

Girl Experience

2025-2026 Program Catalog



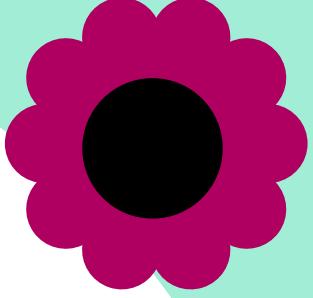
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Spark Days

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Girl Experience Administration Specialist

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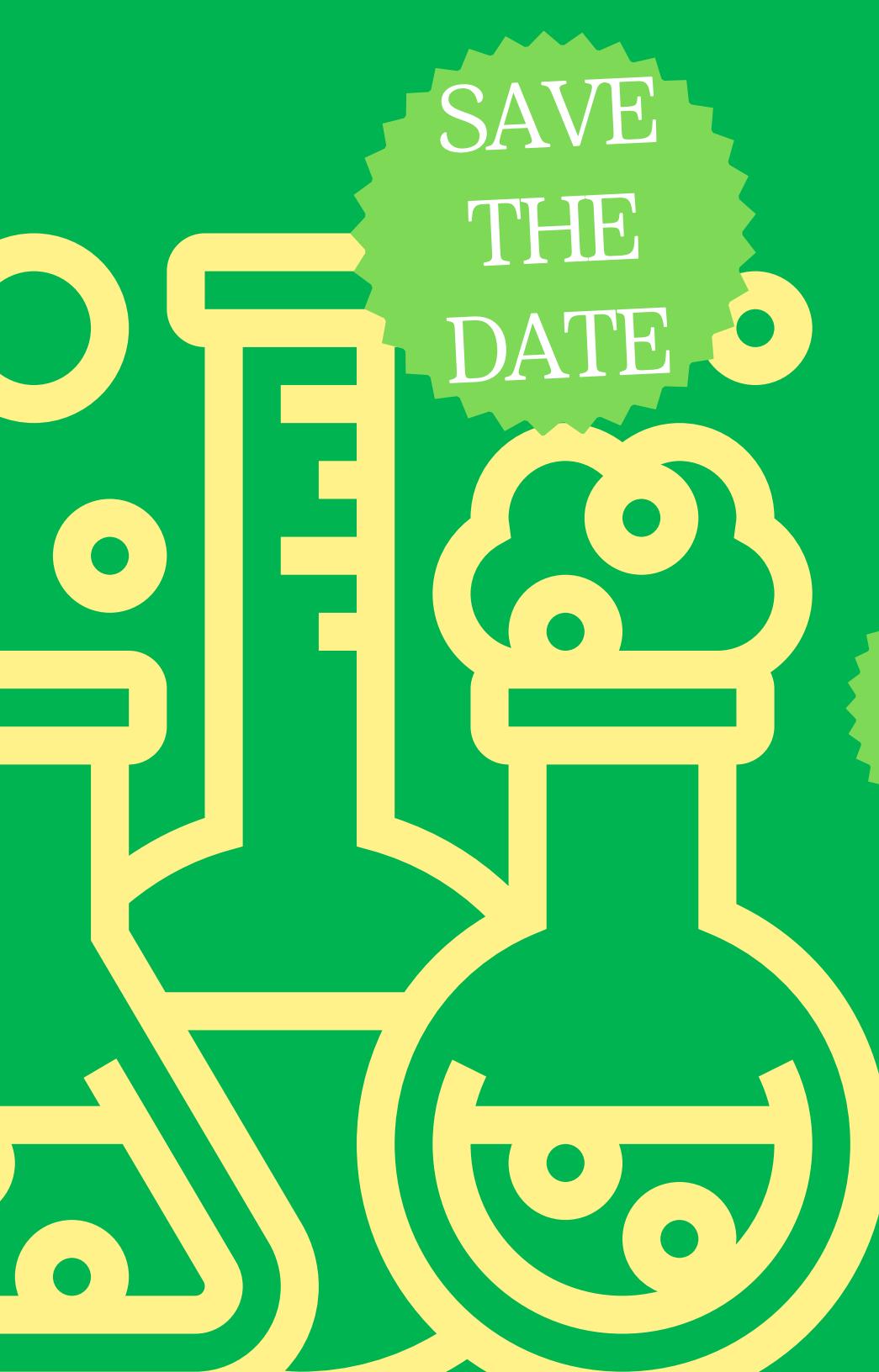
Email: jwardlaw@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

S.T.E.M

Manager: Andrea Vesecky



Phone: (219) 472-1972
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STEM Fest

April 25, 2026

10am to 4pm

Joliet Gathering Place

Featuring:

The Sloomoo Institute

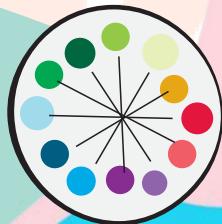
Girl Scouts First Lego Robotics

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>

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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

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Leadership Awards

Manager: Andrea Vesecky



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True North to Awards

Grades: 4-12 | Cost: \$30.00



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Come earn the (NEW!) True North Award! The True North award is about discovering what matters to you and staying true to yourself.

