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**Girl Scout Saturdays—Daisies**

Explore nature and make new friends at the Bartlett Nature Center. Whether you are a first-time leader or experienced Girl Scout, come take an adventure on the wild side with trained staff as Girl Scouts meet and exceed their requirements for a wide variety of hands-on and interactive Girl Scout programs.

Location: Bartlett Nature Center, 2054 W. Stearns Road, Bartlett, IL (James “Pate” Philip State Park)  
Fee: \$5 per person  
Registration: Begins July 20, 2009; Register as a troop or individual.  
Online registration available at [www.bartlett-parks.org](http://www.bartlett-parks.org) or by fax 630-540-4869  
Information: Call 847-608-3100

DAY	DATE	TIME	LEVEL	ACTIVITY
Sat.	Sept. 12, 09	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	DA	Nature in Action
Sat.	Oct. 3, 09	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	DA	Sound Sense
Sat.	Nov. 7, 09	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	DA	Alphabet Hike
Sat.	Dec. 5, 09	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	DA	Discovery Boxes

**Northern Illinois Volleyball**

Northern Illinois vs. Eastern Michigan at Victor E. Court inside the Convocation Center. Free admission to any Girl Scouts in uniform (sash, vest, etc.). Just stop by the box office to receive your complimentary ticket. Stick around after the match to meet the team and get autographs! E-mail Amanda Benzine at [abenzine@niu.edu](mailto:abenzine@niu.edu) by October 2 if you would like your troop to be recognized over the PA during the match.

Location: NIU Convocation Center, DeKalb, IL  
Fee: Free admission to Girl Scouts (girls) in uniform  
Troop leaders/parents/siblings—\$5 for adults and \$3 for youth

DAY	DATE	TIME	LEVEL
Sat.	Oct. 10, 09	7 p.m.	All ages

**Juliette Low Birthday Party**

Juliette Low started the first Girl Scouting Program. The organization was so important to her that she sold her pearls to keep the program running. Let’s have fun celebrating Juliette Low! We will learn more about her and do a lot of activities that she did when she was a girl.

Location: TBA – Sterling or Dixon  
Receive: Fun Patch  
Fee: \$10 per girl  
\$10 per adult, if participating in crafts & activities.  
No fee for adults who do not participate in the crafts and activities.  
Bring: A sack lunch and a cash donation for community service.  
Registration: Ends October 24; Individual or troop/group  
Send Registration & fee to:  
Amy Suarez (checks made out to Girl Scouts)  
708 ½ 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
Sterling, IL 61081

DAY	DATE	TIME	LEVEL
Sat.	Oct. 24, 09	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	ALL Levels

### **Sesame Street Live 1-2-3 Imagine**

Imagine singing and dancing with Elmo, Abby Cadabby, Big Bird and all your favorite Sesame Street Live friends! It's as easy as counting "1-2-3 Imagine!" This high-energy musical will transport audiences to far away places as Ernie captains the high seas, Elmo dances to the rhythm of the African rainforest and Bert meets an octopus who has the blues. It's a story of adventure and fun that teaches children they can be anyone, do anything and go anywhere with the power of imagination. For full show schedule and additional show information, please visit [www.metrocentre.com](http://www.metrocentre.com).

Location: Rockford MetroCentre, 300 Elm Street Rockford, IL 61101  
Fee: TBA  
Registration: For more information, contact:  
Kathryn Wade, Group Sales Manager  
815-968-5600  
kwade@metrocentre.com

DAY	DATE	TIME	LEVEL
Tue.	Nov. 10, 09	TBA	Target audience ages 2-Kindergarten
Wed.	Nov. 11, 09	TBA	Target audience ages 2-Kindergarten

### **Disney on Ice: 100 Years of Magic**

Join the celebration as 65 of Disney's unforgettable characters from 18 beloved stories come to life as Disney On Ice celebrates 100 Years of Magic! You'll be captivated by the one and only Mickey Mouse, the irresistible Minnie Mouse, Goofy, Donald Duck, Jiminy Cricket, Pinocchio and all the Disney Princesses. Be thrilled by exciting moments from The Lion King; Mulan; and Disney/Pixar's Finding Nemo, The Incredibles, and Toy Story films; in a skating spectacular filled with magical Disney moments you'll remember forever as Disney On Ice celebrates 100 Years of Magic! For full show schedule and additional show information, please visit [www.metrocentre.com](http://www.metrocentre.com).

