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2025-2026 Program Catalog



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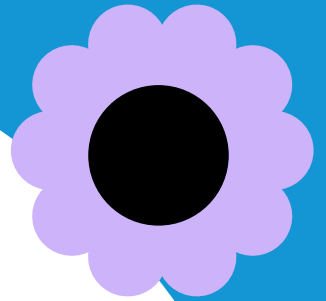


Spark Days

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S.T.E.M

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STEM Fest

April 25, 2026

entry
\$30

10am to 4pm

Joliet Gathering Place

Featuring:

The Sloomoo Institute

Girl Scouts First Lego Robotics

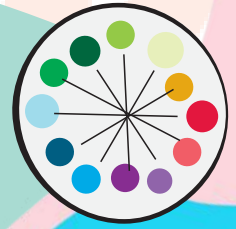
More Community Partners to be announced!



Questions? Contact:
Customer Care at 855-456-8347
Scan the QR code to register
or use the link below
<https://girlscout.info/STEAM>



Custom Programs



We'll bring the programming to you!



Custom programs are back!

Are you looking for a fun, hands-on activity that's perfect for your troop? Our Custom Programs are designed to inspire creativity, learning, and teamwork.

Choose from four engaging themes:
Spa Science, Food Science, Craft It Engineer It, or Colorful Science.

Custom programs are \$20 per participant and last two hours. The cost includes all supplies, staff facilitation, and a patch!

Must meet 12 girl minimum, 30 girl maximum.* See form for complete details.
*Service unit managers can request larger programs

How Do I Reserve?

Complete the form to get started, and a member of the Girl Experience Team will follow up to confirm your program details.

Where?

You may use a location of your choice, but you must reserve it and cover associated costs. To use a Gathering Place, list that in your application and we will do our best to accommodate!



Complete the form using the QR code or the link below:

<https://bit.ly/GCNWICustomPrograms>

Questions? Contact:

programs@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

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Leadership Awards

Manager: Andrea Vesecky



Phone: (219) 472-1972

Email: avesecky@girlscoutsgcnwi.org



Program Aide + VIT

Cadette - Ambassador, Grades: 6-12 | Cost: \$25.00

Empower the next generation of leaders with Program Aide and VIT Leadership Training.

This training prepares young leaders to co-lead and inspire younger troops through effective activity facilitation and event planning, fostering leadership skills and a passion for community service.

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

Greene Wood Gathering Place
3155 71st St, Naperville, IL 60540
November 15, 2025

Joliet Gathering Place
1551 Spencer Road, Joliet, IL 60433
February 21, 2026

Vernon Hills Gathering Place
650 N Lakeview Pkwy, Vernon Hills, IL 60061
May 2, 2026



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Questions? Contact:

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<https://girlscout.info/awards>



Community Service

Manager: Jessica Hickman



Phone: (708) 658-2312

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Community Service Virtual Information Sessions

Join us every second Tuesday of the month to learn more about upcoming community service opportunities.

How can I be of service?

Daisy, Brownie, Junior

5:00 - 5:45 p.m.

How can your troop lend a hand?
Searching for ideas?

Join us to discuss!



girlscout.info/LendingaHand

Looking to make the world a better place?

Cadette, Senior, Ambassador

6:00-6:45 p.m.

Looking to earn your Service Bars?

Join us to learn more!



girlscout.info/CommunityServiceBars

Council Community Service Corner

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Join Us to Serve, Lead, and Lend

October - December

10/1-10/30

Kindness Rock Kits

11/8

Feed My Starving Children

9:00 - 10:45 a.m.

2:00 - 3:45 p.m.

11/10-12/12

Collecting Donations for

Senior Holiday Care Packages

*Fuzzy Socks, Tea Bags, Hot Chocolate Packs,
Puzzles, Word Search Books, Handwritten Cards*

January - March

1/20-2/27

Collecting Birthday in a Bag Donations for
pantries, churches and shelters

Cake Mix, Icing, Cake Pan

Can of Sprite, Small Toy

3/14

Packing Day for Birthday Kits at each
Gathering Place

April - June

4/1-4/30

Service Unit Service Project

Recycle Cookie Boxes
to make Cat Scratchers

April-June

'Planting Hope, Growing Leaders'

Tree Promise (Two Locations)

Adopt-a-Garden

July - September

7/8-8/20

Collecting Comfort Wellness Donations
for Students at local schools

Small Fidget Toy, Hand Sanitizer, Lip Balm,

Tissue (travel size), Compact Brush,

Small Notebook, Pens

September

Pack Wellness Bags at the Gathering Places



Scan the QR code for
more information

or use the link below
girlscout.info/communityservice

Questions? Contact:
girlEXP@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

Community Service Bar

Demonstrate your commitment to
community service by completing service
at one approved organization.