Girl Scouts will spend the first two hours of our program earning most of their True North award followed by a one hour training about going for the Girl Scout Highest Awards.

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

Joliet Gathering Place
November 8, 2025

Greene Wood Gathering Place
Naperville
January 10, 2026

Vernon Hills Gathering Place
February 7, 2026



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

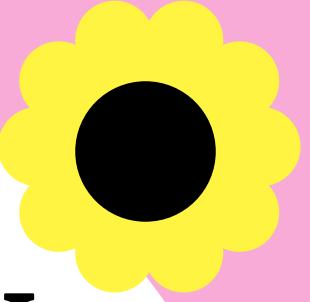


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Community Service

Manager: Jessica Hickman



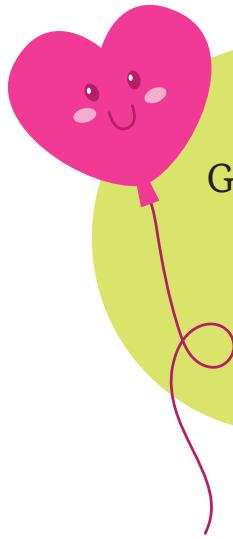
Phone: (708) 658-2312
Email: jhickman@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

Let's Celebrate!

Help those in need celebrate birthdays with their children or loved ones by making kits to bring joy on their special day.

Accepting Donations

January 20 – February 27



Donations can be dropped off in person at all Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana Gathering Places except Chicago.

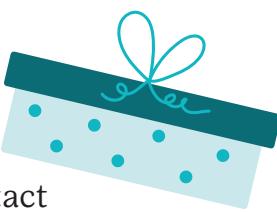
Tuesday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Limited number of patches at each donation drop off location.



Donation Items Needed:

- ✓ Boxed cake mix (allergy-free and regular)
- ✓ Canned pop: 7up or Sprite (canned pop replaces the need for vegetable oil and eggs)
 - ✓ Frosting
 - ✓ Disposable foil cake pan with lid
 - ✓ Disposable foil cupcake pan
- ✓ Small toys: hot wheel car, Barbies, art supplies, etc.



Any questions or concerns, contact
Jessica Hickman jhickman@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

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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/gcnwicommunityservice



Girl Scout Days

Manager: Jessica Hickman



Phone: (708) 658-2312
Email: jhickman@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

Girl Scout Day

at the 4 Seasons Horse Stable

4613 E 109th Ave, Crown Point, IN

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



\$30 per person | Patch included!
Signed waiver required to participate.



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

Questions? Contact: girlEXP@girlscoutsgcnwi.org





Older Girl

Manager: Samantha Lehman



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Older Girl Listening Sessions

Multiple Dates and Locations | Grades 8-12 | \$5*

Locations and Dates

Schererville Gathering Place
705-A US-41, Schererville, IN 46375
Saturday, January 10
Time: 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
girlscout.info/OlderGirlListeningSV



Camp Greene Wood Gathering Place
3155 71st St, Naperville, IL 60540
Sunday, February 1
Time: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
girlscout.info/OlderGirlListeningGW



Beverly Branch Public Library
1962 W 95th St, Chicago, IL 60643
Sunday, February 8
Time: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
girlscout.info/OlderGirlListeningBeverly



Vernon Hills Gathering Place
650 N Lakeview Pkwy Vernon Hills, IL
Sunday March 1
Time: 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
girlscout.info/OlderGirlListeningVH



We kindly ask that this is a drop-off
only event!

Do you have an idea that can make
our council better? Use your voice at
one of our Older Girl Listening
Sessions to tell the Girl Experience
Team what you want to see from
your council.

We will provide a pizza party and
patches (bring your own item from
home to decorate, or decorate a
canvas bag that we will provide)
while we have a thoughtful
discussion about how we can
enhance our council.