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Thu.	Dec. 10, 09	TBA	Target audience DA, BR, JR, CD
Fri.	Dec. 11, 09	TBA	Target audience DA, BR, JR, CD

### **Illinois Youth Dance Theatre's 1st annual Nutcracker Tea**

Join us for an enchanting afternoon featuring costumed characters from The Nutcracker and a tea party complete with finger sandwiches, pastries, fruit, dessert, hot chocolate and tea. Our dancers will perform short excerpts from The Nutcracker. Bring your camera for pictures and get autographs from the dancers. This is sure to become a favorite holiday tradition for children and adults of all ages!

Location: Richmond Memorial Hall, Richmond, IL  
Fee: \$15 per child; \$20 per adult  
Registration: Call 815-675-9359 for tickets or visit [www.dancepasg.com](http://www.dancepasg.com) for more information.

DAY	DATE	TIME	LEVEL
Sun.	Dec. 13, 09	12 p.m.-2 p.m.	All Levels

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**IYDT Presents the 10th Anniversary Performance of The Nutcracker**

Illinois Youth Dance Theatre showcases the talents of over 60 dedicated members ranging in age from four to adult. This performance takes you on a journey that begins in a Victorian home where magic dolls, a Nutcracker Prince, and the Rat King and his mice come to life! Travel with Marie and her Prince to the Kingdom of Sweets, where Snowflakes sparkle, Candy Canes cavort, and Flowers fill the stage with a swirl of color and movement.

Location: Lake Zurich High School Performing Arts Center, 300 Church St., Lake Zurich, IL  
Fee: \$10 per Girl Scout or chaperone (general admission)  
Snacks and drinks available for \$1 each  
Registration: Call 815-675-9359 for tickets or visit [www.dancepasg.com](http://www.dancepasg.com) for more information.  
Tickets must be purchased by December 1, 2009, to receive by mail

DAY	DATE	TIME	LEVEL
Fri.	Dec. 18, 09	10 a.m.	All Levels with families and friends
Fri.	Dec. 18, 09	12:30 p.m.	All Levels with families and friends

**Let's Dance**

A professional instructor will teach you the basic fundamentals of dance, while others will participate in additional workshops to earn badges. Lot's of fun is to be had by all participants.

Location: Woodlawn Arts Academy  
3807 Woodlawn Road  
Sterling, IL 61081  
Earn & Receive: Girl Scout Brownies—Dancercise Try-It  
Girl Scout Juniors—Dance patch  
Non-Girl Scouts earn a fun patch  
Fee: \$10 per girl  
Bring: A lot of energy!  
Registration: Ends January 4, 2010; Individual or troop/group  
Send Registration & Fee to:  
Heather Dunkel (Checks made out to Girl Scouts)  
Woodlawn Arts Academy  
3807 Woodlawn Road  
Sterling, IL 61081

DAY	DATE	TIME	LEVEL
Sat.	Jan. 16, 2010	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	All Levels

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**Theatre**

Girl Scouts and their friends can embark on a fun and exciting journey into the world of Theatre. Professional instructors will teach the fundamentals of theatrical acting.

Location: Woodlawn Arts Academy  
3807 Woodlawn Road, Sterling, IL 61081  
Earn & Receive: Girl Scout Brownies—Let's Pretend Try-It  
Girl Scout Juniors—Theatre Patch  
Non-Girl Scouts earn a fun patch  
Fee: \$10 per girl includes patch  
Bring: A creative mind and a vast imagination!  
Registration: Ends February 1, 2010; Individual or troop/group  
Send Registration & fee to:  
Heather Dunkel (Checks made out to Girl Scouts)  
Woodlawn Arts Academy  
3807 Woodlawn Road  
Sterling, IL 61081

DAY	DATE	TIME	LEVEL
Sat.	Feb. 13, 10	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	All Levels

**World Thinking Day—World Trade Fair**

Girl Scouts of all ages teaching each other about WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) countries through their exhibits. Troops interested in choosing a country for a booth please call Susie Metzler at 815-662-0182. Fliers and information about requirements for each exhibit will be sent to all interested parties. SWAPS are a requirement from each exhibit. Come share your knowledge and share the FUN! Let's make the first Thinking Day for Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois a HUGE Success!