Levels: Cadette, Senior, Ambassador



Each bar requires a minimum of 20 hours of service.

Service to Girl Scouting Bar

Demonstrate your commitment to service
by assisting with Girl Scout
activities/troops.



To learn more visit
girlscout.info/gcnwcommunityservice



Girl Scout Days

Manager: Jessica Hickman



Phone: (708) 658-2312

Email: jhickman@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

Girl Scout Day Chicago Cubs!

April 19 | 1:20 p.m. | Wrigley Field

It's the moment you've all been waiting for! Bring your hometown spirit as the Chicago Cubs take on the New York Mets and support our council.

Don't forget to select GCNWI when buying your tickets.



Patch
included.

Scan here to get
your tickets.





Girl
Scout
Day

Illinois State Capitol

Friday, May 1 | All Day Event



Questions? Contact:
girlEXP@girlscoutsgcnwi.org
Scan the QR code to register
or use the link below
girlscout.info/illinoisstatecapitol

Girl Scout Day at the Capitol is a unique opportunity for Girl Scouts throughout Illinois and surrounding states to assemble while learning about our government and community.

This year celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence!

All grade levels are welcome!
Must attend with Parent or Troop

Where:

Bank of Springfield (BOS) Center
1 Convention Center Plaza
Springfield, IL 62701

Girl Scout Price: \$80
Adult Price: \$75

Price includes registration, t-shirt, fun patch and transportation

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Aviation Day with the Chicago Area 99s

an organization of women pilots

May 23 | 8:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. | Lewis University



- Learn how airplanes fly
- Talk to women in aviation
- Learn how pilots communicate in the air
- Take part in a mechanics and navigations workshop
- Explore & take photos with different types of aircraft
- Hands-on learning about the controls that make different aircraft fly
- Meet Jet the dog, Lewis University's aviation mascot
- Fly a flight simulator
- Explore the inside of an MD80!

For Girl Scouts in grades 4-12

Program cost: \$23

Lunch will be served.

Special badges based on level are included.

Girl Scouts will need an adult chaperone for this event.

**Register
here by
May 9!**



Girl Scout Golf Day



Saturday, June 6 or June 27 | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. | Cost: \$50

Let's Tee Up!

Join us for a fun and interactive Girl Scout Golf Day at First Tee – Greater Chicago! This hands-on experience introduces Girl Scouts to the game of golf while building confidence, focus, and teamwork.

Grades 2-12
This is a drop off event!

A custom fun patch is included.

Where:

Harborside Youth Learning Center
11001 S. Doty Avenue Chicago, IL 60628



Saturday, June 6



girlscout.info/golfjune6

Register
Here!

Saturday, June 27



girlscout.info/golfjune27



S'mores on the Beach & Bridging Celebration

Sunday, June 28 | 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. | \$15.00

**Marquette Park Beach Pavilion
1 N Grand Blvd, Gary, IN**

Let's Have S'more Fun - Together!

Join us for our Annual S'mores on the Beach & Bridging Celebration, a joyful community gathering celebrating our Girl Scouts and the impact they make.

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors for an afternoon of music, dancing and delicious food. Everyone is welcome to come together, connect, celebrate.



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Questions? Contact:
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Older Girl

Manager: Samantha Lehman



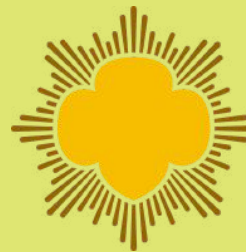
Phone: (630) 544-5924

Email: slehman@girlscoutsgcnwi.org



Highest Awards Workshops

Want to learn more about earning your Silver Award or Gold Award?



Want to tackle an issue important to you and your community while engaging in one of the oldest Girl Scout traditions? Join us for our Highest Award Workshops where our program staff will go through the steps, processes, and paperwork to ensure you're ready to hit the ground running.

All trainings are held virtually through Zoom. Link provided after registration.

Silver Award Workshops

(Generally the third Thursday of the month)
February 19, April 9, June 11

Cost: \$8 | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Gold Award Workshops

(Generally the third Thursday of the month)
March 19, May 14, July 9

Cost: \$8 | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.



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customer care@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

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or use the link below
<https://girlscout.info/awards>

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Lead with Confidence

Saturday, May 2 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Grades 6-8

Get ready for an exciting adventure as we learn about leadership and complete the first step of the True North Award!

Where:

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

Cost:

\$15



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.

Through fun activities and thoughtful practice, you'll gain confidence in understanding what leadership truly means, discover the leader within you, and learn how to show off your leadership skills to the world.

