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2025-2026 Program Catalog



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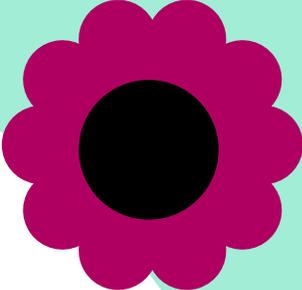
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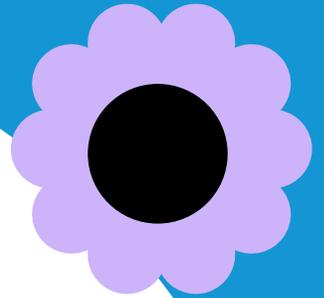
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STEM Fest

April 25, 2026

10am to 4pm

Joliet Gathering Place

entry
\$30

Featuring:

The Sloomoo Institute

Girl Scouts First Lego Robotics

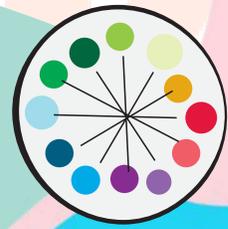
More Community Partners to be announced!



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!



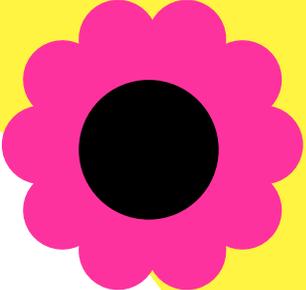
Complete the form using the QR code or the link below:

<https://bit.ly/GCNWICustomPrograms>

Questions? Contact:

programs@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

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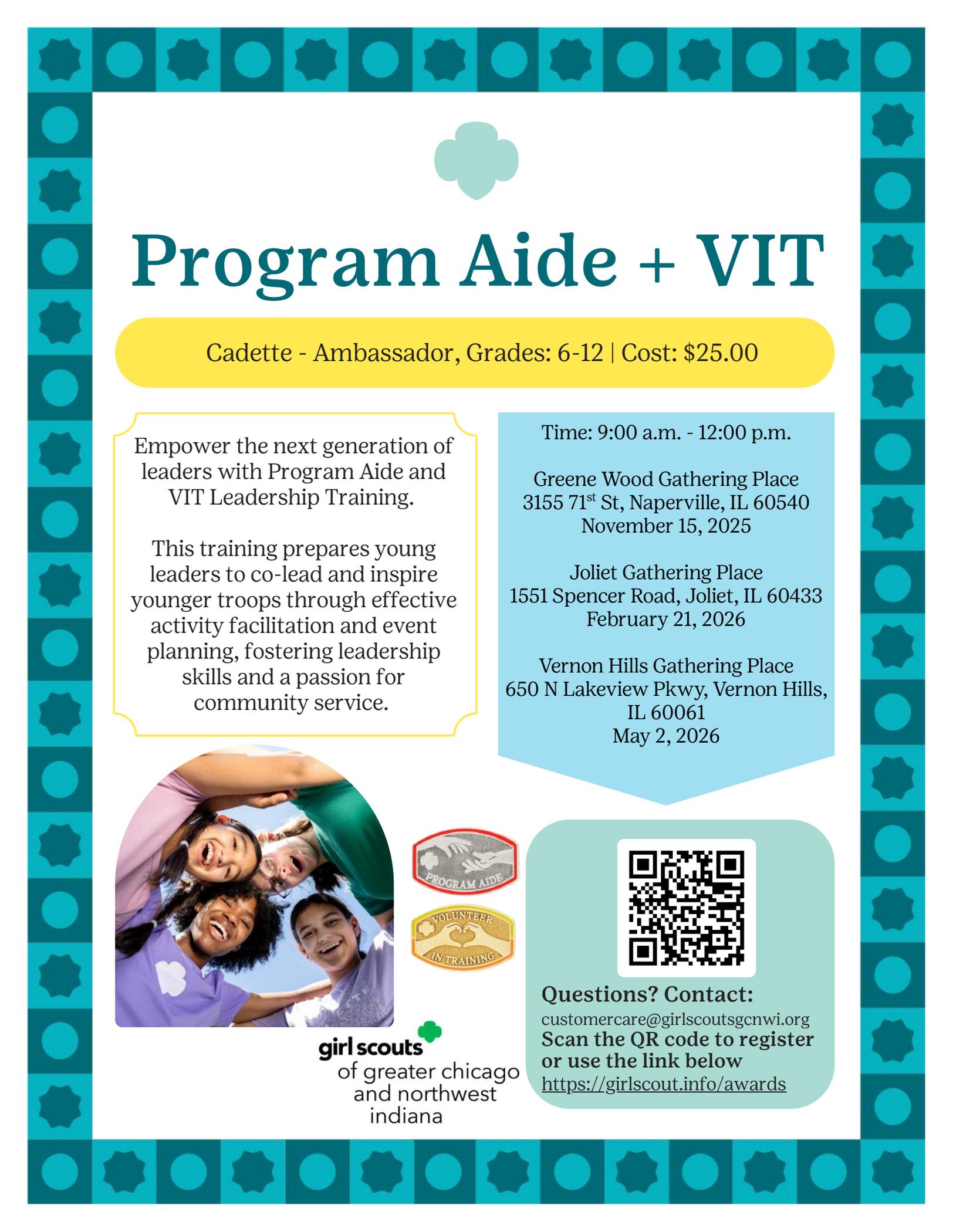
Leadership Awards