You're
Invited

Project Law Dupage

Saturday, March 14 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

If you enjoy tackling challenges, 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!

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

Grades 6-12

Where: 1001 Warrenville Rd, Lisle, IL

Cost: \$30

*Financial Assistance may be available.



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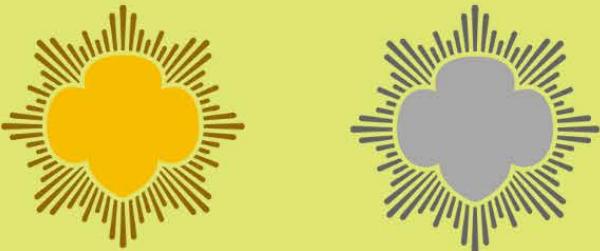
<https://girlscout.info/ProjectLawDupage26>





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)
October 23, December 11, February 19

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

Gold Award Workshops

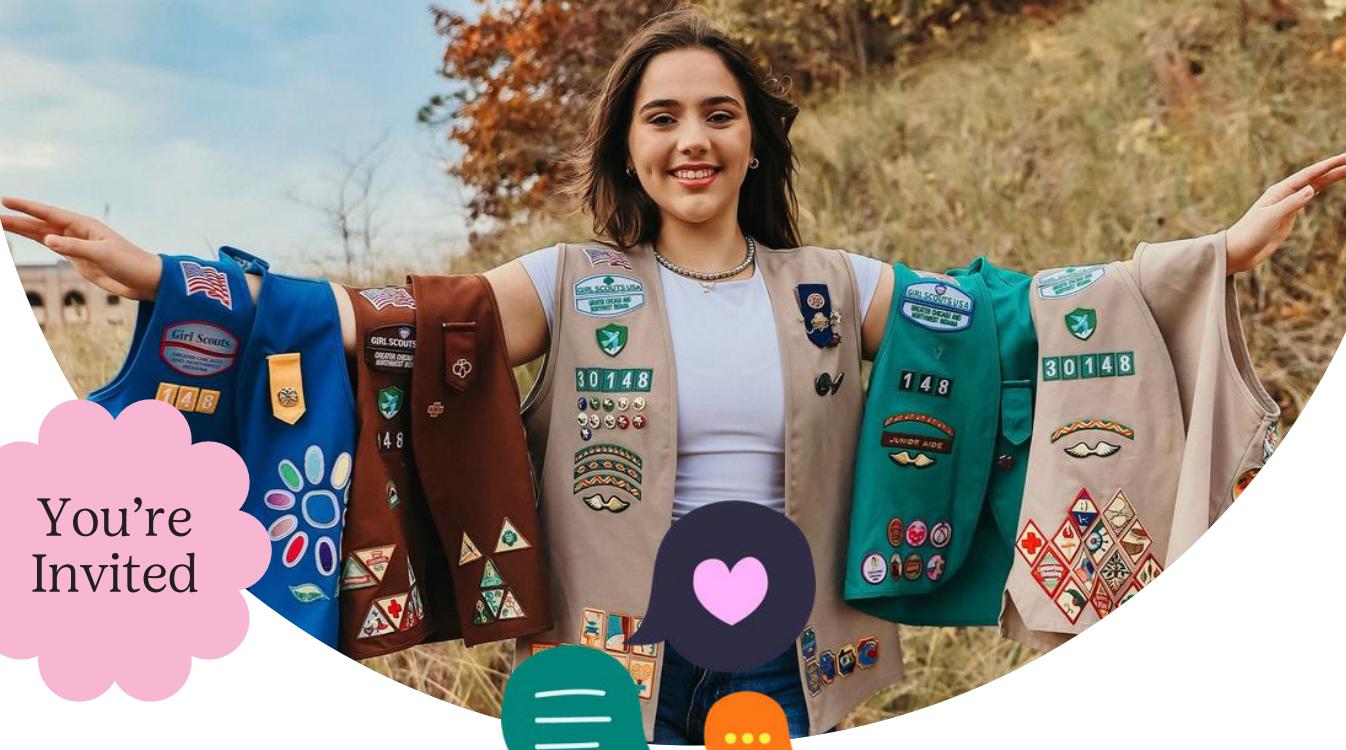
(Generally the third Thursday of the month)
September 18, November 20, January 15

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



Questions? Contact:
customercare@girlscoutsgcnwi.org
Scan the QR code to register
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girlscout.info/HighestAwardsWorkshops

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You're
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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.



