



# Girl Experience

2025-2026 Program Catalog



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# Spark Days

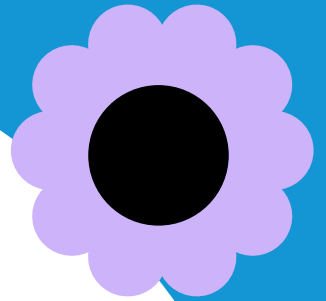
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# S.T.E.M

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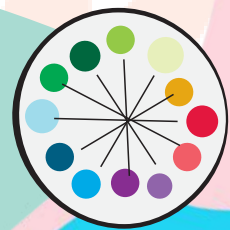


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# Custom Programs



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](mailto:programs@girlscoutsgcnwi.org)

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# Leadership Awards

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# Community Service

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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](https://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](https://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](https://girlscout.info/communityservice)

Questions? Contact:  
[girlEXP@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto: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](http://girlscout.info/gcnwcommunityservice)



# Girl Scout Days

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You're  
Invited!

# Girl Scout Day: Chicago Sky!

Help Skye the Lioness cheer the Sky on as they face off against the Minnesota Lynx!

Can't make it to this game? No problem! Click "view all offers" on the FEVO page to represent Girl Scouts at *any* Sky game!

May 29, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.

## Where:

Wintrust Arena  
200 E. Cermak Road  
Chicago, IL



Questions? Contact:  
[yzhou@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:yzhou@girlscoutsgcnwi.org)  
Scan the QR code to register  
or use the link below:  
<https://girlscout.info/sky2026>

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# 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](https://girlscout.info/golfjune6)

Register  
Here!

**Saturday, June 27**



[girlscout.info/golfjune27](https://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:  
Customer Care at  
855-456-8347

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[bit.ly/SmoresBeach2026](https://bit.ly/SmoresBeach2026)



# Older Girl

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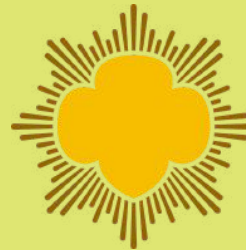
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# Highest Awards Workshops

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.



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

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

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# 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.

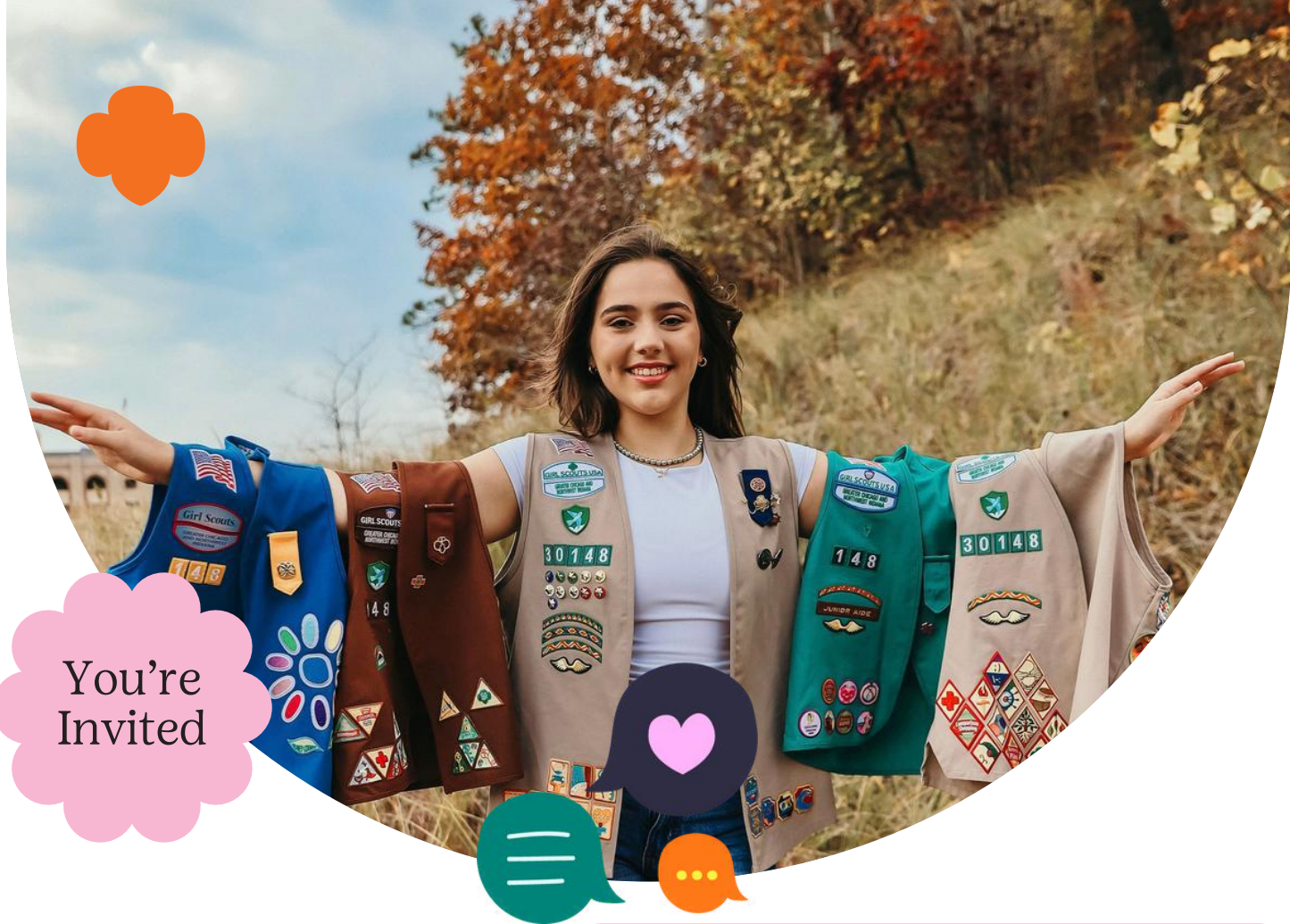
Where:  
Hilton Oak Lawn  
9333 S Cicero Ave.  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

