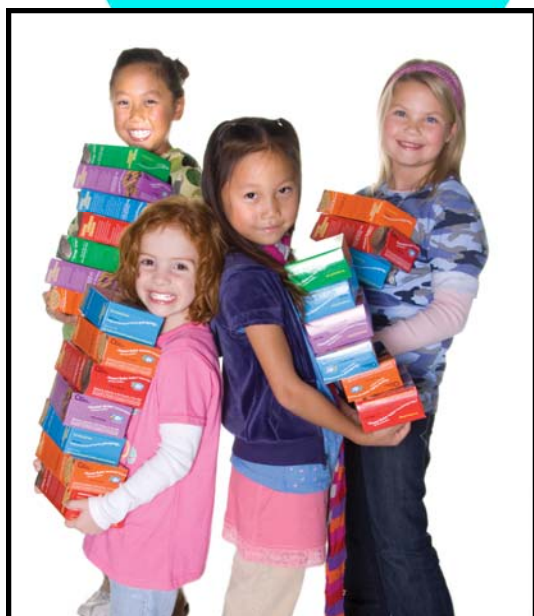




An E-Newsletter
for Volunteers



Girl Scouts.



PRODUCT SALES: Girl Scout Cookie Sale

Please remember these helpful activities to reach your Girl Scout cookie sale goal:

Walk-About: Now that the weather is getting nicer, why not take the troop on a Walk-About and sell cookies door-to-door? Many people are never approached this way and are looking forward to seeing Girl Scouts in their communities. Contact your service unit cookie coordinator or your local service center for details.

Booth Sale: Earn more profit for the troop by participating in a booth sale! Even if your troop did not participate in the initial ordering process, booth sites are still available to you!

Sell-Down: Sell-Down dates for this year are April 2-11. Come to the Elgin Cupboard, purchase cases at \$32 each, sell and keep all the money earned. AND/OR visit the Sugar Grove Cupboard, purchase cases at \$38 each, sell and keep all the money earned. For either scenario, no deposits and no returns!

VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT: Trainings

Register to attend Treasure Chest Training Day, Saturday March 20, from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. at Camp McCormick, in Stillman Valley, IL. Training sessions that day include Ceremonies, Girl Scout Trivia, Dutch Oven Cooking, Songs and Games, Trip Planning for older girls, and more. Check out the flier and registration form on the Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois website, www.girlscoutsni.org. The deadline to register is March 12.

Leadership Essentials Training is now available on the website. Go to www.girlscoutsni.org, and click on training for more information.

PROGRAM: Special Young Women of Distinction Ticket Offer for Troops & Juliettes!

Young Women of Distinction, the council-wide event to honor Girl Scouts who have earned the Girl Scout Gold Award and Girl Scout Scholarships, will be held on Sunday, June 6, at Giovanni's in Rockford.

Our 2010 speaker is Jess Weiner, this generation's "go-to-girl" for self-esteem, serving as the Global Ambassador for the Dove Self-Esteem Fund. Ms. Weiner understands the issues facing young women today and has chronicled her own self-discovery and ultimate recovery from a teenage eating disorder in her first book, *A Very Hungry Girl*. After years of running her own theater company, ACT Out Ensemble, and listening to the real life issues of women and girls, Jess has been called upon as a trusted advisor, mentor, and role model for mothers and daughters.

GSNI is working with select sponsors to help as many girls attend as possible! Troops and Juliettes interested in attending will have the opportunity to enter into a lottery for free attendance at YWD. While all age levels

are encouraged to enter the lottery, Cadette and Senior Troops/Juliettes will be given first priority. Please note that troop groups must meet appropriate girl/adult ratio and Juliettes must be accompanied by a paying adult.

Please send your interest via e-mail by May 1 to mbellamy@girlscoutsni.org with **YWD Lottery** in the subject line. Within the body of the e-mail include the Troop # and Girl Scouts' names (or Juliette's Name) including grade level, and accompanying adult names.

GSNI Summer Program/Camp Brochure is currently available as a PDF on the GSNI website. Watch for a copy in your mailbox mid-March.

Upcoming Girl Events

For more information on these programs and more visit www.girlscoutsni.org.

<u>Level</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Reg. Deadline</u>	<u>Event Date</u>
JR/CD/SR/AM	Me & My Guy	Hanover	\$15 per couple/ \$5 for additional girl	March 13	April 10
JR	How There is a Connection to Everything in Nature	Hanover	\$7 per girl	April 10	May 8
Grade 7 & up	Program Aide-Basic	Sugar Grove	\$10 per girl	March 27	April 10
Must have PA Basic or equivalent	Program Aide-Outdoor	Big Rock	\$10 per girl	March 28	April 11
CD/SR/AM	Girl Scout Silver Award OR Gold Award Informational Workshop	Freeport	No charge	April 6	April 13
CD/SR/AM	Girl Scout Silver Award OR Gold Award Informational Workshop	Freeport	No charge	April 10	April 17

Correction

The information previously published about the Tool 'n Around workshop had a variety of mistakes. The correct information is follows:

Tool 'n Around

- Who:** Girl Scouts in Grades 7-10
- Location:** Camp Dean, Big Rock, IL
- When:** Friday, April 30 to Sunday, May 2, 2010
- Time:** 7 P.M. Friday to 10 A.M. Sunday
- Fee:** \$15 per person
- Registration:** Ends April 16

For complete information, see the flier posted on the GSNI website. Please note that while correct in the summer brochure online, the information is not correct in the hard copy being mailed.

