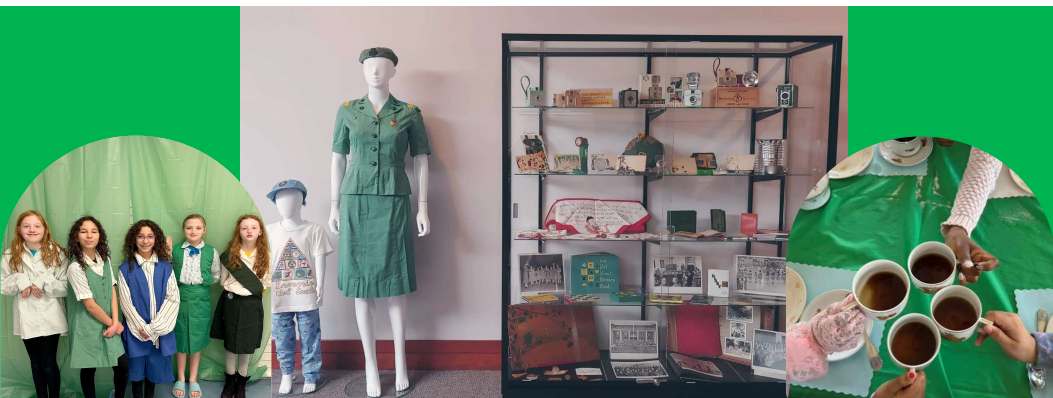
Questions? Email [democraticprocess@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:democraticprocess@girlscoutsgcnwi.org)

## Become a District Delegate!



# Volunteer Experience





The GCNWI Council Historians invite you to explore Girl Scout history!

To earn this fun patch, Girl Scouts must collect 10 points which can be earned through a variety of activities that explore Girl Scout history. This can be done at the Girl Scout History Center in Vernon Hills or at a location of your choice.

Girl Scouts can also utilize the Historian Activity Kits available to borrow at all Gathering Places to help complete the activities!

Learn about our Girl Scout History with our new patch program!



Find the full patch program details on our websites [Patch Program Page](#).

Patches will be available soon at the GCNWI shop.

Starting this fall,  
all registered Girl  
Scout adults will be  
required to  
complete our  
**Volunteer Basics  
Training.**

**This learning path  
includes five  
courses:**

- Delivering Inclusive Program
- Mental Wellness 101
- New Leader Onboarding: Troop Safety
- Troop Safety Update
- Girl Scouts Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention



### **Why was this new learning path created?**

This new training is an opportunity for all adults who register with us to learn about the Girl Scout mission, culture, and how we keep Girl Scouts safe.

Having this new training in place for everyone also minimizes the amount of training volunteers will need to take for other roles as they grow with the organization.

**All five courses (combined) will take about 2 hours to complete.  
They do not need to be completed all at once.**

Learn more about our adult training at

<https://www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/en/members/for-volunteers/volunteer-resources/volunteer-training.html>



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# *Design your own custom apparel.*

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# *Mark your Calendars!*

Burbank, Greene Wood, Joliet,  
Schererville & Vernon Hills

**October 11 & 25  
November 15  
December 13**

**Shops open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Schererville open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**





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## ***Troop Treats and Shopping Sprees!***

Themed activities, discounts,  
spin the prize wheel, and more...

**Make your own trick or treat bag!**



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November 18  
December 9

Burbank, Chicago, Greene Wood,  
Joliet, Schererville & Vernon Hills

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Workshop  
at our  
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Council programs, camp, outdoor programs, and leadership training:

<https://girlscout.info/gcnwiregistration>

### How to use your Cookie Dough voucher:

Use this link <https://girlscout.info/useCDandNB> to request that Cookie Dough be applied to your account on our registration site. Follow the instructions on the form and we will apply the requested amount towards your registration.

**If you have any questions, contact**  
[customercare@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:customercare@girlscoutsgcnwi.org)

**Using Cookie Dough, Nutty Bucks, or a Gift Card  
for council programs, camp, outdoor programs, and leadership training,  
on our registration site.**



# Troop and Volunteer Resources



Use the **Troop Year Planner**  
to plan an amazing Girl Scout year!

Visit [bit.ly/TroopYearPlan](https://bit.ly/TroopYearPlan) to learn more



**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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## 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

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