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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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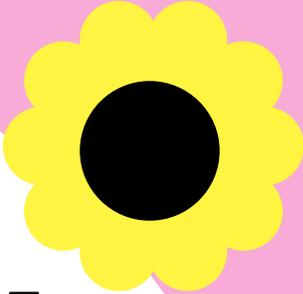


Questions? Contact:

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<https://girlscout.info/awards>



Community Service

Manager: Jessica Hickman



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council-led community service project

CAT SCRATCHERS

April 1 - April 30

Don't let your cookie cases go to waste!

This April, recycle with our council by turning cardboard into cat scratchers for donations.



Learn How to Make Your Own Cat Scratcher



Find Nearby Shelters to Donate Your Projects



Questions?

Contact: girlEXP@girlscoutsgcnwi.org



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



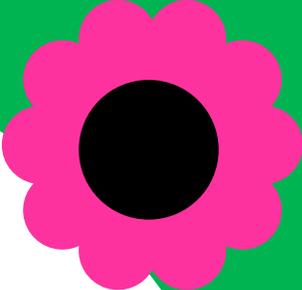
Each bar requires a minimum of 20 hours of service.

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

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STEM on Wheels

Saturday March 14
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Join us for an exciting Girl Scout Day at Dr. Martin Luther King Recreation Center, where Girl Scouts from all levels come together for a fun-filled celebration of Girl Scout Week!

This special event blends learning, leadership, and laughter as participants explore hands-on STEM activities, enjoy physical fun through skating and celebrate the spirit of sisterhood.

Where:

Dr. Martin Luther King
Roller Skating and Bowling Center
1219 W 76th St, Chicago, IL 60620

Youth Cost: \$30

includes STEM Lesson, skating
patch, pizza and a drink

Adult Cost: \$25

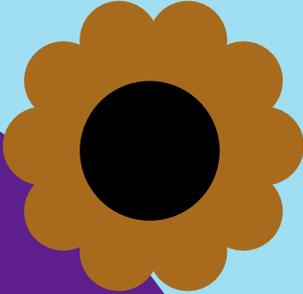
Everyone that enters the
building must pay.



Questions? Contact:
girlEXP@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

Scan the QR code to register
or use the link below
girlscout.info/STEMonwheels

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Older Girl

Manager: Samantha Lehman



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Older Girl Listening Sessions

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

Locations and Dates

Danny Z's House Of Pizza
1864 45 Ave, Munster IN
Saturday, February 28, 2026
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
bit.ly/GirlScoutOlderGirlListeningIndiana



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



Joliet Gathering Place
1551 W Illinois Hwy, Joliet, IL 60433
Sunday March 15
Time: 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
girlscout.info/OlderGirlListeningJL



Beverly Branch Public Library
1962 W 95th St, Chicago, IL 60643
Saturday, April 4
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
girlscout.info/OlderGirlListeningBeverly



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.