Questions? Contact:

Customer Care at 855-456-8347 or
customercare@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

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<https://girlscout.info/Picnic>

Where:

Joliet Gathering Place
1551 Spencer Road
Joliet, IL 60433

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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.

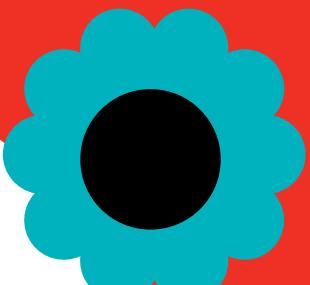
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Questions? Contact:
Customer Care at
855-456-8347

Scan the QR code to apply or
use the link below



girlscout.info/CampCEOApply



Trip and Travel

Contact: Kisa Fitzgerald



Phone: (219) 472-1958
Email: Jfitzgerald@Girlscoutsgcnwi.Org

Girl Scout Day

at

The DuSable Black History Museum



Date: February 22, 2026

DuSable Black History Museum
740 E 56th Place, Chicago, IL 60637

10AM - 5:00PM

Cost: Free museum admission!
Optional \$15.00 includes an exclusive, custom T-shirt & matching Black History patch.



Meet us for Girl Scout Day! Discover the stories, achievements, and rich cultural heritage of African Americans through hands-on exhibits and interactive experiences designed to inspire curiosity and courage.

Open for all troops, families and friends.



<https://girlscout.info/travel>

Scan the QR code to register!
Questions?
Email GSTravel@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

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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



Savannah, Georgia Takeover!

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TRIP INFORMATION

August 3 - 7, 2026

- Round-trip transportation from Chicago, IL to Savannah, GA via private charter bus
- Four-night hotel stay
- Ground transportation in Savannah, GA
- Visit Juliette Gordon Low's birthplace and the first Girl Scouts headquarters
- Visit to Tybee Island with a dolphin cruise
- Daily breakfast at the hotel

Open to troops and individually registered members.

Leaders and families are invited to attend.

Contact Kisa at GSTravel@girlscoutsgcnwi.org .
or 219-472-1958

TROOP AND FAMILY TRIP!!

Join Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana on a journey 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!

<https://girlscout.info/SavannahTakeover26>

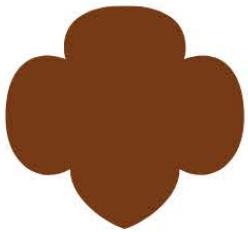
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!!

\$200 DEPOSIT DEADLINE DEC 15, 2025



Scan the QR code to register!





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!



Need More Information?

Email: gstravel@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

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

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Life Skills

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Winter Reading Challenge

How it works:

1. Register for the Winter 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: December 1 - February 1

Cost: \$7*

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

*Financial Assistance Available

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



Check out our Reading Challenge patch set!



Base Patch



Seasonal rockers

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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 Gumsuit 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
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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.

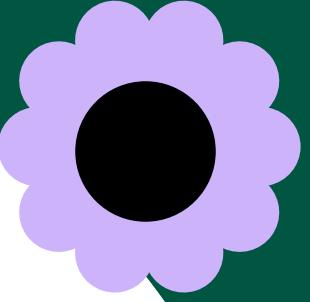
They'll learn to plan, collaborate, and create real change. Along the way, they build confidence, develop leadership skills, and discover the difference they can make when they take action. It's more than a project. It's a journey of service, leadership, and making the world a better place.

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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

Contact: Lu Teinowitz



Outdoor Experiences Specialist
Phone: 224-207-9264
Email: lteinowitz@girlscoutsgcnwi.org



Summer Camp Kickoff

Saturday, January 31, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Ask the camp staff and director questions ahead of Summer Camp 2026 registration!

Summer camp registrations go live on February 2, 2026, at 6:00 a.m.
Help us celebrate!

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. Camp staff can also help you make sure you can access and navigate the registration system to prepare for summer registration going live. This event will be an opportunity to have a casual conversation with the GCNWI Outdoor Program Team on all things summer camp!

For information about

Camp Greene Wood visit

Camp Greene Wood

3155 71st St.

Naperville, IL, 60540

Sign-Up:

girlscout.info/KickoffGW



For information about

Camp Butternut Springs visit

Camp Butternut Springs

650 N. 175 W.

Valparaiso, IN, 46385

Sign-Up:

girlscout.info/KickoffBNS



For information about

Camp Juniper Knoll visit

Vernon Hills

Gathering Place

650 N. Lakeview Parkway

Wilcox Room

Vernon Hills, IL, 60061

Sign-Up:

girlscout.info/KickoffJK



Astronomy Club Events



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!

