

## Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois



**Girl Scouts 'n' I**  
**TOGETHER, we make a difference!**

*An E-Newsletter  
 for Volunteers*



**Girl Scouts.**



### **A Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois Newsletter!**

As we move forward in our journey as Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI), we want to make sure that our volunteers are well informed with news and updates. This monthly publication will be available to you monthly on our website—a notification e-mail blast will be sent to those volunteers for whom we have e-mails.

### **MEMBERSHIP: Please recycle ALL old legacy council forms!**

If you are unable to locate an updated form on our website, please call the membership & community development specialist assigned to your area to assist you. For a complete list of staff go to <http://www.girlscoutsni.org/staff.html>.

All receipts that include purchases made for your troop must be attached to financial reports. Financial reports are due before June 1, 2010. Policies and procedures for volunteers are located

### **Become a GSNI Honor Troop**

The Honor Troop is a patch program designed to help troops/groups plan a balanced year-long program. The requirements should help the troop/group in planning its activities. The Honor Troop requirements/application can be found on the Volunteer page of our website.

### **VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT: Trainings**

Visit our website to get training information or to register for upcoming trainings. Click on the Adults tab and Training on the drop-down; then on the link to the Adult Training Calendar for online registration. Please note: ALL volunteers are required to take the Online Orientation Training, and Volunteer Essentials. ALL GIRL SCOUT LEADERS are also required to take the Troop Module and Leadership Essentials Trainings. These learning opportunities are for new and existing volunteers and take the place of previous program level training. Once you have taken these courses, you will NOT need any further program level training. We also have other online and webinar courses available for your convenience.

Join us for Treasure Chest Training Day, March 20, 2010, at Camp Medill-McCormick, Stillman Valley from 9 A.M. – 5 P.M. Fun and informative enrichment sessions will be offered throughout the day. To register, check out our website for session descriptions and registration form. Registration must be received at the Elgin Service Center by March 12. Online registration is also available. Contact Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois for further information.

## **GSUSA NEWS: Girl Scout Delegates**

According to the new bylaws every member 14 years of age and older is a voting member of GSNI. Stay tuned for information about our first GSNI annual meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2010.

## **PROGRAM: International Travel**

Leaders/troops who are planning international travel and have completed an Intent to Travel form prior to realignment should contact Brooke Radford, Ext. 7147 or [bradford@girlscoutsni.org](mailto:bradford@girlscoutsni.org). Any new troops planning international travel should complete the Intent to Plan International Trips form, which is available under the Troop/Group Forms heading on the Forms page of the GSNI website. This form is required of all troops planning international travel and should be submitted when trip planning begins.

## **GSNI Summer Program/Camp Brochure**

includes resident camp opportunities, troop camping opportunities, workshops, family events, and more! Coming to your mail box in March! The brochure schedule is as follows:

Brochure posted on GSNI website the week of February 22.

Brochure delivered to post office the week of March 8.

Registration for both summer programs and resident camp opens March 31.

Resident camp session cancellations due to low registration will be determined by May 17.

## **Upcoming Girl Events**

For more information on these programs and more visit [www.girlscoutsni.org](http://www.girlscoutsni.org).

<b>Level</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Reg. Deadline</b>	<b>Event Date</b>
DA/BR/JR	Fun with Yoga	Harvard	\$7.50 per participant	Feb. 16	March 2
DA/BR/JR	Fun with Yoga	Elgin	\$7.50 per participant	Feb. 23	March 9
All	Cinderella on Stage	Elgin	\$7 per person	Feb. 24	April 10
JR and Grade 3 BR	Harper Sports Overnight	Palatine	\$30 per girl \$15 per adult	Feb. 24	March 12-13
CD/SR/AM	Yoga Time	Harvard	\$7.50 per participant	Feb. 16	March 2
CD/SR/AM	Yoga Time	Harvard	\$7.50 per participant	Feb. 23	March 9
CD/SR/AM	Hip Hop the Real Deal	Geneva	\$15 per girl	Feb. 21	March 7
CD/SR/AM	Program Aide Training: Basic & Outdoor	Harvard	\$22 per girl	March 3	March 20-21
CD/SR/AM	Girl Scout Silver Award/Gold Award Info. Workshop	Sugar Grove	No charge	Feb. 19	March 6

