



January 2024

All GSNIL Resource Centers will be closed, and all GSNIL staff will be off on Monday, January 15, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

A Note from Kari



Hello GSNIL and Happy New Year! My favorite time of year is now upon us! I cannot wait to hear from our Girl Scouts about their cookie program plans and what goals they will be working towards. Filming for our [Virtual Cookie Kick-Off](#) is complete, and I hope each of you is excited to see it like I am!

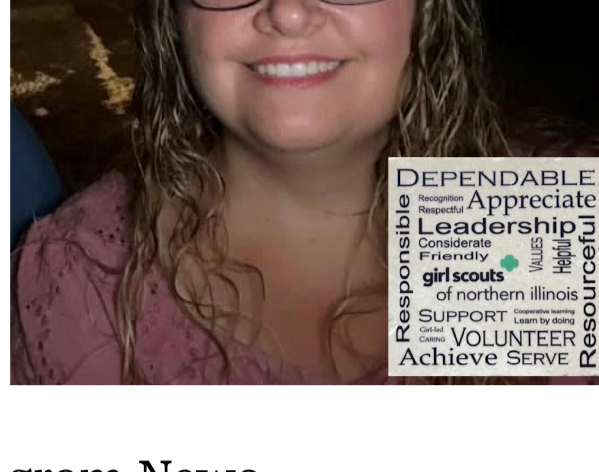
Don't forget to save the date for our 2024 Annual Meeting to be held this April 27, at the NIU Visitor's Center. Be on the lookout for event registration in our February 2024 newsletter!

Yours in Girl Scouting,
Kari L. Rockwell

Volunteer Spotlight

"I enjoy volunteering, because we are making a difference in the lives of these girls and in turn, the girls will change the world." [Hear more](#) from Jennifer Hauch who has been awarded GSNIL's most recent Volunteer Spotlight Award!

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2024 Girl Scout Cookie Program News



Girl Scouts will *Own Your Magic* as they participate in the [2024 Cookie Program](#). Mandatory Troop Online Training is available on gsLearn, and resources are available now at www.girlscoutsni.org/cookieresources and [Rallyhood](#). Work with your Girl Scout to set a goal and decide on the best methods to reach customers! Initial Order Taking continues through Sunday, January 21. Cookie booths will run February 9–March 10. Review the complete [2024 Cookie Program Schedule](#) for details!

Both volunteers and parents should have received their launch email for access to Digital Cookie on Wednesday, January 3. Girl Scouts with their parents can set up an online sales site and be ready to contact customers to place Digital Cookie orders starting now. For assistance throughout the Cookie Program, contact your Troop Cookie Chair or GSNIL's Product Program Team at cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org.

Introducing Game Changer Girl Scouts



Do you know a GSNIL Girl Scout redefining everything you thought you knew about the cookie program? This year GSNIL is accepting nominations for innovative, creative, and courageous Girl Scouts who demonstrate original thinking, embrace new ideas, lead with compassion, and model true entrepreneurship through the Girl Scout Cookie Program. If this applies to a Girl Scout in your life, now's the time to [nominate](#) your Game Changer.

GSNIL staff will review all nominations and make selections. Selected Girl Scouts will receive a special charm and may be featured on GSNIL's social media channels. [Game Changer Girl Scout](#) nominations will be accepted, selected, and featured throughout the cookie program from January 5–March 10.

2024 Virtual Cookie Kick-Off

Be sure to check out the [2024 Virtual Cookie Kick-Off \(VCKO\)](#) led by GSNIL Girl Scouts! The VCKO is available to view at any time! Before viewing, [download the Magic Card](#) to complete while following along. Bring the completed card to a Resource Center by March 9, 2024, for a special gift while supplies last. [Order 2024 Cookie Rally patches](#) for \$3 each (includes mailing cost).



Summer Camp 2024 Registration Open

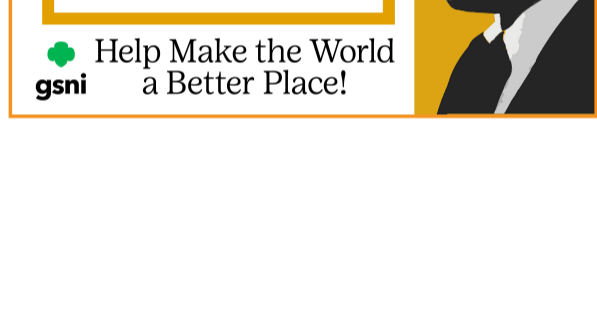


Summer is just around the corner. (No, really! It is!) Think outside, no box required, at GSNIL's 2024 summer camps. This upcoming summer, GSNIL is offering camping opportunities at both Camp Dean and Camp McCormick. Join us for overnight camps, day camps, adventure camps, troop camps, and more.