Location: TBA, Sterling or Dixon  
Receive: Fun patch & SWAPS  
Fee: \$4 per girl  
Bring: Sack lunch and a non-perishable food item for local food pantry. Wear GS sash, vest, or T-shirt, OR clothes that represent your country.  
Registration: Ends December 7  
Send Registration & fee to:  
Susie Metzler (checks made out to Girl Scouts)  
21621 Hoover Road  
Sterling, IL 61081

DAY	DATE	TIME	LEVEL
Sat.	Feb. 20, 10	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	All Levels

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**Father/Daughter Dance**

Hey Dad! Look what we have planned for you and your special girl. Bring your daughter to our Father/Daughter dance and dance to the music of our special DJ, participate in our creative games, enjoy our cookies and punch, and have a souvenir photo taken. Girls must be accompanied by an adult male escort (father, uncle, cousin, grandfather, friend over 18 years of age). Non-Girl Scouts are invited to attend.

Location: East Coloma Elementary School Gym  
1602 Dixon Rd., Rock Falls, IL 61071  
Receive: Fun patch, corsage, and souvenir photo.  
Fee: \$10 per couple; \$5 for each additional girl ages 5-17 with same escort.  
Bring: 1 non perishable food item to be donated to our local food pantry.  
Girls can wear party dresses—but it is NOT Necessary. Dads wear whatever is comfortable.  
Min./Max.: 50/200 couples  
Registration: Ends March 6, 2010. Individual  
Send Registration & fee to:  
Michelle Nelsen (checks made out to Girl Scouts)  
1802 Ave. E  
Sterling, IL 61081

DAY	DATE	TIME	LEVEL
Fri.	Mar. 12, 10	6 p.m.-8 p.m.	All Levels

**It's a Mystery?**

Are you a regular Nancy Drew? Do you want to be? We have four (4) cases we need your help to solve! The Case of the Missing Horse, the Case of the Stolen Panda, and the Case of the original Woodlawn Arts Academy Mystery.

Location: Woodlawn Arts Academy  
3807 Woodlawn Road  
Sterling, IL 61081  
Receive: Fun patch  
Fee: \$15 per person  
Bring: A sack lunch and a sharp mind!  
Registration: Ends March 1, 2010. Individual or troop/group  
Send Registration & fee to:  
Heather Dunkel (Checks made out to Girl Scouts)  
Woodlawn Arts Academy  
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Location: West Carroll Elem. School Gym  
2215 Wacker Rd., Savanna, IL  
Receive: Fun patch, corsage, and souvenir photo  
Fee: \$10 per couple; \$5 for each additional girl ages 5-17 with same escort  
Bring: 1 non perishable food item to be donated to our local food pantry  
Girls can wear party dresses—but it is NOT Necessary. Dads wear whatever is comfortable.  
Min./Max.: 50/200 (couples)  
Registration: Ends Mar. 6, 2010; Individual  
Send Registration & fee to:  
Sandy Gabriel (checks made out to Girl Scouts)  
12010 Meredosia Rd.  
Albany, IL 61230

DAY	DATE	TIME	LEVEL
Sun.	Mar. 14, 10	5-7 p.m.	ALL Levels

**Planet Fest—An Earth Day Event**

Reduce, reuse, and recycle projects plus the ever popular plant a shoe!

Location: Spencer Park, 603. N. Appleton Rd., Belvidere, IL  
Receive: Planet Fest Patch  
Fee: \$4 per girl- includes patch  
Registration: Deadline Apr. 15, 2010; Contact: Diana Ward 815-547-7536 or [dianaward@verizon.net](mailto:dianaward@verizon.net)  
Note: Proper adult per girl ratios are required.

DAY	DATE	TIME	LEVEL
Sat.	Apr. 24, 10	1-4 p.m.	DA

**Spring Fling Activity Camp**

ALL girls are invited to a day camp at Camp Far Horizons. Girl Scout Seniors will be crew leaders. Girl Scout Daisies through Juniors will earn badges and Try-Its.

Location: Camp Far Horizons, Hanover, IL 61041  
Earn & Receive: Girl Scout Brownies-2 Try-Its, Girl Scout Juniors-2 badges (TBD)  
DA., CD., SR., and AM. all receive a fun patch.  
Fee: \$15 per Girl Scout  
Bring: Saturday: Sleeping bag, pillow, pj's, change of clothes, tennis shoes (NO sandals)  
Saturday: Sack lunch & water bottle, back pack or tote bag (Bandana provided)  
Dress for the weather, we will be outside.  
Min./Max. 40/100  
Registration: Ends April 1, 2010; Individual registration only!  
Send Registration & fee to:  
Elizabeth Grissinger (checks made out to Girl Scouts).  
219 Jefferson St.  
Savanna, IL 61074

DAY	DATE	TIME	LEVEL
Sat.	Apr. 24, 10	9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	DA, BR
Sat.-Sun.	Apr. 24-25, 10	9:30 a.m.-12 noon	JR, CD

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**Sterling & Rock Falls – All-Town Bridging Ceremony**

All levels of Girl Scouts are encouraged to participate in this special ceremony for Girl Scouts who are bridging up to the next Girl Scout level. Let's come together to show support and share the Love.