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



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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Questions? Contact:
Customer Care at 855-456-8347
Scan the QR code to register or
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<https://girlscout.info/ProjectLawDupage26>





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.

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
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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.

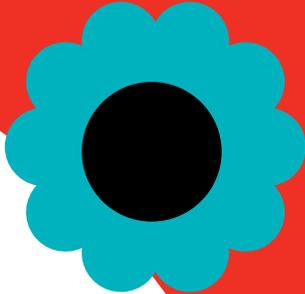
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Questions? Contact:
Customer Care at
855-456-8347

Scan the QR code to apply or
use the link below



girlscout.info/CampCEOApply



Trip and Travel

Contact: Kisa Fitzgerald



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Email: Jfitzgerald@Girlscoutsgcnwi.Org



Girl Scout Day at the Statehouse

Thursday, March 12, 2026

Indiana Statehouse: 200 W Washington St., Indianapolis IN 46204

Girl Scouts in grades 4-12 have the opportunity to go on Statehouse Tours, listen to Speakers of Advocacy and Influence, and be part of the United States' Semi quinentennial anniversary!

How to Register:

Step 1:

Register here to attend the event in Indianapolis through our friends at Girl Scouts of Central Indiana:
girlscout.info/INStatehouseDay



Girl Scout Cost: \$25
Adult Cost: \$20

Step 2:

Optional: add roundtrip transportation and lunch, use the link or QR code to sign up here:
girlscout.info/StatehouseTransportation



Cost: \$30*
Limited seats available!

All attendees MUST register for the event by Step 1. You may drive your personal vehicle, or register for GSGCNWI Transportation! Seats are limited for Transportation. Drop-off location will be given at a later time to participants. Girl Scouts will receive a school-absence excuse letter. *Financial Assistance available.

Design Your Own Girl Scout Travel Adventure

San Antonio, Texas | 2027



Girl Scouts will design, decide, and explore Texas with guidance from the Girl Scout Global Awareness Team.

What Girls Will Do

- Build the itinerary
- Lead planning and decisions
- Explore Texas culture and history
- Grow as confident travelers

For Girl Scouts entering 9th grade in Fall 2026 through graduating Seniors in Spring 2027.

Guided by Trusted Experts

This adventure is supported by the Girl Scout Global Awareness Team, experienced travel leaders who partner with Girl Scouts and caregivers through planning, preparation, and travel every step of the way.



Scan below to register!



**San Antonio
Info Session**

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

7:30 PM | Virtual

<https://bit.ly/girlscouttexas>

Need More Information?

Email: gstravel@girlscoutsgcnwi.org



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 TRAVEL

Savannah, Georgia Takeover!

August 3–August 7, 2026

- Round-trip private charter bus (Chicago ⇌ Savannah)
- Four-night hotel stay + daily breakfast
- Local transportation in Savannah
- Tours of Juliette Gordon Low's birthplace and first Girl Scout HQ
- Tybee Island visit + dolphin cruise
- Open to troops, individually registered members, leaders, and families



**Secure your spot today
with a deposit of \$200.**



Payment plans available





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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ROUNDTrip TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED!
Payment Plans Available

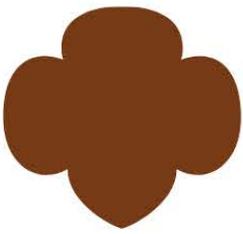
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Questions? Contact
GSTravel@GirlScoutsGCNWI.org

<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!

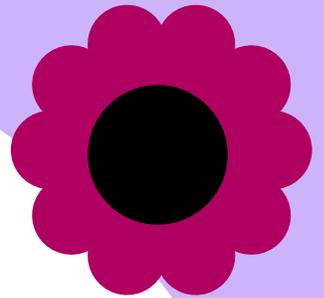


Need More Information?

Email: gstravel@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

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

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Life Skills

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Phone: (224) 207-9246

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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!