## **COUNCIL SHOP: Great Start Kit**

Get everything you need for your new Girl Scout or new level Girl Scout. The Great Start Kit contains the Journey—*It's your World: Change It!* book, a badge book, handbook, troop numbers, council ID set, wavy flag, insignia tab, and vest or sash. Contact your service center's Council Shop or the Barrington GS Express for pricing. GSNI shops accept returns with receipts within a 60-day timeframe. All returns will be issued a store credit. GSNI shops do not accept returns on discounted items, clearance items, books, music, or software.

**Shop Special: 20% off all scrapbooking supplies the entire month of February! Sale is good at all five shop locations and online.**

### **PRODUCT SALES: Girl Scout Cookie Booths**

If you haven't already signed your troop/group up to do a GS Cookie Booth next month, it's not too late! For Elgin and Sugar Grove service areas, contact Chris E. at 847-741-5521, Ext. 7146 or Holly B. at 815-235-8777, Ext. 1759 for Freeport and Rockford service areas.

### **COMMUNICATIONS: Website**

After just a few months, the Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois website has made a lot of progress—and we're still adding more! Among the developments planned are a Juliette section, expanded camp information, and continued updates to our online forms. While we continue to make improvements and updates to our current website, keep in mind that this site is a transitional site until we can design and implement a new, more interactive and user-friendly site.

### **OUTDOOR PROGRAM/PROPERTY: Camping opportunities**

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois has 6 camp properties for our girls to enjoy. Check our website later this month for more information on these facilities and the amenities available at each site! See the program section for a timeline for our new Summer Program/Camp brochure!

Camp Pokonokah Hills in New Auburn, WI

Camp Far Horizon in Hanover, IL

Chapman Hills in East Troy, WI

Camp McCormick in Stillman Valley, IL

Mary Ann Beebe Center in Harvard, IL

Camp Dean in Big Rock, IL

All are currently open for troop camping, except Pokonokah Hills. We encourage everyone to make plans to take advantage of our properties whether it be just for the day or for an overnight trip. Each site has something unique for the girls to discover. Please contact Toni Massolle, Camp Site Coordinator, Rockford Service Center, to schedule an outdoor adventure by calling 815-962-5591, Ext. 7162 or send an e-mail to [tmassolle@girlscoutsni.org](mailto:tmassolle@girlscoutsni.org).

### **FUND DEVELOPMENT: Sweet Deals Special Event**

This premier adult fundraising event for Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois is an opportunity to kick back and have a fun evening in scenic Galena. At the same time, you'll be supporting the work and mission of Girl Scouts to benefit girls in our council.

Sweet Deals will be filled with great food and competitive bidding with both live and silent auctions, as well as our famous Chef Cookie Dessert Competition. Participating Chefs will use Girl Scout cookies to create tasty desserts which will be judged for taste, most creative-ingredients and most creative eye-appeal. This evening is shaping up to be a sweet treat for everyone who attends!

Sweet Deals Fundraising Event  
March 20, 2010, 6 to 10 p.m.  
Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa  
444 Eagle Ridge Drive, Galena  
\$50 per person

You can find more details on our website at [www.girlscoutsni.org](http://www.girlscoutsni.org). Just click on the link on the Home page.

# GSNI CALENDAR

<b>FEBRUARY 15</b>	GSNI closed in observance of President's Day
<b>MARCH 20</b>	Treasure Chest Training Day Sweet Deals Fundraising Event
<b>MARCH 31</b>	Summer program/camp registration opens
<b>APRIL 24</b>	Annual Meeting and Adult Recognition
<b>MAY 31</b>	GSNI closed in observance of Memorial Day
<b>JUNE 6</b>	Young Women of Distinction/ GS Gold Award Recognition

Elgin Service Center, 12N124 Coombs Rd., Elgin, IL 60124  
Freeport Service Center, 5040 Business Rt. 20 W, Freeport, IL 61032  
Rockford Service Center, 2101 Auburn Street, Rockford, IL 61103  
Sugar Grove Service Center, 200 New Bond, Sugar Grove, IL 60554

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