Location: Centennial Park Lion's Shelter  
Centennial Park, Rock Falls, IL 60171  
Receive: All leaders are responsible for their girls' certificates, pins, and awards to be given to the girls at this Bridging Girl Scout Ceremony.  
Fee: No Charge  
Bring: All girls bring your families and friends.  
Registration: No form needed just call Amy Suarez at 815 213-0226 or E-mail at [kpnamy4@yahoo.com](mailto:kpnamy4@yahoo.com) by deadline.

DAY	DATE	TIME	LEVEL
Sun.	Jun. 12, 10	2 p.m.	ALL levels

**Morrison Rockwood Day Camp**

Arts & Crafts, Education, Songs & Games, Outdoor Fun Cooking, and Guest Events. Come join us for three fun-filled days in the great outdoors.

Location: Rockwood State Park  
Morrison, IL 61270  
Earn & Receive: Girl Scout Brownies earn 2 Try-Its (TBD); Girl Scout Juniors earn 2 badges (TBD) and a Fun Patch  
Fee: \$45 per girl  
\$10 per girl worker or adult  
Bring: Back pack, water bottle, rain gear, bug repellent, sunscreen (that girl can self apply), and extra shoes/socks.  
NO CELL PHONES or ELECTRONIC GADGETS!  
Girl Scout Brownies and Juniors bring sack lunch with drink (No Pop) on Mon. and Tue.  
Min./Max.: 50/150  
Registration: Ends May 12, 10 (Must be received by May 12)  
Send Registration & fee to:  
Becky Albrecht  
504 Genesee St.  
Morrison, IL 61270  
815-772-7398

DAY	DATE	TIME	LEVEL
Mon.Tue.Wed.	Jun 14,15,16, 2010	9:00a.m.-11:50a.m.	DA
Mon.Tue.Wed	Jun 14,15,16, 2010	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	BR & JR

**Community Resources available to Girl Scout Daisies, not dated**

**Safety Sense and Fire Safety**

Puppets teach girls about smoke detectors, home exit drills and the family meeting place. Program is presented by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Lifescape Community Services. Program available in Boone and Winnebago counties only.

Location: Your troop meeting  
Receive: **Badges, Try Its or Patches are not included**  
Fee: No Charge  
Registration: Contact: PNS Coordinator 815-963-1609  
Note: 30-minute sessions

DAY	DATE	TIME	LEVEL
Available all year			DA

**Health, Fitness & Nutrition—9th year!**

Coach Joe is back again for the 9th year, offering his valuable & rewarding Health/Fitness program for Girl Scouts of all ages. The theme: *"Fitness is Fun & Health is Happiness."* This has proven to be so educational and fun for the girls and troop leaders too. Activities: Exercising, Jumping Rope, Tug-o-war, Relay Races & more! Educational: We all read together the color 5-page handouts on Eating Properly, Nutrition, Self-Esteem, Healthy Lifestyle, Good Posture, Good Sportsmanship and more. Coach Joe also conducts this youth program for the Chicago Police Department/Park district children. You can earn a petal, patch or badge. Hope to see you soon!

Location: Coach Joe will come to your location.  
Please reserve half a gym or a very large all purpose room.

Fee: \$13 per girl for 15-19  
\$10 per girl for 20-29  
\$8 per girl for 30-40  
\$7 per girl for 40+  
No charge for troop leaders/assistant leaders

Fee Includes: Coach Joe brings all equipment, color handouts and fresh fruit for snacks.

Bring: Bottled water (if no water fountains are available), dress to exercise, run and do other fun activities

Min./Max.: 15/50 (Two or more troops are encouraged for price discount.)

Registration: To schedule a date/time/location, contact Coach Joe Cullen, Founder & Certified Personal Trainer. 312-972-2828 (cell) or 773-857-7027 (office) or \ e-mail: [jcullen@CertifiedHealthFitness.com](mailto:jcullen@CertifiedHealthFitness.com)

Note: Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies—60 minute sessions  
Girl Scout Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors—90 minute sessions  
Adult programs are available for a fee.