Elgin Service Center, 12N124 Coombs Rd., Elgin, IL 60124	847-741-5521
Freeport Service Center, 5040 Business Rt. 20 W, Freeport, IL 61032	815-235-8777 or 800-925-3327
Rockford Service Center, 2101 Auburn Street, Rockford, IL 61103	815-962-5591 or 800-242-5591
Sugar Grove Service Center, 200 New Bond, Sugar Grove, IL 60554	630-897-1565

Service Area Event

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

- Who:** Girl Scout Daisies
Location: Spencer Park, 603 N. Appleton Rd., Belvidere, IL
When: Saturday, April 24, 2010
Time: 1-4 P.M.
Fee: \$4 per girl includes Planet Fest Patch
Registration: Deadline April 15, 2010. Contact Diana Ward 815-547-7536 or diana524@comcast.net
Note: Proper girl/adult ratios are required.

Clarification on use of Cookie Dough or IRG Credits

These coupons, earned as recognition for participation in the Girl Scout cookie sale, may be applied to girl's fees for:

- Resident Camps
- Day/twilight camps
- Council and service unit events (cannot be used with online registration)
- National destinations
- Girl Scouts of the USA's \$12 registration
- Or used in the council shops

These coupons are not transferable except between registered girls in the same family. They must be submitted when redeeming and no change will be given. For complete guidelines see the back of each coupon.

MEMBERSHIP: Early Registration

It's time to think about early registration for the 2010/2011 membership year. GSNI will be receiving troop registration packets from GSUSA in late April. Service Unit Registrars will be trained and ready to deliver the packets to their service units in May—either through an existing meeting or a special meeting set up just to hand these out. Registration packets will be due to the service unit registrars by June 15. Watch for further details in April's issue!

OUTDOOR PROGRAM/PROPERTY: Camporee Lottery for Council-Owned Sites (10/10-9/11)

A Camporee is a one or two-night, service unit camping event. All troops in a service unit can participate in this group camping trip at ANY council-owned camp property. Service units wishing to hold a Camporee at a council-owned property between October 2010 and September 2011 (excluding June 1 to August 15) should:

- 1) At May service unit meeting, determine if your service unit would like to participate in the Camporee Lottery.
- 2) If interested, designate a volunteer to oversee Camporee arrangements.

Beginning at 9 A.M. on May 24 and ending at 4 P.M. on May 31, service units should submit the following to Toni Massolle, camp site coordinator:

- 1) Service unit Camporee coordinator's name and phone number.
- 2) Preferred dates for Camporee between October 2010 and September 2011 (excluding June 1 to August 15). List up to three properties in order of preference.
- 3) Preferred property and the sites or units—list up to three properties in order of preference and the sites or units requesting at each property.

On June 1, the camp site coordinator will conduct the lottery and will notify the Camporee coordinator of the service unit's status.

NOTES: There will be no limit on the number of sites available to you this first year. Reserved sites, however, MUST be paid for at least six weeks prior to the event. A \$150 deposit is required by June 15. Once the deposit is received, a confirmation packet will be sent. Any changes and ALL fees are due six weeks prior to the event. Anything UNPAID will be canceled. Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis (but not guaranteed).

Camp Service Days

Come help get your camps ready for the outdoor camping season! Each troop/group of 5 or more participants will receive a free night of tent camping at one of YOUR non-legacy camps.

Camp Far Horizons = Saturday, March 20

Camp McCormick = Saturday, March 27

Camp Dean = Saturday, April 10

COMMUNICATIONS: Girl Scout Emissary Society (GEMS)

Any of your girls love the spotlight? Do they dream of being an actress, a model, or a spokesperson someday? They may be perfect candidates for the GEMS program!

What is the GEMS Program?

Girl Scout **E**missary **S**ociety or **GEMS** consists of Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors who are trained in public speaking and poise and are on call for Girl Scout media and networking opportunities in the community.

This spring, Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois will be hosting a GEMS Casting. Any registered Girl Scout may apply to be a member of GEMS.

Interested girls and parents/guardians will be invited to attend the Casting Call for an overview of the responsibilities and rewards of the GEMS program. At least one parent/guardian must accompany each GEM candidate. If interested, girls will also be able to audition for the GEMS with an on-the-spot interview about Girl Scouts. For a personal invitation to the GEMS Casting Call in your area, e-mail Ann-Marie Soderstrom, Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois Publicity Manager, at asoderstrom@girlscoutsni.org.

GSNI CALENDAR

MARCH 7-13	Girl Scout Week
MARCH 7	Girl Scout Sunday
MARCH 13	Girl Scout Sabbath
MARCH 20	Treasure Chest Training Day Sweet Deals Fundraising Event
MARCH 31	Summer program/camp registration opens
APRIL 21	Staff Meeting— All offices closed until 2:30 P.M.
APRIL 22	Girl Scout Leader Day
APRIL 22	Earth Day
APRIL 24	Annual Meeting and Adult Recognition
MAY 31	GSNI closed in observance of Memorial Day
JUNE 6	Young Women of Distinction/ GS Gold Award Recognition