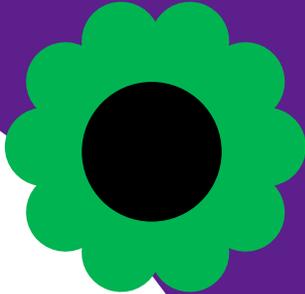
Fall reading challenge registration link:

<https://girlscout.info/FallReadingChallengeRegistration>

Questions?

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





Junior Experience

Manager: Fran Delacey



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Email: fdelacey@girlscoutsgcnwi.org



Historian's Tea Party

When:

Saturday, March 28, 2026
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Where:

Camp Greene Wood Gathering
Place 3155 71st St, Naperville, IL
60540
In the upstairs dining area!

Cost:

\$15*

*Financial Assistance is available



Join us for our annual tea party!

Juliette Gordon Low was a Southern lady who enjoyed entertaining her friends at tea parties. Join the Council Historians to learn more about Juliette, and enjoy an afternoon of games, songs, and a delicious afternoon tea menu. Party clothes are encouraged. A souvenir and patch are included.

**This event is for Juniors
in Grades 4 and 5!**

Scan the QR code to RSVP
or use the link below
girlscout.info/HistorianTeaParty



Questions? Contact: Fran Delacey at 224-207-9246 or 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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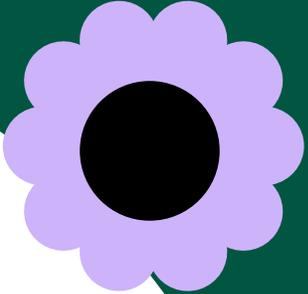
Questions? Contact:
GirlEXP@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

Scan the QR code to register or
use the link below

<https://girlscout.info/OctBronzeAwardTraining>



**Financial Assistance Available*



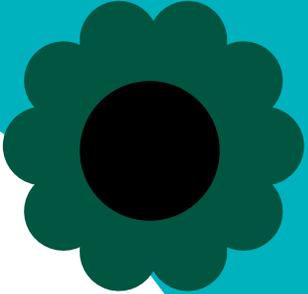
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Outdoor Programs

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2026 Year-Round Experiences at Camp Greene Wood

Discover ways to explore the outdoors in your community
with programs for all ages happening March – 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 Greene Wood Favorites

- April 12, Grilled Cheese Day
- May 2, Get Outdoors Challenge - Spring
- May 2, Campfire Songs and S'mores
- May 3, Camp Open House
- September 18, Campfire Songs and S'mores

Archery Clinics

- June 20, Archery Clinic
- July 14, Archery Clinic
- July 18, Archery Clinic
- August 4, Archery Clinic
- August 29, Archery Clinic

Outdoor Fun for Younger Girl Scouts

- April 18, Daisy Outdoor Extravaganza
- June 20, Brownie Outdoor Bash
- July 11, Teddy Bear Hike
- July 11, Teddy Bear Picnic

Outdoor Clubs

- March 28, Astronomy Club:
Earth Appreciation Hour
- May 17, Outdoor Leadership Club:
Letterboxing Treasure Hunt



To register for these programs,
scan the QR code or visit
girlscout.info/Nature2026
Use the brand-new SEARCH BAR
feature to search for available
sessions by name!



Take the whole troop to day camp this summer!

Experience summer day camp with your troop by registering for the Troop Summer Camp Experience. Learn a variety of outdoor skills while having fun with your troop at Camp Greene Wood! For more information visit girlscout.info/TroopSummerCamp



Pudgie Pi(e) Day

Friday, March 13 | 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. | Ages 7+



Celebrate Pi Day camp style!

Learn to cook with a pie iron, make a pie-themed craft, and complete other fun pi(e) activities. Practice cooking over a fire and take your tastebuds camping!

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

Camp
Butternut Springs
650 N 175 W
Valparaiso, IN 46385
bit.ly/PieBNS26



Joliet
Gathering Place
1551 Spencer Road
Joliet, IL 60433
bit.ly/PieJOL26



Vernon Hills
Gathering Place
650 N. Lakeview Parkway
Vernon Hills, IL 60061
bit.ly/PieVH26



Stick around
and have some
Girl Scout fun!