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**Yoga Fun with Lisa Gniady**

This class is designed to introduce girls to yoga. Kids learn how to use their bodies in a healthy way while using their imaginations and having fun! Even children feel the affects of stress. School work and extracurricular activities leave children little free time to just relax. You will learn yoga poses to build strength and flexibility in the body and relaxation techniques to calm the mind.

Lisa has been teaching yoga for over 15 years. She loves teaching and looks forward to sharing tools the girls can take with them to deal with the challenges life has to offer. This class can be applied to the requirements for the council's Yoga patch!

Location: Flexible  
Fee: Call for pricing  
Fee includes: A one-hour yoga class  
Bring: Participants should wear comfortable clothing—nothing too loose.  
Bring a towel or yoga mat and a water bottle.  
Note: Lisa Gniady developed the council's yoga patch.  
Registration: To schedule a date/time/location, contact  
Lisa Gniady  
RYT certified yoga instructor/Indigo yoga for children certification/KRI certification  
815-788-1803 or 847-867-8630

**Natural Land Institute Service Projects**

The Natural Land Institute offers a wide variety of outdoor and indoor projects and service opportunities for Girl Scout troops. Call and volunteer today. You'll be amazed at what you'll learn!

Date: Available all year  
Contact: Lucas Bradley 815-964-6666 or [lucasbradley@aol.com](mailto:lucasbradley@aol.com)

**The Carpenter's Place Service Projects**

Make a difference in the lives of homeless men, women and children in your community. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Tours of The Carpenter's Place are also available.

Contact: For more information, contact Terry or Sheri at 815-964-4105 or e-mail them at [terryr@carpentersplace.org](mailto:terryr@carpentersplace.org) or [sherig@carpentersplace.org](mailto:sherig@carpentersplace.org)

Items may be delivered or donations mailed to:  
Carpenter's Place  
1149 Railroad Ave.  
Rockford, IL 61104

**Make It/Eat It Sundaes at Oberweis!**

Make your own sundae and then enjoy the best part of eating it! Fun for everyone!

Location: Oberweis Ice Cream & Dairy Store, 1790 W. Main St., St. Charles, IL 60175  
Located ¼ miles east of Randall Road on Main Street (North Avenue-Rt. 64)  
Fee: \$8 per Girl Scout  
10% discount for groups of 10 or more  
Fee includes ice cream, 3 toppings and all the extras. Plus a soda to wash it all down!  
Registration: To schedule a date and time, contact 630-443-MOOO (6666)

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**Cake Decorating**

Come to DQ Grill & Chill and learn how to decorate a cake! Girls will be able to view a demonstration from a professional cake decorator, and then personalize their own cakes. Workshop includes a meal for each girl, certificate of completion and a patch. Discounts on adult meals are also offered.

Location: Riverside DQ Grill & Chill, 1601 E. Riverside Blvd., Rockford, IL 61114  
Fee: \$9 per girl; \$5 per sibling, includes workshop, meal, certificate, and patch  
Registration: Contact: Danielle-Store Manager (815) 636-0900  
Note: 1-2 hour sessions

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Available all year			All

**Manners: Girls Redefined – Two Session Workshop**

Session One – Girls will learn the proper way to set a table, and will answer the question, “Which fork do I use?” they will also learn the use of linens, place cards, silverware, china, and candles, and learn proper manners while eating out.  
Session Two – From tiny china cups and saucers to the enchanting miniature cakes, fancy cookies, and decorative sandwiches, tea parties are also a way to practice party manners, introductions, and respecting others.

Location: Manners Do Matter, 5566 Wickford, Loves Park, IL 61111  
Receive: **Badges, Try Its or Patches are not included**  
Fee: \$12 per girl, covers both sessions  
Min./Max.: 10 girl minimum/12 girl maximum  
Registration: Contact: Brenda Washington 815-509-6736 or manersmatr@yahoo.com  
Note: 1.5 hour sessions

DAY	DATE	TIME	LEVEL
Tue.	Avail. all year	10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. 1:30-3 p.m.	DA, BR, JR

**Basic Ice Skating Skills**

Earn requirements by learning basic ice skating skills. You will learn the proper way to stop, fall down, and get back up again!

Location: Carlson Ice Arena, 4150 Perryville Road, Loves Park, IL 61111  
Receive: **Badges, Try Its or Patches are not included**  
Fee: \$4 per girl – includes skate rental and admission to Sapora World for ages 12 and under  
Registration: Contact: Brigitte Carlson-Roquet 815-969-4073  
Note: Call to schedule your activity.