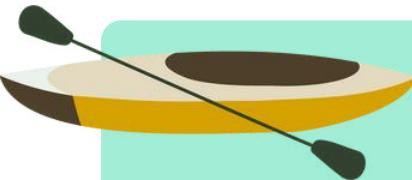


Date	Program	Location	Sign-Up Link
11/01/2025	Black Holes	Vernon Hills Gathering Place	girlscout.info/ASTNov25
12/07/2025	Outdoor Clubs Combined Holiday Party	Camp Palos	girlscout.info/HolidayParty25
01/10/2026	Challenger Learning Center	Challenger Learning Center	girlscout.info/ASTJan26
02/28/2026	Space Travel	Camp Palos	girlscout.info/ASTFeb26
03/28/2026	Earth Hour Appreciation	Camp Greene Wood	girlscout.info/ASTMar26
04/11/2026	Planets of Our Solar System	Schererville Gathering Place	girlscout.info/ASTApr26
05/01/2026	Full Moon Hike	Camp Butternut Springs	girlscout.info/ASTMay26
06/28/2026	Naperville Astronomical Association - Astronomy Education Center	Naperville Astronomical Association	girlscout.info/ASTJun26
07/29/2026	Phases of the Moon	Camp Palos	girlscout.info/ASTJul26
08/29/2026	Galaxies	Vernon Hills Gathering Place	girlscout.info/ASTAug26
09/27/2026	National Astronomy Day at Adler Planetarium	Adler Planetarium	girlscout.info/ASTSep26

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, check out the different lodging options, talk to camp staff, and ask questions about camp programming and property rentals. Remember to stop by the camp shop to stock up on camp swag and visit the campfire to enjoy a s'more!

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](http://girlscout.info/OH26PAL)



Camp Butternut Springs

650 N. 175 W.
Valparasio, IN, 46385

April 19, 2026

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

Camp Juniper Knoll

W5095 State Rd. 20
East Troy, WI, 53120

April 26, 2026

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



Camp Greene Wood

3155 71st St.
Naperville, IL, 60540

May 3, 2026

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



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!



To register for these programs
scan either QR code and:

- > go to "2025-2026 Year-Round Programs"
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More information on session dates, times, and locations
will be on the other side of this flyer.

Flip the page to find a cozy campfire near you!



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Girl Scout Hiking Sessions



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Date	Program	Hiking Location	Sign-Up Link
11/16/2025	Hike and History	Isle a la Cache in Romeoville, IL	girlscout.info/HIKENov25
01/11/2026	Frozen Waterfalls Hike	Starved Rock State Park in Oglesby, IL	girlscout.info/HIKEJan26
02/14/2026	Valentine Hike	Camp Palos	girlscout.info/HIKEFeb26
03/29/2026	Spring Hike	Sand Ridge Nature Center in South Holland, IL	girlscout.info/HIKEMar26
04/26/2026	Urban Adventure Hike	Chicago Riverwalk in Chicago, IL	girlscout.info/HIKEApr26
05/01/2026	Full Moon Hike	Kemil Beach in Westchester, IN (Drop-Off at Camp Butternut Springs)	girlscout.info/HIKEMay26
06/14/2026	Nature Photo Hike	Jackson Park in Chicago, IL	girlscout.info/HIKEJun26
07/11/2026	Teddy Bear Hike	Camp Greene Wood	girlscout.info/HIKEJul26
08/29/2026	Sunset & Full Moon Hike	Skokie Lagoons in Winnetka, IL	girlscout.info/HIKEAug26



