

November 2025 Council Updates

girl scouts 
of greater chicago
and northwest
indiana



Service Unit Team Meeting Schedule for MY26

Thursday, November 13 Virtual SUM Meeting:
From 7:00-8:00 p.m., we will host a meeting for SUMs and/or SU Team members.

Based on feedback we have heard from YOU, we are building an agenda that will cover topics you want to know about. We encourage SUs to invite other members of the team to get involved in the conversation as well!

[Click here to join the meeting](#)
(The link will also be emailed out to you)

A virtual SU Meeting will also be held
January 13 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

February & May SUM Meetings
from 6:30-8:00 p.m. (plus a
social from 8:00-9:00 p.m.)

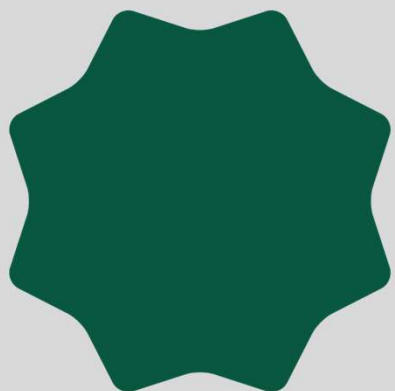
February meetings will take place:

- February 10 – Chicago location TBD
- February 11 – virtual
- February 12 – Greene Wood

May meetings will take place:

- May 14 – Schererville
- May 18 – virtual
- May 19 - Joliet

ACTION ITEMS



- Don't forget to update your SU meeting details. Knowing when and where you are meeting allows us to better support you and your volunteers! Scan the QR code or visit girlscout.info/sumeetingdetails
- Join us on Thursday, November 13 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. for a virtual SUM meeting (see slide 2 for details)
- More Cookie Training Dates (slide 11)
- Get your tickets for the Cookie Kick Off (slide 12)
- Share these upcoming events with your SU:
 - Cookie U (slide 5)
 - Chicago Toy & Game Fair (slide 6)



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 

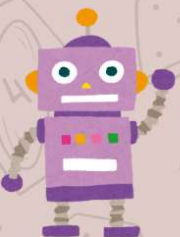
Saturday, November 15, 2025
Vernon Hills ♣ Joliet (simultaneous sessions)



Daisies/Brownies
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Juniors
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.





**Join Girl Scouts at the
Chicago Toy & Game Fair!**

**Experience the magic of the
Chicago Toy & Game Fair,**
North America's largest public toy
and game expo, happening
November 8 – 9, 2025
at the
Donald E. Stephens Convention Center
in Rosemont

Enjoy hands-on exhibits, meet toy creators,
take part in challenges, and even play giant
games—there's something exciting for
every age!

Make sure to stop by the Girl Scouts of
Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana booth
for fun activities, to earn an exclusive
commemorative patch, and to learn more
about our Girl Scout community!

[Get Your Ticket!](#)



Badge Boost of the Month

Every month, **Badge Boost** brings volunteers a new training focused on helping you grow your skills, spark new ideas, and feel even more confident leading your troop.

Some months you'll discover something brand new, other times you'll get a fresh perspective on familiar topics—but each Boost is designed with volunteers in mind.

This Month's Badge Boost:



**New Leader Onboarding:
The Girl Scout Cookie Program**

In this course, you will learn the basics of the Girl Scout Cookie program. We also highlight exciting program opportunities, important safety guidelines, and tips to engage families in the fun.

[Start Course](#)

Head to the gsLearn library and search:

*GSUSA New Leader Onboarding:
The Girl Scout Cookie Program*

Jump in today and see how this month's training can help you unlock your next "badge" of leadership.



Interested in Girl Scout History?

The GCNWI Historians
are welcoming new members!

Join us on **Sunday, November 8**
from **10:00 - 3:00 p.m.**
at the **Vernon Hills Gathering Place**

Visit our History Center, meet the
Historians, and learn about the work they
do across the council.