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



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# 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](https://girlscout.info/CampCEOApply)



# Trip and Travel

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# 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**  
452 E CHRISTMAS BLVD  
SANTA CLAUS, IN

**ROUNDTrip TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED!**  
Payment Plans Available

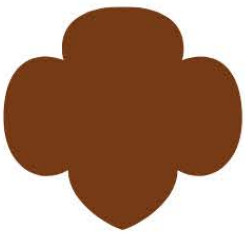
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Questions? Contact  
GSTravel@GirlScoutsGCNWI.org

<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!



**1. LOGIN TO GSCONNECT**

**2. SCAN HERE!**

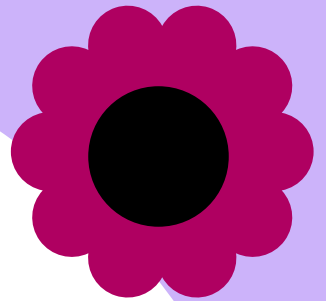


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# Life Skills

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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:  
Customer Care at  
855-456-8347

Scan the QR code to register or  
use the link below  
[girlscout.info/BeckerAward2026](https://girlscout.info/BeckerAward2026)



# Thrive and Shine!

*Health and Wellness Experience*

Sunday, May 31 | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Grades K-12 | \$20\*

## Exploring Wellness

Join us for Thrive and Shine with Building Love Among Cultures! Thrive and Shine is a health and wellness exploration event where participants will learn about the many ways to care for themselves, both mentally and physically.



## What to Expect:

Participants will start together for an opening yoga session. Then, participants will rotate to different stations with a group to explore these activities:

1. Waist Beads Creation
2. Storytelling
3. Sound Bath
4. Henna Art

## Where:

Joliet Gathering Place  
1551 Spencer Rd., Joliet IL 60433



Questions? Contact:  
Customer Care at 855-456-8347  
Scan the QR code to register or  
use the link below:  
[girlscout.info/ThriveAndShine](https://girlscout.info/ThriveAndShine)



# IMPACT Self Defense Course

Grades 6-12 | \$40\*

## Event Details

Emmanuel Baptist Church  
8301 S. Damen Ave, Chicago IL 60620  
Saturday, June 6, 2026  
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Scan the QR or use the link below to register:  
[girlscout.info/IMPACTSelfDefenseCH](https://girlscout.info/IMPACTSelfDefenseCH)



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!*



# Upstander Patch Program

## Stand Up to Bullying

An Upstander is someone who takes action to intervene during instances of bullying. By participating in the Upstander Patch Program, Daisies through Ambassadors will gain insight into the various forms of bullying, practice positive intervention skills, learn strategies for prevention, and understand ways to create a secure environment. Additionally, Girl Scouts will nurture their sense of self-esteem and confidence that empowers girls to navigate and overcome bullying situations. Adults, we share in your excitement to learn, practice, and engage alongside your troop.