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Scan the QR code to register or
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<https://girlscout.info/LeadAB>





Graduating Senior Ceremony

Saturday, May 30, 2026

Calling all Girl Scouts who graduated this year!

Join us in a day celebrating YOU as a graduating Girl Scout - you made it! Participate in a Bridge to Adult ceremony.

Cost: \$20 for Graduating Girl Scouts and \$35 for any additional guests.

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Where:
Hilton Oak Lawn
9333 S Cicero Ave.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Families and troop leaders are welcome to attend! Lunch will be served for all guests.



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Earn funds for your project!

Phillip J. Becker Eco-Advocacy Award

Applications open April 1 - May 31, 2026.

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana's Philip J. Becker Eco-Advocacy Award supports Girl Scouts in grades 4-12 to complete environmental and/or sustainability-focused projects. Recipients will receive at least \$200 to fund their project. This award is made possible through the generosity of donors in honor of the late Philip J. Becker.

**Applications are due by
May 31, 2026 at 11:30 p.m.
Recipients will be notified in June.**



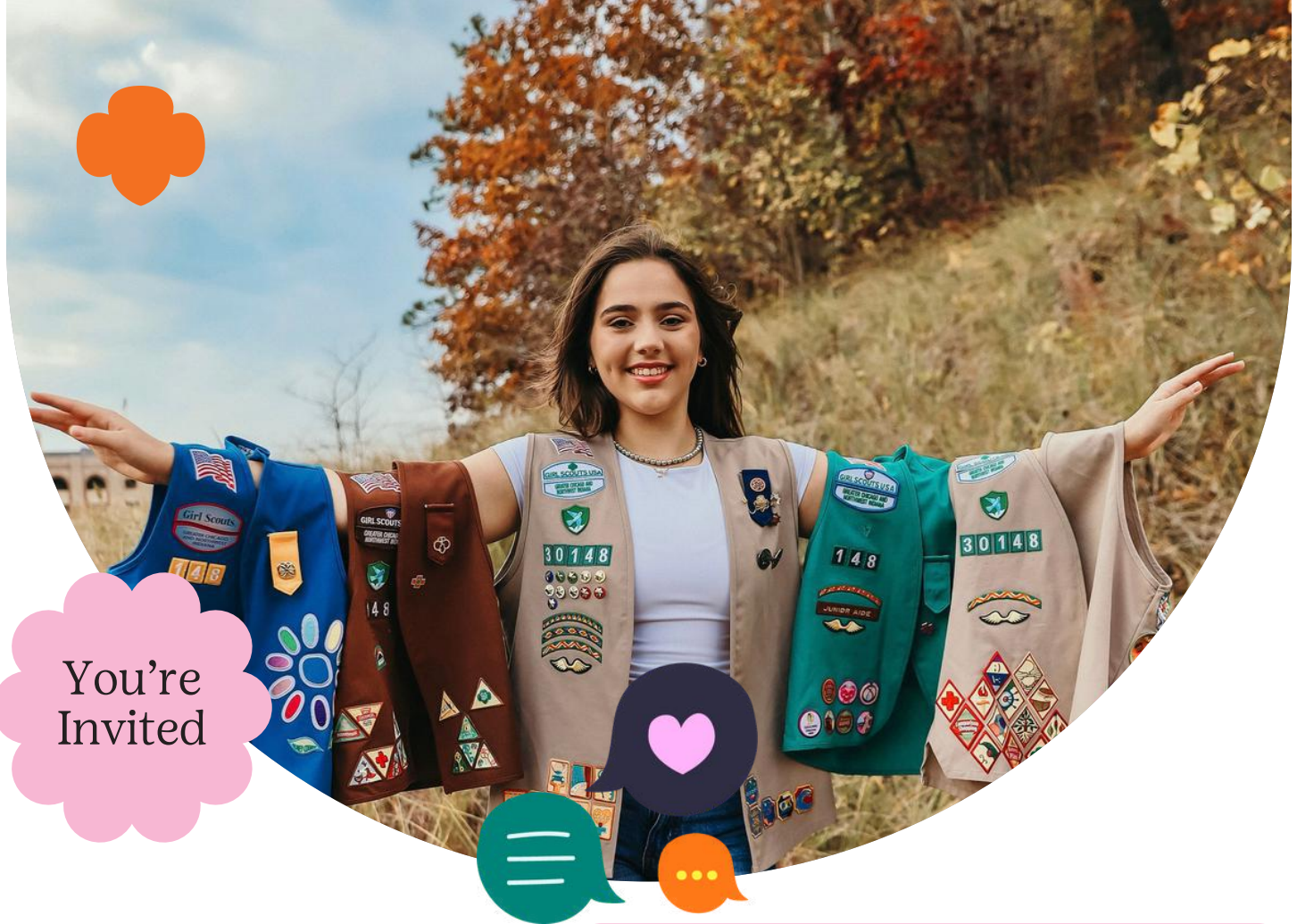
Girl Scouts working on community service projects, Take Action Projects, Leadership Awards, Highest Awards, or any other Girl Scout project are encouraged to apply. These funds can be used to help purchase materials, assist with implementation, and anything else that will support your project. Recipients will have unique projects that identify environmental needs, have a project development plan, and list of needed resources. Projects can be completed on an individual basis, a troop, or small group.