This event is open to Adult Members and
Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts who
may be interested.

To RSVP, scan the QR code or visit:
bit.ly/GCNWIHistorianOpenHouse



Product Program



WE DID IT!

**Council Fall Product Goal
*ACHIEVED***

Thank **YOU!**

You answered the call!
Together, we showed what Girl
Scouts can accomplish!



Cookie Program Training Schedule

All Sessions are Virtual

Troop Cookie Manager Training

November 20 ✱ 6:30 p.m.

Cookie 101

For NEW troop cookie managers

December 1 ✱ 7:00 p.m.

Digital Cookie Training

For parents and leaders

December 8 ✱ 6:30 p.m.



SAVE
THE
DATES!

eBudde Training
January 6 ✱ 6:00 p.m.

eBudde Training
For NEW troop cookie managers
January 8 ✱ 6:00 p.m.

Open Mic Nights
January 13-14 ✱ 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Cookie Bites and Cookie Chats: *Explore cookie program topics and get your questions answered; Schedule coming soon*

Questions? Contact productprogram@girlscoutsgcnwi.org



Scan QR or
visit bit.ly/46pCML4
to register today!



Girl Scout Cookie Rally

Saturday, Jan. 3, 2026

PRESENTED BY:

girl scouts
of greater chicago
and northwest
indiana

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.

FEATURING:



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.

2026 Cookie Program

Brave.
Fierce.
Fun!



Important Dates

December 12

**First Day of
Cookie Order
Taking**

January 3

Cookie Rally

January 14

**Last Day
Troop Initial
Order**

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.*

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)

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

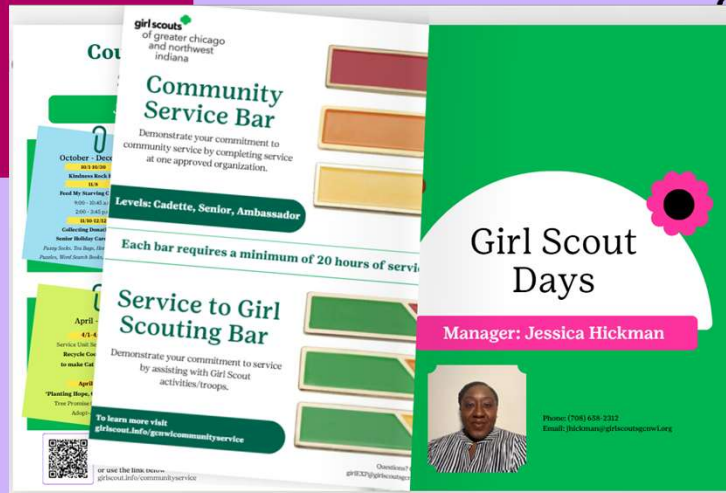
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Girl Experience: Program & Highest Awards

Introducing the Girl Experience Guide!

Find all program fliers, all in one place! Flip through the Girl Experience Guide to discover exciting, hands-on experiences. The guide will be updated regularly, bookmark the link for easy access.

To view it, scan the QR code or visit:
girlscout.info/GirlExperienceGuide



Girl Scout Spark Day!

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



Scan the QR
code to register:



Join your sister Girl Scouts and
Girl Guides from more than
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

You and Me: Wreath Making Workshop



December 13
from 10:00 - 12:00 p.m.
at the Schererville or Vernon
Hills Gathering Places

Cost: \$25

Girl Scouts and their adults are invited to
join us for winter crafting fun!
Create a wreath together and work on
paintings while enjoying snacks.

Scan the QR code or visit
girlscout.info/STEAM



Discover Coding with Black Girls Code



For Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes
(2nd-8th grade)

Saturday December 13

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Kennedy King College in Chicago

Cost: \$5

Learn coding while creating
interactive holiday cards!

Beginner and intermediate level
coders welcome.

Scan the QR code or visit
girlscout.info/STEAM



Calling All Readers!

