



April 2024



Hello, GSNI! April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month, and Girl Scouts of the USA has created a [special toolkit](#)—just for families. The kit includes a [Thank You Card](#), [Coloring Sheet](#), [Appreciation Image](#), [Social Media Graphic](#), and more. I hope this toolkit will be useful to all our families for thanking the special Girl Scout volunteers in their lives!

It's very important to set aside this time to thank our exceptional volunteers as the frontline leaders of our Movement. GSNI's Board of Directors, staff, and membership are very grateful for our volunteers' dedication to empowering Girl Scouts of courage, confidence, and character. We appreciate their time, energy, and support of the Girl Scout mission!

Our 2024 Annual Meeting is now at full capacity! I am excited to visit with so many of our members and to recognize our wonderful volunteers and courageous Girl Scouts on April 27.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Kari L. Rockwell

Volunteer Spotlight

"I volunteer because I enjoy it. I enjoy seeing the girls in my troops try new things (archery, axe throwing, and camping), face their fears (horseback riding and rock climbing), and have fun while making friends. I love the opportunities the girls are given through Girl Scouts, and I want to do my part to ensure girls get those experiences if they want them. I enjoy encouraging the girls to make the world a kinder, cleaner, and better place." Hear more from Kari West, our most recent Volunteer Spotlight Award recipient!



[HEAR MORE](#)

2024 Cookie Program Updates



On behalf of GSNI, our Product Program Team would like to thank all volunteers, families, and Girl Scouts for their time and dedication to the 2024 Girl Scout Cookie Program! We have heard many stories of how our Girl Scout entrepreneurs were successful in reaching their goals, contributing to troop goals, learning new things, and gaining confidence in themselves. We'd also like to extend a special congratulations to all our 2024 Cookie Program Game Changer Girl Scouts!

[READ MORE](#)

Resource Center News

Is your troop or individual Girl Scout bridging to a new Girl Scout level this spring? Our Resource Centers have Bridging Kits available for purchase at all locations to help celebrate this big achievement! Starting April 1, be sure to "Say Yes to the Vest!" All Girl Scouts buying a vest, sash, or tunic in store will receive a free "Say Yes to the Vest" fun patch while supplies last.



Don't forget to complete the customer survey on the back of your receipts via QR code. We want to hear your feedback!

[SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK](#)

Bring a Friend to GSNI's Summer Camp & Save

Camp Buddies have s'more fun outdoors! Bring a friend to camp this summer for a special deal. Campers will receive \$25 off their final payment towards camp (or a GSNI program credit), and their Camp Buddy will receive \$25 off their new camp registration final payment!

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Camp Buddies Have S'more Fun!

Campers stick together! Spend overnight camp with your best buddy and receive special perks.

- \$25 off your final camp payment for you
- \$25 off registration for your camp buddy's new registration

Camp Buddy promo excludes troop camp, family camp, and Camp Dean day camp. A Camp Buddy must complete a new registration for the 2024 GSNI summer camp season. This discount is for one session only, and credits will be applied after camper registers. All parties will receive credits at the same time. All campers must be registered Girl Scouts. GSNI's Camp Buddies promotion is valid through April 10, 2024.

[SAVE NOW!](#)

Super Spring Programs

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

World of Girls Badge Workshop
Aviation Day with the Chicago 99's

[REGISTER TODAY!](#)

Totally Tubular Trivia Night



Test your knowledge of 80s, 90s, and 00s pop culture at our trivia night on Friday, April 19, 2024, at Barrington's White House! Enjoy a night out with Girl Scout Cookie-inspired specialty drinks and appetizers starting at 5:30 p.m. and trivia contest at 6:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased onsite to take part in silent auction and 50/50 drawing. The top teams and best-dressed tables will win prizes, so put on your thinking caps and dress to impress!

[BUY TICKETS](#)

Eras of Friendship Events

GSNI will host two special Eras of Friendship events on Saturday, May 4, at Mary Ann Beebe Center! Girl Scouts (and friends who want to be Girl Scouts!) in grades K–3 are invited to enjoy activities from 9–11 a.m. Together, Girl Scouts, friends, and their caregivers will experience outdoor fun, including things like sling shots, NERF® archery, and adventure walks! There will even be a climbing wall for those in grades 2–3.

Girl Scouts (and friends who want to be Girl Scouts!) in grades 4–5 are invited to an event designed especially for them from 1–4 p.m. They'll take on high adventure outdoor exploration, including our climbing wall, sling shots, archery, and more! Everyone will hang out with older Girl Scouts and learn all Girl Scouts can do in grades 6–12. (Adults can learn about this, too!)

Cost is \$5 per child and includes camp fun patch! All youth participants will be entered into a random drawing for a complimentary Girl Scout membership. All children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Register by April 19.

[REGISTER K-3](#)

[REGISTER 4-5](#)

Eras of Friendship

An event to celebrate what Girl Scouts offers

May 4, 2024
Mary Ann Beebe Center
Harvard, IL

[Register by April 19, 2024](#)

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20th Annual

Thin Mint Sprint

September 14

GSNI's Thin Mint Sprint is a fantastic event to keep troops engaged during the summer and as a fun back-to-troop fall event! Participants can fundraise for their troops (and a refund for their registration fee) making the event beneficial for everyone. Supporters can join us on Saturday, September 14, at Lions Park in Fox River Grove or plan a virtual event. The 20th Annual Thin Mint Sprint is open to all to walk or run either 5K or 1 mile and celebrate with an after-party!

Take advantage of early bird registration and save! It's just \$35 per person through July 31, which includes a t-shirt, patch, medal, swag, and (of course!) a delicious box of Girl Scout Thin Mints®. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to have fun while supporting your troop!

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

Join GSNI's Birthday Club

Celebrate your birthday with us! During your child's birthday month, they'll receive a card to exchange at any Resource Center for a free Birthday Bag which will include a fun patch and Girl Scout goodies. They'll also receive a one-time use coupon for 15% off which can be used anytime during their birthday month (exclusions apply). Don't want to miss out? Adults who sign up for the Birthday Club will receive the same 15% off coupon for their birthday treat!

The Birthday Club is open to ALL Resource Center visitors. You do not have to be a Girl Scout to participate. Families and friends are welcome!

[JOIN NOW!](#)

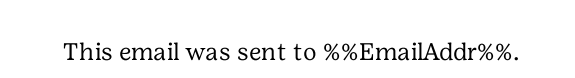


New GSNI Belonging Group

The GSNI Belonging Team is excited to announce a new group to its meetings! The Supporting Exceptional Children's group will focus on creating resources for volunteers to help accommodate Girl Scouts with special needs, welcoming families who need extra support, and highlighting mental wellness resources for our Girl Scout members.

GSNI's Belonging Team is always welcoming new participants, either adult or 14 years old and up. Can't make it every time? That's okay! Other Belonging Team groups are: Community Engagement/Recruitment, Engaging Black Families, Hispanic Engagement, LGBTQ+, and Native American. Let us know if you're interested in joining us, or if you have questions about the Belonging Team.

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