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Questions? Contact:
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Scan the QR code to register or
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girlscout.info/BeckerAward2026





You're
Invited

Highest Awards Picnic

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

Join us for an afternoon of fun in celebration of the
hard work you put into earning a higher award in
2025-2026.

This program is designed for Girl Scouts and their
family and/or troop leader(s).

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

Sunday, July 12 / 3:00 -5:30 p.m.

Where:

Joliet Gathering Place
1551 Spencer Road
Joliet, IL 60433



Questions? Contact:
Customer Care at 855-456-8347 or
customer care@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

Scan the QR code to register
or use the link below
<https://girlscout.info/Picnic>

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Camp CEO

September 18 - 20, 2026 | Grades 9 - 12 | Cost \$100

A Premier Leadership Camp for Girls.

Nothing is more empowering than having someone believe in you!

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.

Where:

Camp Butternut Springs
Valparaiso, IN



The weekend environment is fun, camp-based, and full of unique opportunities to hear about the twists and turns of the women mentors' career paths and ask questions about how they got to where they are today.

Their stories give Girl Scouts a "peek behind the curtain" and reinforce how tenacity, persistence, being curious, and taking risks without fear of failure can be the catalyst for interesting careers.

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Questions? Contact:
Customer Care at
855-456-8347

Scan the QR code to apply or
use the link below



girlscout.info/CampCEOApply



Trip and Travel

Contact: Kisa Fitzgerald



Phone: (219) 472-1958

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The Chicago Big Bus Tour & Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, May 2, 2026 | 11:30 a.m. | Cost \$45.00

You're Invited! Family Event!

Join us for a day of fun exploring Chicago's most famous landmarks!

Climb aboard this double-decker bus and take a one-of-a-kind adventure and see Chicago's must see sights! Then, embark at your own pace on a fun and interactive scavenger hunt visiting some of the city's most iconic landmarks!

Financial Assistance is available.

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Questions? Contact:
gstravel@girlscoutsgcnwi.org



Scan the QR code
to register or use
the link below.



girlscout.info/travel

Troop & Family Getaway KALAHARI RESORTS

June 5 - 7, 2026
Wisconsin Dells, WI

Flexible One and Two
Night Options Available

ROAD TRIP!!!

Meet us at Kalahari Resorts in
Wisconsin Dells, WI for an
unforgettable family and troop
adventure with Girl Scouts.

<https://girlscout.info/travel>



Scan here for more
information!



Questions? Contact
GSTravel@GirlScoutsGCNWI.org



Girl Scout Family Day at Holiday World & Splashin' Safari

Join Girl Scouts from Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio as we partner up for a day of fun at Holiday World & Splashin' Safari. Troops and families are welcome!

AUGUST 29, 2026
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ROUNDRIP TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED!
Payment Plans Available

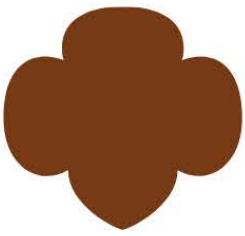
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Questions? Contact
GSTravel@GirlScoutsGCNWI.org

<https://girlscout.info/travel>



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!



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2. SCAN HERE!

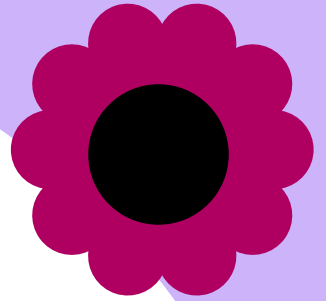


Need More Information?

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<https://bit.ly/3UXYdNL>

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Life Skills

Manager: Fran Delacey



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IMPACT Self Defense Course

Multiple Dates and Locations | Grades 6-12 | \$40*

Locations and Dates

Whitney M. Young Branch Library
415 E 79th St, Chicago, IL 60619
Saturday, March 21, 2026
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
girlscout.info/IMPACTSelfDefenseWY



Vernon Hills Gathering Place
650 N Lakeview Pkwy, Vernon Hills
Saturday, April 11, 2026
Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
girlscout.info/IMPACTSelfDefenseVH



Camp Greene Wood Gathering Place
3155 71st St, Naperville, IL 60540
Sunday, April 26, 2026
Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
girlscout.info/IMPACTSelfDefenseGW



Instructors from IMPACT will guide participants through their Personal Safety Tool workshop. Participants will explore what safety means to them, identify the strategies they already use, and build on their natural strengths to expand their choices in both challenging and everyday situations. This workshop also addresses Bystander Intervention, with a focus on offering support to a target of boundary violation, affirming their choices and consent.