Want a great Girl Scout gift that will get there on time? How about Girl Scout summer camp? Our summer camp is the perfect gift for birthdays, holidays, or any celebration! You'll also have the option to let us know if you want your Girl Scout to receive a special camp welcome letter from Potato, our GSNIL camp mascot! Registration is [open](#) now!

[REGISTER TODAY!](#)

MLK Day of Service



GSNIL is excited to partner with our AmeriCorps members to support Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Day of Service 2024.

All GSNIL troops are invited to join us in collecting winter clothing donations, such as new or gently used hats, gloves, scarves, or coats of all sizes. Donations will be accepted at GSNIL's South Elgin and Oswego Resource Centers and Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) in Aurora through January 10. For more information or to get involved, contact Customer Care at 1-844-476-4463 or customer-care@girlscoutsni.org.

GSNIL Scholarships for Graduating Class of 2024

Each year through an application and interview process, GSNIL awards scholarships to registered, graduating Girl Scouts who have been actively involved in Girl Scouting during their high school years. These Girl Scouts have committed to furthering their education, demonstrated their understanding of the Girl Scout Promise and Law, and currently live by those values. Their communities and our council have benefited from their commitment, service, and leadership. Learn more and apply by visiting [our scholarship page](#). Applications are due January 12, 2024.



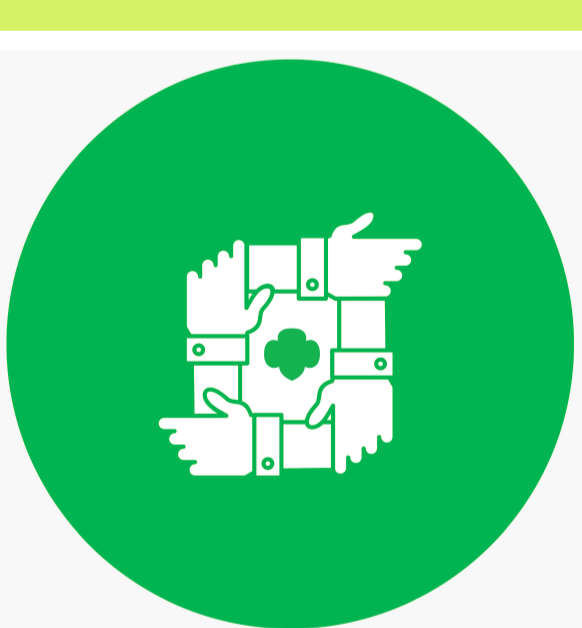
[APPLY TODAY!](#)

Volunteer Recognition

2024 Recognition Nominations opened December 1. Do you know a GSNIL volunteer who has done something amazing? Nominate them for an official Girl Scout award! Visit our [recognition page](#) to review award descriptions and choose the one that best fits your nominee. Nominations close on February 2, 2024. Selected nominees will be honored at our 2024 Annual Meeting on April 27.

2024 Community Partnership Award Nominations Open

GSNIL's Board of Directors established the Community Partnership Award to recognize businesses and organizations significantly supporting GSNIL. A maximum of six nominees will be awarded and honored at GSNIL's Annual Meeting in April 2024. Nominations are due by February 13, 2024. Enter nominations [here](#). Please give as much detail as possible. Unfortunately, we cannot consider late or incomplete nominations.



Travel Funds Available



Do you know a Girl Scout, age 12 or older, who would like to safely explore new places, have unique adventures, and make memories (and friends!) that will last a lifetime? If so, we're excited to offer a way to make exciting, hands-on travel more accessible to our youth members! Age-appropriate GSNIL Girl Scouts may apply for the [GSNIL Travel Endowment Fund](#). If selected, the award amount is \$375. The Travel Endowment application will close February 29, 2024, so please apply before the deadline. For more information, please contact customer-care@girlscoutsni.org.

2024 Spring Programs

GSNIL's Program Team is gearing up for a fantastic spring! Check out all the upcoming spring programs being offered with our [S'more Fun At a Glance List](#).

Travel Endowment Grows via Giving Tuesday



On behalf of our council, members, and staff—THANK YOU! We appreciate everything you do to support our mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. You helped us raise over \$10,000 for GSNIL's Travel Endowment via your donations this past November 28, 2023, for Giving Tuesday!

No matter your reason for giving, we want you to know we appreciate you! We do not take for granted that our work would not be possible without supporters like you. As donors, volunteers, members, and friends, your giving spirit empowers us to make an impact throughout northern Illinois. Didn't get a chance to make your donation? [Click here](#) to donate today. Please add "Giving Tuesday" in the comments section to be applied to the GSNIL Travel Endowment.

Adult Program Registration

All GSNIL programs require adult registrations to be completed so our Program Team knows to expect proper safety ratios at any event being offered. The new Camp and Class Manager platform allows adult registration, so program availability is not taken away from our youth members. It is important we have the proper adult-to-youth ratios, so please follow all instructions when registering online for a GSNIL program. Thank you!



Have a question? Don't be shy! [Contact us](#) for more information.

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