DAY	DATE	TIME	LEVEL
Available all year			All

**Airport Tour**

Take a tour of your local airport. Learn about the history of the airport grounds. You might even get a chance to climb aboard one of the passenger airplanes!

Location: Chicago/Rockford Int'l. Airport, 2 Airport Circle, Rockford, IL 61109  
Fee: No Charge  
Registration: Contact: Carol Moyer 815-969-4466 or Pam Guentert 815-969-4412  
Note: Call to schedule your activity.

DAY	DATE	TIME	LEVEL
Wed.	Avail. all year	One hour	All

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**Metro Centre Tour**

Now is your chance to see what goes on behind the scenes! Walk through halls where celebrities have been, and view areas seen previously by only a few. It is your chance to learn how professionals put on all the shows at the Metro Centre and learn interesting facts most visitors never hear.

Location: Rockford Metro Centre, 300 Elm Street, Rockford, IL 61101  
Fee: No Charge  
Min. /Max.: Troops/Groups of 20-60 are preferred  
Registration: Contact: Group Sales Dept. 815-968-5600 or kwade@centreevents.com  
Note: By appt. only. Not available on event dates.

DAY	DATE	TIME	LEVEL
Mon.-Fri.	Avail. all year	10 a.m.-4 p.m.	All

**Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum**

Come and tour the Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum and Gardens which is a historic treasure trove of a time gone by. Besides the beautiful cottage itself, there is also a Visitor's Center for activities, scenic gardens, and a walking bridge across Kent St. to enjoy. The museum also offers hands-on displays for Girl Scout groups.

Location: Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum and Gardens, 411 Kent Street, Rockford, IL 61102  
Fee: \$2 per girl; \$3 per girl- includes use of hands-on displays  
Registration: Contact: Steve Litteral 815-964-2424 or steve@tinkercottage.com  
Note: Other times available upon request.

DAY	DATE	TIME	LEVEL
Avail. all year		1, 2, 3 p.m.	All

**Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District**

The Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District is offering Girl Scouts Northern Illinois programs and educational services to help them Discover, Connect and Take Action on the new Leadership Journey, "It's Your Planet-Love It!"

Location: Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District, 4833 Owen Center Rd., Rockford, IL 61101  
Fee: No Charge  
Registration: Contact: Jessica Vandeboom; Resource Analyst P: (815) 965-2302 ext 3, F: (815) 965-2447; [www.winnebagoswcd.org](http://www.winnebagoswcd.org). Call to schedule your activity at your troop meeting or for other arrangements.  
Note: Presentations are 45 min. to 1.5 hrs. Must be scheduled from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Mon-Fri.

Topics include:

- Groundwater Model:  
A tabletop model which shows a cross-section of an aquifer system. The program discusses the water cycle, how water gets into the ground; and supplying people with water; how ground water gets polluted; effects pollution can have on people; and how water travels underground.
- Enviroscope Model:  
A tabletop model that demonstrates the dynamics of a watershed. Point and non-Point source pollution is emphasized. A hands-on student involvement is encouraged.
- Say it with Soil:  
Note cards with quotes relevant to soil are passed out to students. Students read out-loud their quote with discussion on soil conservation. The Illinois State Soil is discussed. Soil mapping and description is demonstrated.
- What is your Watershed Address?  
Based on the address of the school, students determine the watershed address of school. Describes what a watershed is and how it relates to the student's use of water at home or school. Watershed maps are provided.  
\*Example: nearest creek/stream; closest river; watershed the school is located in.
- Leopold Education Project:  
Using A Sand County Almanac as a Curriculum Guide. A curriculum that guides learning through direct observation of the natural world and relates it to history, math and science. Full curriculum materials provided.

***Community Resources available to Girl Scout Daisies, not dated***

- **Forestry:**  
Various lesson plans and hands-on activities that teach photosynthesis, tree structure, how a tree grows and the use of trees in today's society. Programs can be developed to promote Arbor Day.
- **Wildlife:**  
Various lesson plans that discuss endangered vs. threatened species. Additional activities teach the diversity of wildlife and the roles each animal plays.
- **Recycling:**  
How to get started and the benefits of composting, what and what not to recycle; the benefits of recycling.
- **Prairies:**  
Discussion of the Illinois native landscape of prairies and the benefits of this precious resource. Discusses animals and plants typically found in prairies.
- **Climate Change:**  
Discussion of human activities that release greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, the composition of greenhouse gases and how they affect the environment.