Come build confidence and learn valuable life skills with IMPACT Chicago Self Defense!



Spring Reading Challenge

How it works:

1. Register for the Spring Reading Challenge
2. Choose at least one book to read from our Girl Scout Book List.
3. Complete 20 hours of reading.
4. Submit your reading reflection log.

Details:

Dates: March 1 - May 1

Cost: \$7*

Includes: Reading list, reading tracker, reflection log, and patch!

*Financial Assistance Available

Register using the QR code or link!
girlscout.info/SpringReadingChallenge



Check out our Reading Challenge patch set!



Base Patch

◆ Winter Reading Challenge

◆ Spring Reading Challenge

◆ Summer Reading Challenge

◆ Fall Reading Challenge

Seasonal rockers


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◆ Winter Reading Challenge

◆ Spring Reading Challenge

◆ Summer Reading Challenge

◆ Fall Reading Challenge

Completed Patch Set

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!

Book Club 2025-2026

Join us for our monthly book club! On the last Sunday of each month, Juniors and Cadettes are invited to attend Book Club to discuss monthly readings. Below is the schedule and reading selections for the 2025-2026 Girl Scout year. This program is free to attend! Registration information is listed on the next page.

Date	Junior Book List	Cadette Book List
October 26, 2025	Hummingbird by Natalie Lloyd	Paola Santiago and the River of Tears by Tehlor Kay Mejia
November 23, 2025	Marvellers by Dhonielle Clayton	Elastoe by Darcie Little Badger
December 14, 2025	Wild Oak by C.C. Harrington	Melt by Ele Fountain
January 25, 2026	Tree Table Book by Lois Lowry	Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution by Ji-Li Jiang
February 23, 2026	Curlfriend New in Town by Sharee Miller	Raybearer by Jordan Ifueko Black
March 29, 2026	The Fire, the Water, and Maudie McGinn by Sally J. Pla	Piece by Piece: The Story of Nisrin's Hijab by Priya Hug
April 26, 2026	Island of the Blue Dolphin by Scot O'Dell	Tethered to Other Stars by Elisa Stone Leahy
May 17, 2026	The Cat Ate my Gymsuit by Paula Danziger	Weedflower by Cynthia Kadohata
June 28, 2026	It's All or Nothing Vale by Andrea Beatriz Arango	A Wizard's Guide to Defensive Baking by Ursula Vernon

Date	Junior Book List	Cadette Book List
July 26, 2026	Pie by Sarah Weeks	When the Mapou Sings by Nadine Pinede
August 30, 2026	Picture of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reiley Giff	Keeper of the Lost Cities by Shannon Messenger
September 27, 2026	The Burning Season by Caroline Starr Rose	Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed

How it works:

1. Book club meets virtually on the last Sunday of each month.
2. Juniors meet from 5:00-5:45 pm and Cadettes meet from 6:00-7:00 pm.
3. Use the QR code or link below to register for your session. These will take you to all of our club sessions for the entire year. You can register for multiple sessions at once!
4. You will be emailed the meeting information on the Thursday and Sunday morning before each session.



<https://girlscout.info/Clubs>

Do you love reading with Girl Scouts? Register for our seasonal reading challenges!
Our Book Club selections are included on reading challenge book lists!

Fall reading challenge registration link:

<https://girlscout.info/FallReadingChallengeRegistration>

Questions?

Please contact Irene Crea at Icrea@Girlscoutsgcnwi.org or (224) 207-9233.





Junior Experience

Manager: Fran Delacey



Phone: (224) 207-9246

Email: fdelacey@girlscoutsgcnwi.org



Bronze Award Trainings

October 21, 2025 | January 20, 2026 | April 21, 2026

Do you have a Girl Scout earning her Bronze Award? Join us at the Bronze Award Leader Training to fully equip yourself to lead her through her first Highest Award!

Participants will be mailed a Bronze Award Leader Toolkit!

Meeting Details:

Location: Virtual on Zoom

Time: 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Cost: \$8*



Her First Highest Award

The Bronze Award is a Girl Scout's first Highest Award. By earning the Bronze Award, Girl Scouts in grades 4–5 take the lead on a team project that addresses a community need.

They'll learn to plan, collaborate, and create real change. Along the way, they build confidence, develop leadership skills, and discover the difference they can make when they take action. It's more than a project. It's a journey of service, leadership, and making the world a better place.