### Patch Requirements:

- **Step 1:** Complete the prerequisite activity.
- **Step 2:** Complete the required number of activities in each section: **Discover, Connect, and Take Action.**
  - Daisies and Brownies will complete one activity from each section.
  - Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors will complete two activities from each section.
- **Step 3:** Submit the activity log by June 30 to receive your patch.

## Program Details

1. Register for the Upstander Patch Program. This is FREE!
2. Download your Upstander Patch Guide from your confirmation email.
3. Complete required amount of activities
4. Submit your Upstander Activity Log by June 30
5. Receive your Patch in the mail!

## How to Register:

Use the link or QR code to register:  
[girlscout.info/UpstanderPatch](https://girlscout.info/UpstanderPatch)



Thanks to the support of the  
Elizabeth Morse Genius Charitable Trust.



# 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](mailto:Icrea@Girlscoutsgcnwi.org) or (224) 207-9233.





# Junior Experience

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You're  
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# Tie-It-Up Tie Dye Party



Saturday, May 30 | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. | Grades 3-5  
Greene Wood Gathering Place

## Tie off your Girl Scout year!

Join us at the Tie-it-Up Tie Dye Party to celebrate another Girl Scout season. We'll tie up our year with colorful tie dye creations, reflection activities, and rising Juniors will get to connect with current Juniors!

Juniors and rising Juniors (entering fourth grade in fall 2026), and families are invited to attend.

One blank t-shirt is included in ticket price!

Girl Scout price: \$35\*  
Family and Sibling price: \$40\*



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Questions? Contact:  
Customer Care at 855-456-8347  
Scan the QR code to register or  
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[girlscout.info/TieDyeParty](https://girlscout.info/TieDyeParty)  
*\*Financial Assistance Available*





# Financial Literacy

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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](https://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](mailto: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](https://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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# 2026 Year-Round Experiences at Camp Butternut Springs


























Discover ways to explore the outdoors in your community  
with programs for all ages happening May – September 2026.

For programs that occur on or after  
June 1, 2026, register your camper for  
the grade they will enter in fall 2026.

## Grade level:

K-1:  2-3:  4-5:   
6-8:  9-10:  11-12: 

## Camp Butternut Springs Favorites

- May 15, Campfire Songs and S'mores      
- August 9, Outdoor Leadership Club:  
End of Summer Celebration   
- August 23, Ride Like the Wind Zipline Day    
- September 26, Get Outdoors Challenge - Fall      
- September 26, Campfire Songs and S'mores      

## Pool Party Events

- July 11, Pool Party
- July 25, Pool Party
- August 8, Pool Party



## You and Me Events

- May 9-10, You and Me: Mother's Day (Overnight)
- May 9, You and Me: Mother's Day (Saturday Only)
- July 11-12, You and Me: Glow and Grow (Overnight)
- August 8-9, You and Me: Glow and Grow (Overnight)

## Outdoor Fun for Younger Girl Scouts

- July 11, Daisy Outdoor Extravaganza 
- August 8, Brownie Outdoor Bash 



Come to Camp Butternut Springs for a

### Swim and Stay!

Scan the QR code or visit  
[girlscout.info/  
SwimStay2026](https://girlscout.info/SwimStay2026)  
for more information



To register for these programs,  
scan the QR code or visit  
[girlscout.info/Nature2026](https://girlscout.info/Nature2026)

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[customer care@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:customer care@girlscoutsgcnwi.org)





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](https://girlscout.info/GOC26Spring)**



Get Outdoors Challenge - Summer | June 27, 2026

Joliet Gathering Place

1551 Spencer Road, Joliet, IL 60433

**Register at: [girlscout.info/GOC26Summer](https://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](https://girlscout.info/GOC26Fall)**



# 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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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](https://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](https://girlscout.info/OSS26May)



**July 25, 2026**

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Sign-Up:**

[girlscout.info/OSS26July](https://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

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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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