Register for our seasonal Reading Challenges

Cost: \$7 (Includes reading list, reading tracker, reflection log, and fun patch!)



Fall:

Ends November 10

girlscout.info/FallReadingChallengeRegistration



Winter:

December 1, 2025 – February 1, 2026

girlscout.info/WinterReadingChallenge

To register,
scan the QR code
or visit the URL

Full patch set available to earn



Join the Junior or Cadette Book Clubs

We meet virtually on the
last Sunday of each month.
This is a FREE program.

Sign up here:

Junior October Book Club:
girlscout.info/JRNovBookClub

Cadette October Book Club:
girlscout.info/CDNovBookClub



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





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

Apply before Induction on November 16!
Applications still open at girlscout.info/JuniorPearlApplication

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 - 5:45 p.m.

Join us to discuss

Cadette, Senior, Ambassador
Girl Scouts and Leaders 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.
Join us to learn more

Holiday Ornament Collection Drive 10/27-11/14

Collecting brand new ornaments to bring
joy and a smile to patients' faces.

Collecting donations at each Gathering
Place except Chicago.

Donations will be distributed through
HopeOrnaments.org



Feed My Starving Children Event
Saturday, November 8
555 Exchange Court Aurora, IL

Cost: \$12 (*includes donation to FMSC ♦ a patch*)

Available shifts: 9:00 - 10:45 a.m. or 2:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Interested in Participating? Complete this form:
girlscout.info/FMSCinterest

Winter Service Project 11/17-12/19

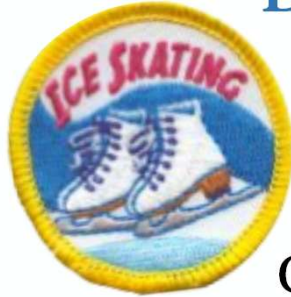


Collecting donations at all Gathering Places
(except Chicago) for senior holiday care packages,
including: *fuzzy socks, puzzles, word searches,*
tea, hot chocolate (packets), and
handwritten cards

Donate 3 items to receive a patch

Questions? Contact jhickman@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

Girl Scout Days



Bulldog Ice Skating Family Event Crown Point, Indiana

Sunday, December 21, 2025
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Cost \$7 per person (includes patch for Girl Scouts)

girlscout.info/bulldogiceskating



4 Seasons Horse Stable Crown Point, Indiana

Saturday, March 7, 2026
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Cost \$30 (includes patch for Girl Scouts)



girlscout.info/4seasonshorstable



STEM Fest

April 25, 2026

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Joliet Gathering Place

Cost: \$30

Scan the QR code or visit
girlscout.info/STEAM





Project Law Track

If you enjoy tackling challenges and standing up for what you believe in, using your voice, or if you're simply curious about the life of a lawyer, then Project Law is for you!

Project Law Track Chicago: February 28, 2026

Cost: \$35, Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Apply today at: girlscout.info/PLTinfo

Registration link will be provided after a short interview

Project Law Track DuPage: March 14, 2026

Cost: \$30, Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Register at girlscout.info/ProjectLawDupage

Program Aide and VIT (Volunteer in Training) Leadership Training

This training prepares young leaders at our Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador age levels to get involved and inspire younger troops through effective activity facilitation and event planning, fostering leadership skills and a passion for community service.

November 15, 2025

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Greene Wood Gathering Place
3155 71st St, Naperville, IL 60540

February 21, 2026

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Joliet Gathering Place
1551 Spencer Road, Joliet, IL 60433

May 2, 2026

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Vernon Hills Gathering Place
650 Lakeview Pkwy, Vernon Hills, IL
60061

Scan the QR code or visit
girlscout.info/awards
to register



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: January 20

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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

Cost: \$8



January Registration Link:
girlscout.info/JanBronzeTraining

True North Leadership to Awards (Grades 4-12)



Scan the QR code or visit
<https://girlscout.info/awards>

The True North award is about discovering what matters to you and staying true to yourself.

Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors can earn most of the True North Award, followed by highest awards training, at a local Gathering Place:

Joliet Gathering Place
November 8, 2025
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Greene Wood Gathering Place
January 10, 2026
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Vernon Hills Gathering Place
February 7, 2026
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Cost: \$25



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:

December 11, February 19



Upcoming Gold Award Workshop:

November 20, January 15

All workshops run from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
(Link provided after registration)

Cost: \$8

Scan the QR code or register at
girlscout.info/awards



Supporting volunteers, check out the new training in gsLearn:
"GSUSA How to Support a Gold Award Girl Scout"

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

Girl Experience: Trip & Travel

TRIP & TRAVEL WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

TRAVEL SMART Calling 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 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Schererville Gathering Place
Cost \$25

Fun patch included
Financial Assistance is available

To register,
scan QR code or visit
girlscout.info/travel

ADVENTURE CITY

For Daisies, Brownies & Juniors (Grades K–5)

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!

Saturday, November 8, 2025
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Schererville Gathering Place
Cost \$25

Fun patch included
Financial Assistance is available

“Ready, Set, Travel!” Volunteer Travel Training Whether you're a troop leader or a parent with a passion for travel, this self-paced training is for you! Designed to help you plan and lead safe, memorable trips, this training is your first step toward exciting Girl Scout travel opportunities. Let's get ready to explore! Available on gsLearn. Scan the QR code to get started



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

GIRL SCOUT DAY

DuSable Black History Museum

740 E 56th Place, Chicago, IL

Sunday, February 22, 2026

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Open to troops, families, and friends
Scan QR code or visit girlscout.info/travel



Discover the stories, achievements, and rich cultural heritage of African Americans through hands-on exhibits and interactive experiences designed to inspire curiosity and courage.

Cost: Free museum admission!

Optional \$15.00 includes an exclusive, custom T-shirt & matching Black History patch



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

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, May 2, 2026

11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cost \$45 Per Person

**Includes private, guided tour,
travel swag, and patch**

Scan QR code or visit girlscout.info/travel



TRIP & TRAVEL



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

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
- Troops and individually registered members.
- Leaders and families are invited to attend.



Scan QR code or visit
girlscout.info/SavannahTakeover26

\$200 Deposit by December 15, 2025
secures your spot

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

TRIP & TRAVEL

South Africa 2028



We're headed to South Africa!
Join us to learn more about this trip
on **Tuesday, November 11, 2025**
Scan the QR code or
visit bit.ly/4pyljri to register

Italy & Greece 2028



We're headed to Italy and Greece!
Join us to learn more about this trip
on **Wednesday, December 3, 2025**
Scan the QR code or
visit bit.ly/42sEdY3 to register

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

Girl Experience: Outdoor Program



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!

Scan the QR code or click [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!

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

Help design the
Summer 2026
Camp Shirt!



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!

Scan the QR code
or sign-Up [HERE](#)





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](#)



Camp Lights

December 5, 6, and 12 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, wintery, hands-on activity stations!

Register by CLICKING a DATE below
or by scanning the QR code:
[December 5](#) | [December 6](#) | [December 12](#)





Outdoor Clubs Combined Holiday Party December 7 at Camp Palos

Astronomy Club and Outdoor Leadership Club

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 by clicking [HERE](#)
or by scanning the QR code below:



Astronomy Club

Learn something new at Astronomy Club - where stargazers embark on a thrilling journey through the universe!

January 10, 2026: Visit the Challenger Learning Center in Northwest Indiana to experience an educational program in their planetarium followed by a unique laser show!