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Questions? Contact:
GirlEXP@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

Scan the QR code to register or
use the link below

<https://girlscout.info/OctBronzeAwardTraining>



**Financial Assistance Available*



Financial Literacy

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Outdoor Programs

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Outdoor Experiences Specialist

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Experience Nature and Adventure at a Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana Camp!



Check out our four beautiful camp properties located across Greater Chicago, Northwest Indiana, and Southeast Wisconsin. For small events or large retreats, we provide the perfect backdrop for unforgettable experiences. From high ropes and ziplining to canoeing, kayaking, and archery, unplug from your everyday life and adventure out into nature and the outdoors!

For more information about our properties, scan the QR code below, or visit: girlscout.info/ReserveCamp



GCNWI Property Reservations for October 2026 – September 2027 will go live on: Friday, May 1, 2026



Camp Butternut Springs

Camp Address: 650 N 175 W, Valparaiso, IN 46385

Program Opportunities: Albert C. Hanna High Adventure Course, Outdoor heated pool, Archery, Hiking trails, Canoeing, and Large campfire circle with log seating

Camp Greene Wood

Camp Address: 3315 71st St, Woodridge, IL 60540

Program Opportunities: Archery, Creek walking, Hiking trails, Team building challenge course, Games area with gaga ball pit, tetherball, and badminton net



Camp Juniper Knoll

Camp Address: W5095 State Rd 20, East Troy, WI 53120

Program Opportunities: Pleasant Lake waterfront, Archery, Hiking trails, Swimming, Canoeing, Kayaking, Sailing, Amphitheater with fire ring, stage, and seating

Camp Palos

Camp Address: 11736 S. Will Cook Rd, Palos Park, IL 60439

Program Opportunities: Archery, Geocaching, Hiking trails, Games area with gaga ball pit and volleyball net, Hammock area, and Campfire circle with bench seating



Questions? Contact Customer Care at (855)456-8347 or customercare@girlscoutsgcnwi.org



Year-Round Outdoor Experiences in 2026

Looking for an exciting, outdoor experience near you?



From learning new outdoor skills to roasting a s'more, Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana has got you covered. Whether you're a seasoned explorer or a first-time adventurer, the outdoors is meant for you. Grab your friends and sign-up for one of our many Year-Round Outdoor Experiences today!

Ages 4-17



Build courage, confidence, and character in nature.



To register for these programs, scan the QR code or visit girlscout.info/Nature2026

Girl Scouts GCNWI offers Financial Assistance for most programs. Details on how to apply can be found as you complete your program registration.



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Join us for an exciting
Outdoor Challenge
designed for Girl Scouts
and their family!

Get Outdoors Challenge

1:00 – 4:00 pm | Ages 5+/Grades K+ | Cost \$25/GS Youth

Join us as we embark on this seasonal adventure together!

Earn one of the four segments of the Outdoor Challenge Patch by completing exciting challenges that envelop the essence of spring, summer, and fall! Complete seasonal crafts, make snacks over the campfire, and learn about the outdoors by exploring it.

Each Get Outdoors Challenge Experience will have new and exciting activities for Girl Scouts of all ages. Stop by and make lasting memories in the great outdoors this season!

Financial Assistance is available for the Get Outdoors Challenge Experiences.
Details on how to apply can be found as you complete your registration.



Get Outdoors Challenge - Spring | May 2, 2026

Camp Greene Wood

3315 71st Street Naperville, IL 60540

Register at: girlscout.info/GOC26Spring



Get Outdoors Challenge - Summer | June 27, 2026

Joliet Gathering Place

1551 Spencer Road, Joliet, IL 60433

Register at: girlscout.info/GOC26Summer



Get Outdoors Challenge - Fall | September 26, 2026

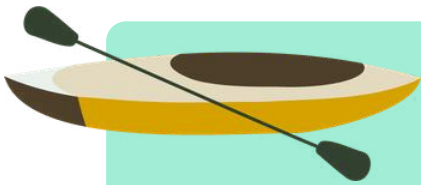
Camp Butternut Springs

650 N. 175 W. Valparaiso, IN 46385

Register at: girlscout.info/GOC26Fall



Sign-up
for a
camp
near you!



Register for a 2026 GCNWI Camp Open House



Check out our beautiful camps with your troop or family at an open house! You'll be able to tour the camp, see the different lodging options, talk to camp staff, and ask questions about camp programming and property rentals. Explore one, two, or all four of our beautiful camps for **FREE!** Take a hike, make a s'more, and enjoy the outdoors with your Girl Scout friends and family. Remember to stop by the camp shop to stock up on all the latest camp swag.

Scan a QR Code or visit a link to register for a Camp Open House!