Girl Scouts Stick Together

March 28, 2026 | Ages 5+



A Girl Scout can never go wrong with the perfect stick, especially in the outdoors! Join us in celebrating "something on a stick day" by making a stick craft then enjoying a yummy campfire hotdog, fruit kebob, and s'more!

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

Location: Camp Butternut Springs

650 N 175 W
Valparaiso, IN 46385

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Location: Camp Palos

11736 South Will Cook Rd
Palos Park, IL 60439

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



Camp Butternut Springs
Sign-Up:

girlscout.info/StickBNS26

Camp Palos
Sign-Up:

girlscout.info/StickPAL26



Campfire Songs and S'mores



Sessions available March - September 2026 | Cost: \$10/Person | Ages 5+

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! Get ready for some Girl Scout Summer Camp fun! Locations, dates, and times will vary each month.



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. | Ages 7+

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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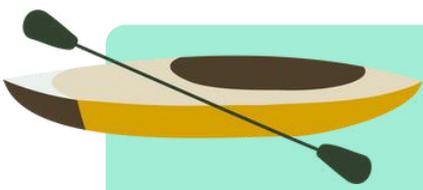
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Sign-up
for a
camp
near you!



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

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Camp Butternut Springs

650 N. 175 W.
Valparasio, IN, 46385

April 19, 2026

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Camp Juniper Knoll

W5095 State Rd. 20
East Troy, WI, 53120

April 26, 2026

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Camp Greene Wood

3155 71st St.
Naperville, IL, 60540

May 3, 2026

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



Camp Butternut Springs Work Weekend

Ages 9+ | Cost: FREE

April 10-12, 2025

Saturday Only option from
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. is 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



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Time commitment depends on what works best for you and your group's needs. Participants can choose to sleep over just Friday, just Saturday, or both nights.

Spend time outdoors
and help out around 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, or troop to volunteer and work on a variety of service projects. Be prepared to work hard and to make a positive difference at our camp for our entire camp and Girl Scout community!

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

girlscout.info/WWSOBNS26





Work hard and make a difference!

Camp Juniper Knoll Work Weekend

Ages 9+ | Cost: FREE

April 10-12, 2025

Saturday Only option from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. is available as well

Location: **Camp Juniper Knoll**
W5095 State Road 20
East Troy, WI, 53120

Spend time outdoors and help out around 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, or troop to volunteer and work on a variety of service projects. Be prepared to work hard and to make a positive difference at our camp for our entire camp and Girl Scout community!

To register, scan the QR code or visit:
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Time commitment depends on what works best for you and your group's needs. Participants can choose to sleep over just Friday, just Saturday, or both nights.





Calling all new and current Daisy Girl Scouts (Grades Pre-K – 1)!
Join us for our...

Daisy Outdoor Extravaganza

Sessions available from April - August 2026 | For ages 4+

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

(Ages 4+ or Grades Pre-K – 1)

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.

Southwest Region:

April 18, 2026 at
Camp Greene Wood
in Naperville, IL
May 9, 2026 at the
Joliet Gathering Place
in Joliet, IL

Indiana:

July 11, 2026 at
Camp Butternut Springs
in Valparaiso, IN

North Region:

August 4, 2026 at the
Vernon Hills Gathering Place
in Vernon Hills, IL
August 8, 2026 at the
Vernon Hills Gathering Place
in Vernon Hills, IL

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

Or visit:

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Use the new search bar function to find
programs by name!



Session times vary
depending on location.
Morning and Afternoon
times are available for
most Daisy Outdoor
Extravaganza sessions.

May 16, 2026
and
July 25, 2026



Outdoor Skills Series

Join us for an unforgettable day of adventure at Outdoor Skills Series Day!

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9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | \$75/Girl Scout Youth | Ages 5+

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



Perfect for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages! 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!

Location: **Camp Palos**
11736 S. Will Cook Road
Palos Park, IL, 60439



May 16, 2026

Sign-Up:

girlscout.info/OSS26May



July 25, 2026

Sign-Up:

girlscout.info/OSS26July





Calling all new and current Brownie Girl Scouts (Grades 2-3)!
Join us for our...