Sign-Up [HERE](#)

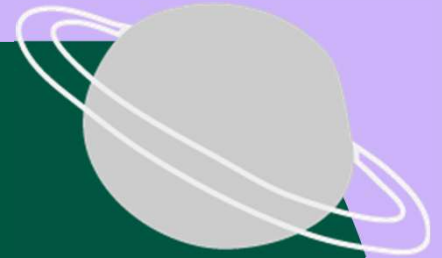
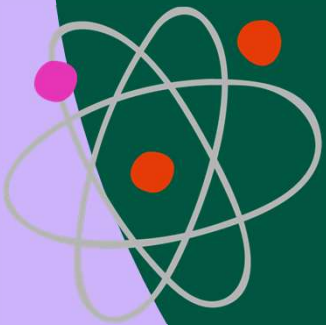
January



February 28, 2026: This month, blast off into the exciting world of space travel and rockets! Learn how rockets work, what it takes to launch into space, and build your own spacecraft.

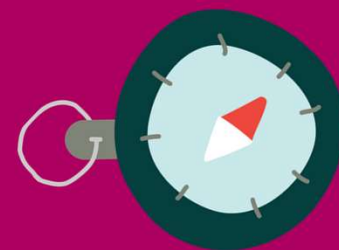
Sign-Up [HERE](#)

February



Outdoor Leadership Club

Are you passionate about the outdoors and looking to take your leadership skills to the next level? Join us to develop the natural outdoor leader in you through outdoor skills workshops.



January 15, 2026: Practice your knot-tying skills and learn the art of lashing. We'll work on different lashing techniques and build a variety of useful structures. Learn how to teach others to tie essential camping knots to prepare for any outdoor adventure.

Sign-Up [HERE](#)

January



February 22, 2026: Dive into how to lead fun, hands-on STEAM activities for younger Girl Scouts! We'll explore ways to incorporate STEAM into outdoor activities and education.

Sign-Up [HERE](#)

February



Summer Camp Kickoff | January 31, 2026

Help us celebrate the launch of Summer Camp 2026!

Join us for our Summer Camp Kickoff and enjoy a delicious s'more, talk to the camp director, and ask any questions you have about the upcoming summer camp options.

Summer Camp registrations go live on February 2, 2026.

Register by clicking a location below:

[Camp Butternut Springs](#)

for information about Camp Butternut Springs

[Vernon Hills Gathering Place](#)

for information about Camp Juniper Knoll

[Camp Greene Wood](#)

for information about Camp Greene Wood



Camp
Butternut
Springs



Vernon Hills
Gathering Place



Camp
Greene
Wood



Get Outdoors Challenge – Winter

February 7, 2026 at Camp Palos



Join us for an exciting Winter Outdoor Challenge designed specifically for Girl Scouts and families!

Explore camp during winter. Make your very own snow ice cream to enjoy with some warm hot cocoa. Join in the fun and play some winter-themed games. Get crafty with some winter art and even make your own snow.

Let's celebrate the season and embark on this winter adventure together!

Sign-Up:

[Morning](#)



[Afternoon](#)





Valentine Hike at Camp Palos February 14, 2026

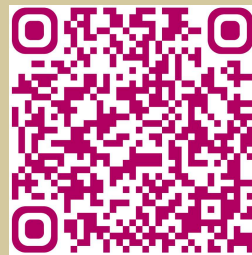
Embrace the great outdoors and
enjoy the benefits of hiking with
your Girl Scout friends.

Celebrate friendship and fresh air
with a heartwarming hike through
the winter woods—perfect for
sharing the love of nature!

Sign-Up [HERE](#)



Sign-Up:





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](#)



There is always room for MORE Girl Scouts!

- Encourage troops to make sure all their spots are filled
 - Creating new troops in your communities

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

If you're a returning volunteer recruiting girls in your community, visit GirlScoutsGCNWI.org/recruitment to access flyers and other recruitment materials.



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: 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Location: Schererville Office

Session 2: *Cultural Awareness & Emotional Intelligence*

Date: Sunday November 9, 2025

Time: 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Location: Schererville Office

Session 3: Metal Health Care and Fatigue

Date: December 10, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Scan Me



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
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



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 the request form](#)

Looking for mindful resources?