Camp Palos

11736 S. Will Cook Rd
Palos Park, IL, 60439

April 12, 2026

[girlscout.info/
OH26PAL](https://girlscout.info/OH26PAL)



Camp Butternut Springs

650 N. 175 W.
Valparaiso, IN, 46385

April 19, 2026

[girlscout.info/
OH26BNS](https://girlscout.info/OH26BNS)



Camp Juniper Knoll

W5095 State Rd. 20
East Troy, WI, 53120

April 26, 2026

[girlscout.info/
OH26JK](https://girlscout.info/OH26JK)



Camp Greene Wood

3155 71st St.
Naperville, IL, 60540

May 3, 2026

[girlscout.info/
OH26GW](https://girlscout.info/OH26GW)





Discover new ways to Go Green for Good at camp!

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Go Green for Good Camp Edition

April 18 – 19, 2026

9:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Grades K+/Ages 5+

Saturday-only option available as well from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Let's team up to make the world a greener, cleaner place— one courageous Girl Scout at a time!

Power up your planet-protecting skills during an action-packed weekend at camp! Join your sister Girl Scouts in an exciting journey to earn the Green for Good patch by exploring all 9 Earth-friendly elements. Take on hands-on challenges that show how small actions can make a big difference.

Event Cost:

The overnight cost is \$100/Girl Scout youth.
The Saturday-only cost is \$50/Girl Scout youth.
Financial Assistance is available for this program.

Scan the QR codes or use the links to register:

Overnight
[girlscout.info/GoGreen26](https://www.girlscout.info/GoGreen26)

Day-Only
[girlscout.info/GoGreenDay26](https://www.girlscout.info/GoGreenDay26)



Questions?
Contact
Customer Care at
(855)456-8347

Where: Camp Juniper Knoll
W5095 State Rd 20
East Troy, WI 53120

Campfire Songs and S'mores



Sessions available March - September 2026

Join us for a fun evening of singing your favorite Girl Scout songs! Belt out the classics and pick up a few new favorites while dancing around the campfire. Then experience the magic of camp by roasting a marshmallow over the fire to make yourself a delicious s'more! Bring your troop, family, and friends to these all-ages campfires.

Celebrate the outdoors by joining us for one of the many exciting events that take place right before Campfire Songs and S'mores sessions! Bring your best singing voice and a list of all your favorite songs, and get ready for some Girl Scout Summer Camp fun!



Sign-up for a session by scanning the QR code!



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Grilled Cheese Day

Sunday, April 12 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. | All ages and families
Camp Butternut Springs, Camp Greene Wood, and Camp Palos

Join us at camp to celebrate
“Grilled Cheese Day!”

Make your very own pie iron grilled cheese to start. Then, if you are feeling adventurous, try a savory s'more for a new twist on a classic campfire treat. That's not all, though, top it all off by making a grilled cheese craft to remember the day by. Sounds pretty cheesy to us!

Cost for this event is \$10/Girl Scout youth and \$10/Girl Scout adult. Financial Assistance is available for this program.



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Butternut Springs**
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Valparaiso, IN 46385
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Camp Greene Wood
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Camp Butternut Springs Work Weekend

April 10-12, 2025

Saturday Only options are available as well

Location:

Camp Butternut Springs

650 N 175 W

Valparaiso, IN 46385

To register, scan the QR code or visit:

girlscout.info/WWBNS26



Spend time outdoors at camp!

Enjoy a weekend of fresh air while helping to improve and restore areas around camp. Whether you have been to camp before or not this is a great opportunity to gather your friends, family, troop, or company to volunteer and work on a variety of service projects.

Projects will vary and may include clearing trails, spreading woodchips, cleaning buildings or equipment, moving and stacking firewood, painting, building simple camp projects and more. Be prepared to work hard alongside the property team to make a positive difference at our camp for our entire camp and Girl Scout community.

Time commitment depends on what works best for you, please commit to being at camp for at least four hours to volunteer. You can choose to spend the whole weekend at camp or just part of it.

Participants can choose to sleep over just Friday, just Saturday, or both nights.

To register for Saturday Only, scan the QR code or visit:

girlscout.info/WWSOBNS26





Work hard
and make a
difference!

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Camp Juniper Knoll

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Calling all new and current Daisy Girl Scouts! Join us for our...

Daisy Outdoor Extravaganza

Sessions available from April - August 2026

Come explore Girl Scout camp during
a day designed just for you!

Play games, make a craft, and go on a scavenger hunt. Roast a s'more and sing songs around the campfire! Experience the fun and excitement our camps have to offer at one of the many Daisy Outdoor Extravaganza sessions in 2026.

Cost for this event is \$10/Girl Scout youth and \$5/Girl Scout adult. Financial Assistance is available for this program.