Brownie Outdoor Bash

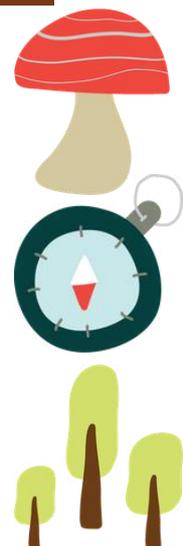
Sessions available from June - August 2026 | For ages 7+

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

(Ages 7+ or Grades 2-3)

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
3155 71st Street
Naperville, IL 60540

July 18, 2026 at
Camp Palos
11736 South Will Cook Rd
Palos Park, IL 60439

August 8, 2026 at
Camp Butternut Springs
650 N 175 W
Valparaiso, IN 46385

Morning (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) and Afternoon (1:00 - 4:00 p.m.) sessions
are available for all Brownie Outdoor Bash experiences.

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Daisy Outdoor Extravaganza near you!

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An enhanced
troop camping
retreat!

Splash into savings
this summer with a

Swim & Stay

Sessions open July - August 2026 | Ages 5+

At Camp Butternut Springs and Camp Juniper Knoll

You asked - and we delivered! Let's dive right in!



Introducing *Swim & Stay*: An upgraded troop camping experience for summer rentals! This bundle includes your group's lodge reservation, a lifeguarded swim time, s'more roasting supplies, and one (1) of the following facilitated activities of your choice. One price with \$50+ of savings! Each Swim & Stay session is a 24 hour rental period at camp.

To register,
scan the QR code
or visit

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SwimStay2026](https://girlscout.info/SwimStay2026)

Choose from one (1) of the following
staff-facilitated activities for your troop's
Swim & Stay:

- Letterboxing
- Archery
- Canoeing (BNS only)
- Kayaking (JK only)
- Outdoor Cooking Snack





November 2025 - August 2026



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Girl Scout Hikes

These hikes are available for ages 4+. No prior hiking experience necessary.

Embrace the great outdoors and enjoy the benefits of hiking with your Girl Scout crew. 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! Attend once or sign up every session. Locations, dates, times, and cost will vary each month.

Sign-up for a hike near you! Visit: [girlscout.info/Nature2026](https://www.girlscout.org/Nature2026)



Explore the cosmos with...

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Astronomy Club

Open to astronauts and astronomers ages 5+!

Sessions available January - September 2026

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. Attend once or sign up every session. Locations, dates, times, and cost will vary each month.

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!



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Outdoor Leadership Club

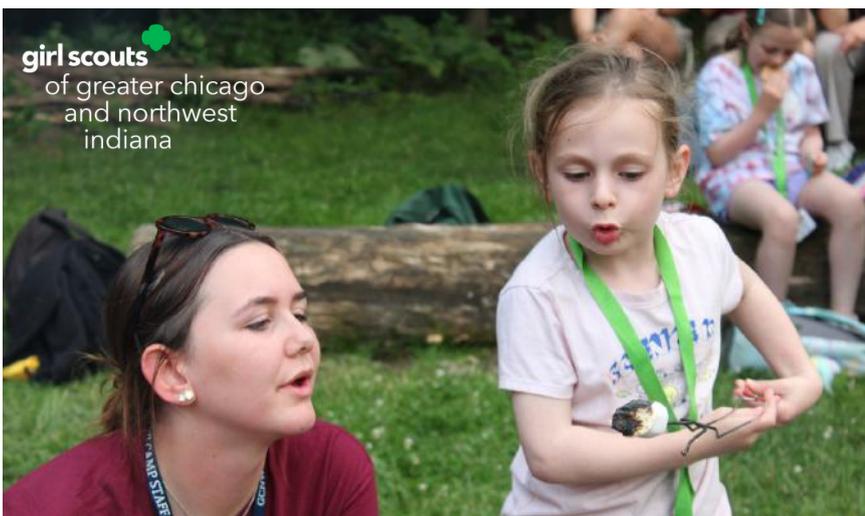


Develop the Natural Leader in You!

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! Attend once or sign up every session. Locations, dates, times, and cost will vary each month.



Sign-up today!

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