Contact our Belonging and Culture Team to discover more

Veronica Aguiñaga, Director
vaguinaga@Girlscoutsgcnwi.org

Christine Ward, Manager
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.

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Girl Scout Democratic Process



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

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

Become a District Delegate!



Customer Care and Retail

Design your own custom apparel.

Mix and match designs on t-shirts, crewneck sweatshirts and a baseball t-shirt!



shop.girlscoutsgcnwi.org



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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.



shop.girlscoutsgcnwi.org

Troop Treats and Shopping Sprees!

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

Make your own trick or treat bag!



October 7
November 18
December 9

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

Shops stay open till 6 p.m.



2026 Holiday Gift Guide



girlscout.info/2026holidaygiftguide

**NOW
OPEN!**
Build-A-Bear
Workshop
at our
Schererville
Shop!



shop.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/contact-us/

BLACK FRIDAY

NOV 25 - 30



DEC 1

CYBER MONDAY



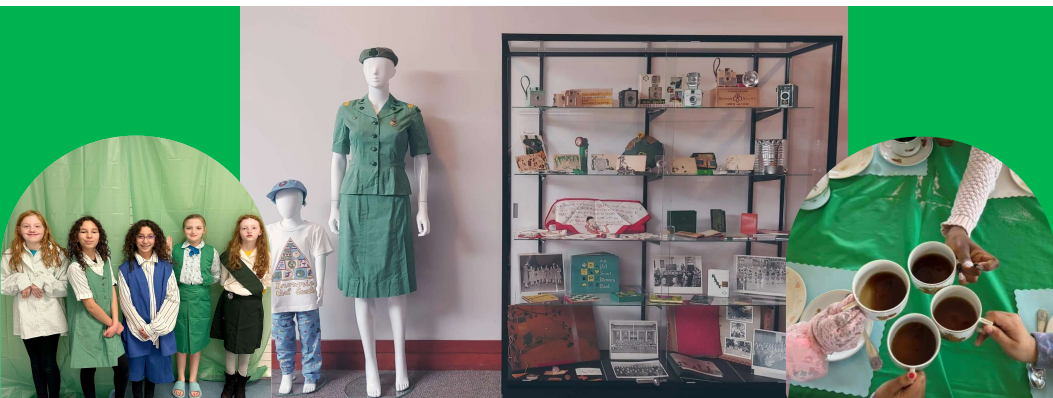
2026 Booth in a Bag!

\$35



www.girlscout.info/cookieseason

Volunteer Experience

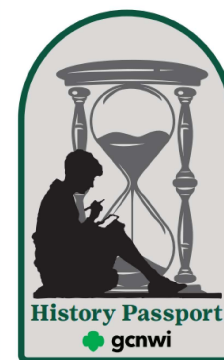


The GCNWI Council Historians invite you to explore Girl Scout history!

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 now available!

Fall First Aid & CPR Trainings

All troops are encouraged to
have a Troop First Aider. What
is a Troop First Aider?

[Click here to learn more!](#)

We have 11 trainings coming
up before the end of the year.

You can register for one of
them at:

[girlscout.info/facprregistrati
on](http://girlscout.info/facprregistrati
on)

November Trainings:

4 – 7:00 p.m. at Greene Wood GP

11 – 7:00 p.m. at Vernon Hills GP

12 – 7:30 p.m. in North Riverside

17 – 6:00 p.m. in Hyde Park

20 – 6:30 p.m. in Plainfield

20 – 6:30 p.m. at the Schererville GP

22 – 3:30 p.m. in Bolingbrook

23 – 2:30 p.m. in Glendale Heights

December Trainings:

3 – 7:00 p.m. at Greene Wood GP

8 – 5:00 p.m. in Minooka

10 – 7:30 p.m. in North Riverside

13 – 8:30 a.m. in Plainfield

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>



Troop and Volunteer Resources



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

Visit bit.ly/TroopYearPlan to learn more





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

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

**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)
fs24.formsite.com/gsgcnwi2/jgrefeuz7u/index



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