



March 2024



Hello GSNI, and [Happy Women's History Month!](#) This valuable time of recognizing and celebrating the contributions of women across the United States has only been in existence for 42 years, but we all know women have been a powerful force of good for much longer than that! I hope you take time this month to reflect on the contributions of the women in your life and say, "Thank you!" for being a role model.

Girl Scouts around the world will celebrate the 112th birthday of our organization (and the amazing things YOU do every day) during [Girl Scout Week](#), March 10-16, 2024. This is a great time to learn about how many Girl Scouts [connect their faith to Girl Scouting](#) and to share an act of kindness in your community. Send us your stories, videos, and photos at [stories@girlscoutsni.org](mailto:stories@girlscoutsni.org).

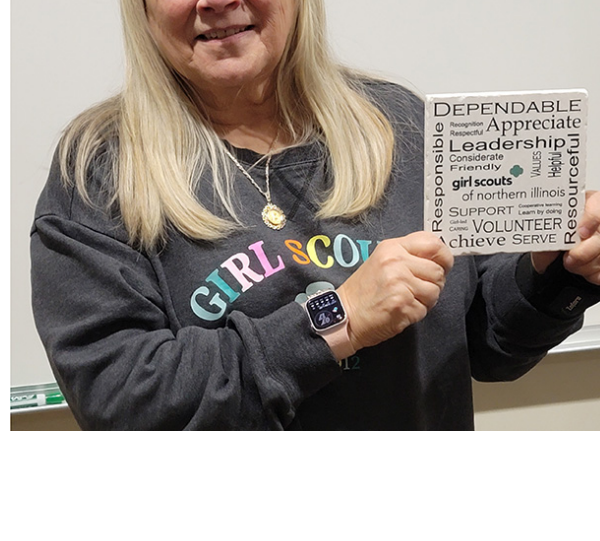
Cookie booths are in full swing, and I've loved visiting many of our Girl Scout entrepreneurs. I am proud not only of the financial planning and goal setting, but also of the effective communication skills and excellent manners displayed. What a wonderful experience for cookie customers and lots of notable examples of who Girl Scouts are!

P.S. - Annual Meeting registration is now [open](#). I hope you can join us on April 27. As a reminder, registration closes on Thursday, April 18, and no further registration opportunities will be available.

Yours in Girl Scouting,  
Kari L. Rockwell

### Volunteer Spotlight

"I wish others could see the look on the Girl Scouts' faces when they accomplish something they didn't think they could do or were afraid of doing (think of crate stacking), then they accomplish that and are so pleased with themselves for doing it. It's happened over and over again through the years with my troop (not just with crate stacking), and it's wonderful. Those are the best memories!" Hear more from Vicki Farbo who has been awarded GSNI's most recent Volunteer Spotlight!



[HEAR MORE](#)

### 2024 Cookie Program Updates



As we near the end of the 2024 Girl Scout Cookie Program on Sunday, March 10, GSNI would like to thank our Girl Scouts and supportive families for their hard work and dedication to the cookie program. Please review the Family Newsletter for important end-of-season deadlines and reward event dates. Girl Scouts who participated in the Cookie Business Challenge should complete the entry form by Monday, March 18. Please complete the entry form for all businesses that made purchases, so they can be thanked by GSNI with a letter and window cling!

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### Resource Center News

Girl Scout Week is March 10-16! What better way to celebrate than visiting your nearest Resource Center to check out the new spring merchandise? In honor of Girl Scout Week, we will have a prize wheel (one spin per customer with purchase) to celebrate all our Girl Scouts for the entire week. On Monday, March 11, there will be 25% off all youth clothing, not including uniforms or the new spring line. For Girl Scout Birthday on Tuesday, March 12, every Girl Scout who visits a Resource Center will get a free birthday fun patch while supplies last. There will also be a week-long special with 25% off ponchos and 25% off all already marked-down clearance items. Be sure to follow us on social media for updates and events.



Reminder! 2023 Cookie Dough will expire on April 1, 2024. If Girl Scouts have a remaining balance, now is the time to go shopping at a Resource Center. Make sure your Girl Scout uses those hard-earned rewards to the fullest!

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### GSNI's 2nd Annual Online Auction!