- April 18, 2026 at Camp Greene Wood
- May 9, 2026 at the Joliet Gathering Place
- July 11, 2026 at Camp Butternut Springs
- August 4, 2026 at the Vernon Hills Gathering Place
- August 8, 2026 at the Vernon Hills Gathering Place

Scan the QR code to find a
Daisy Outdoor Extravaganza near you!

Or visit:

girlscout.info/Nature2026

Search for programs by using the filters on the left side of the screen. You can also search for programs by filtering by location, time, age, grade level, and/or activity type.

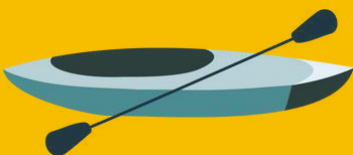


**May 16, 2026
and
July 25, 2026**



Outdoor Skills Series at Camp Palos

11736 S. Will Cook Road, Palos Park, IL, 60439



Join us for an unforgettable day of adventure at our Outdoor Skills Series Day! Perfect for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages, this fun-filled program is designed to equip you with essential skills for your outdoor adventures. Learn everything from how to setup the perfect campsite to first aid. Practice your knot-tying and pick up useful campfire cooking skills. Use a map and compass to find your way across camp and don't forget to build yourself the perfect, cozy campfire!



By the end of the day, you'll have completed the GCNWI Outdoor Skills Series patch program that consists of five patches, a testament to your newfound knowledge and abilities. Whether you're a beginner or looking to refine your skills, our experienced camp staff will guide you every step of the way.

Don't miss this opportunity to become a confident and skilled outdoor adventurer!

May 16, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sign-Up:

girlscout.info/OSS26May



July 25, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sign-Up:

girlscout.info/OSS26July





Calling all new and current Brownie Girl Scouts! Join us for our...

Brownie Outdoor Bash

Sessions available from June - August 2026

Head out to camp to explore the outdoors through some special Brownie Girl Scout fun!

Your outdoor adventure will include nature exploration, games, a craft, hiking, and teambuilding challenges, plus making s'mores around the campfire and creating lasting memories to inspire your next adventure.

Cost for this event is \$10/Girl Scout youth and \$5/Girl Scout adult. Financial Assistance is available for this program.

- June 20, 2026 at Camp Greene Wood
- July 18, 2026 at Camp Palos
- August 8, 2026 at Camp Butternut Springs

Scan the QR code to find a Brownie Outdoor Bash near you!

Or visit:

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November 2025 - August 2026

Girl Scout Hikes

Step outside, catch your breath, and reconnect with nature!

These hikes are available for all ages. No prior hiking experience necessary.

Embrace the great outdoors and enjoy the benefits of hiking with your Girl Scout crew. Celebrate friendship and fresh air with a hike through the woods—the perfect activity for sharing the love of the natural world! Explore our camps throughout the year and see for yourself the beauty of the changing seasons. Come with your troop or make some new connections with friends and with nature.

This year, go-getters will have the opportunity to hike, learn, and explore the beautiful ecology of the Midwest. Visit trails all over Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana to learn about the natural beauty in endless grasslands, wooded trails, sandy dunes, and sprawling cities. Celebrate the changing of the seasons by lacing up your boots and trekking outside!



To register for these programs scan either QR code and:
> go to "2025-2026 Year-Round Programs"
> filter by session type, date/time, or location
> click on the session to sign-up!



Explore the cosmos with...

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana

Astronomy Club

Open to astronauts and astronomers of all ages!

Welcome to the GSGCNWI Astronomy Club, where stargazers embark on a thrilling journey through the universe! This Girl Scout club is designed to spark curiosity and foster a love for astronomy among budding scientists. Activities will vary each month. Attend once or sign up for every month. Locations will vary.

This year participating Girl Scouts will have the opportunity to visit award-winning planetariums, investigate and unravel the most fascinating space science mysteries, and explore outer space without ever leaving the ground!

Astronomy Club activities may include: Starry storytelling, cosmic crafts, interactive planet puzzles and games, telescope time, virtual spacecraft tours, night sky star parties, and planetarium visits!



Sign-up today!



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Outdoor Leadership Club



 **Develop the Natural Leader in You!** 

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

This year, leaders will have the opportunity to learn advanced camping skills, work directly with younger Girl Scout members and lead them in classic camp activities, go on new adventures together all over camp, and teach them the importance of helping take care of our planet and how to Leave No Trace.

This club is specifically designed for Girl Scout **Cadettes**, **Seniors**, and **Ambassadors** with a passion for the outdoors and a desire to help cultivate the minds and inspire the next generation of campers, explorers, and adventurers!



Sign-up today!



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View all of our Girl Experiences by scanning the QR code or using the link below!



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