Outdoor Leadership Club Events



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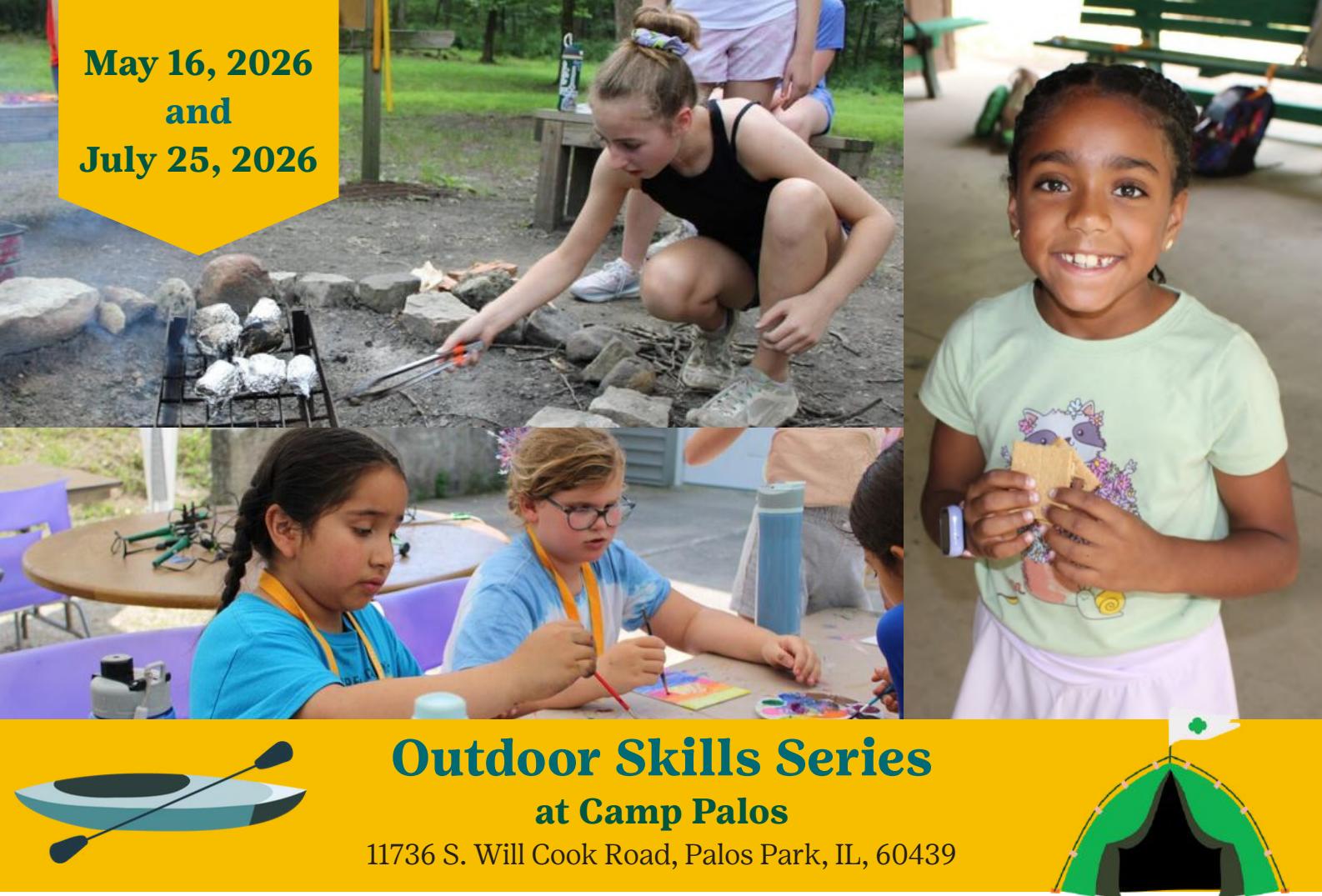
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11/14/2025 - 11/16/2025	National Camp T-Shirt Day	Camp Palos	girlscout.info/OLCNov25
12/07/2025	Outdoor Clubs Combined Holiday Party	Camp Palos	girlscout.info/HolidayParty25
01/25/2026	Knot-Tying and Lashing	Vernon Hills Gathering Place	girlscout.info/OLCJan26
02/22/2026	STEM	Joliet Gathering Place	girlscout.info/OLCFeb26
03/15/2026	Geocaching	Camp Greene Wood	girlscout.info/OLCMar26
04/10/2026 - 04/12/2026	Volunteer Work Weekend	Camp Juniper Knoll	girlscout.info/OLCApr26
05/17/2026	Letterboxing: Mystery, Maps, and Exploration	Camp Greene Wood	girlscout.info/OLCMay26
08/09/2026	End of Summer Celebration	Camp Butternut Springs	girlscout.info/OLCAug26
09/13/2026	Girl Scouts Love State Parks at Starved Rock State Park	Camp Greene Wood	girlscout.info/OLCSep26

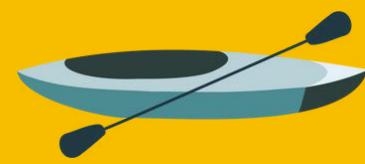


**May 16, 2026
and
July 25, 2026**



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



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