Get ready to bid on incredible items and experiences from Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant, Field Museum, The Herrington Inn & Spa, The Village Squire, Chicago Red Stars, and so much more. Bid for a cause and get great deals for your loved ones or yourself! Item previewing opens on March 21. Bid to win your favorite items from March 22-24.



All proceeds support GSNI's Financial Assistance programs ensuring all Girl Scouts get the experience they want regardless of any financial barriers. For questions, contact GSNI's Philanthropy Department at [fd@girlscoutsni.org](mailto:fd@girlscoutsni.org).

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### Super Spring Programs

GSNI's Program Team and Preferred Partners have created amazing programming opportunities for spring. Registration is now open! Check out:

- Girl Scout Media Fair
- Daisy Journey: Three Cheers for Animals - Oh Deer!
- Brownie Journey Weekends
- Gardener Badge with Boone County Conservation District
- First Aid Badge for Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes
- Aviation Day with the Chicago 99's

[REGISTER TODAY!](#)

### 2024 Camp Service Days & Open Houses Update!



GSNI listens to our volunteers! We have changed the dates of our 2024 Camp Service Days and Camp Open Houses to increase attendance at the events. New this year is a troop overnight option. Troops that meet a minimum number of participants (8 people per group) may stay in one of the camp lodges at no charge! Make a note of all the date changes and learn [more on our website](#).

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### Girl Scout Day with the Chicago Cubs!

Girl Scout Day with the Chicago Cubs is back! Join us on Sunday, April 7, as the Chicago Cubs take on the LA Dodgers at Wrigley Field at 1:20 p.m. The Cubs are generously donating \$3 of each ticket purchased back to GSNI! To purchase your tickets and receive a special Girl Scout fun patch, you must order through the ticket link and select "Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois" as the council!



[GET TICKETS!](#)

### Council Trainers Needed



GSNI is increasing our number of Council Trainers to grow in person volunteer learning opportunities throughout the council. Council Trainers would participate in a Train the Trainer training and program. Volunteers and adult members interested in becoming a Council Trainer can register for the Train the Trainer training in Rockford on April 13, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. To register for the Train the Trainer training, click here. Interested but have questions? Contact the Volunteer Development Team at [customer-care@girlscoutsni.org](mailto:customer-care@girlscoutsni.org).

[REGISTER NOW](#)

### Early Registration for Totally Tubular Trivia Night



Registration is open now for GSNI's 21+ fundraiser Totally Tubular Trivia Night! Test your knowledge and join us Friday evening, April 19, at Barrington's White House for 80s/90s/00s pop trivia.

Enjoy a night out with appetizers and Girl Scout Cookie-inspired specialty drinks starting at 5:30 p.m. and trivia contest at 6:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased on-site to take part in silent auction and 50/50 drawing. There will be prizes for top teams and best-dressed tables. Limited seats are available!

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### Wanted: Outdoor Activities Facilitators

GSNI is looking for compassionate, energetic, and fun Girl Scout volunteers to join our facilitator program. GSNI Facilitators help instruct Girl Scouts during troop camping or council-led events from mid-April to mid-October each year. Facilitating with GSNI is a paid, seasonal position. Interested potential facilitators take training and receive certifications for our outdoor facilitated activities, including archery, small watercraft, high ropes, and more. For more information or to become a facilitator, email [customer-care@girlscoutsni.org](mailto:customer-care@girlscoutsni.org).



### Build-A-Bear

Thinking about a Build A Bear party for your troop? Party reservations are filling up fast! Book now to reserve your spot!

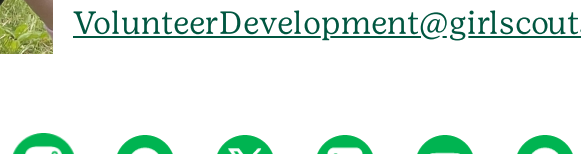


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### Service Unit Volunteer-Led Camps



Service units have begun to open spring registrations for youth to attend local volunteer-led summer camps. The camps are held for 1-5 days during the day or during the late afternoon/evening hours for Girl Scouts of all ages! There are 15-20 camps held throughout the council each summer and most accept youth from other service units, as well. If interested in registering as a Girl Scout, or volunteering to help at a camp, please visit any GSNI Resource Center to look at a list of camps, details, and contact information. For general questions, please email [VolunteerDevelopment@girlscoutsni.org](mailto:VolunteerDevelopment@girlscoutsni.org).



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

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