

Around GSNI News for Families

July 2024

GSNI Resource Centers and the Build-A-Bear Workshop located inside our South Elgin location will be closed through July 19, 2024, for inventory. Need to purchase Girl Scout merchandise? Shop online at www.girlscoutsni.org/shop or email customercare@girlscoutsni.org for assistance. Our team will respond at their earliest opportunity. Be sure to visit [our website](#) for all Resource Center Summer Hours.

A Note from Kari

Happy Summer, GSNI! The sun is shining; camp is in full swing, and we are preparing for membership year 2025 with our new staff structure!

As we plan for the new membership and fiscal year as well as reflect on 2024, we recognize the need to address economic challenges, increase fiscal responsibility, and continue providing quality programming and member resources while prioritizing, sustaining, and protecting GSNI support, services, properties, and programs for decades to come!

Looking to the future, this prioritization may cause a reduction or elimination in staffing or services or cause a staff role to be combined when a staff position goes unfilled. Additionally, GSNI, like all non-profits and companies, must comply with new Department of Labor regulations that have caused many of our staff members to reorganize their workloads to reduce the total number of hours worked in a week. The staff and leadership of GSNI appreciate the understanding, flexibility, and self-sufficiency of our exceptional volunteers as we navigate our future of sustainability and continue to support the Girl Scout Mission.

This is also our year of Girl Scout Cookie contract renewal! After a thorough review of contract options with both bakers, we are excited to announce our continued partnership with Little Brownie Baker. Due to the rising costs of materials, production, and overall inflation, GSNI will join many councils across the nation in an updated price of \$6 per cookie package. Revised troop cookie proceeds information can also be found [here](#).

Hope you are having a great summer!

Yours in Girl Scouting,
Kari L. Rockwell

Volunteer Spotlight

“Girl Scouts gives me a chance to spend more time with my daughter and granddaughter, too. It has been meaningful getting to build lifelong friendships with others and calling these people sisters, even though we’re not related. Also, it’s been great being able to share this amazing program not only with my daughters and granddaughters but with the ladies of the Aurora community.”

Hear more from Dara Nelson, our most recent Volunteer Spotlight Award recipient.



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New Opportunity!

We're Hiring!
CLICK for your next career!

Great news! If you are interested in working for GSNI but currently hold a troop role, such as troop leader, you are now able to apply for any open GSNI position. In other words, you may work for GSNI **and** still volunteer for the council in certain roles. Our Board of Directors recently approved this change to our policies: *GSNI employees may volunteer within GSNI or any other Girl Scout council and serve as troop volunteers but cannot serve in any troop or service unit product program specific volunteer roles, or any Service Unit Team roles.*

Check out GSNI's job portal for open positions. We are currently looking to fill several Membership Engagement Specialist roles within the council!

[APPLY NOW](#)

Early Bird Registration Ends July 31



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!](#)

2024 Fall Product Program



Don't miss being part of the 2024 Fall Product Program, where Girl Scouts can use their entrepreneurial skills to *Embrace Possibility* featuring the Asian elephant as the mascot. The Fall Product Program is a great way for Girl Scouts to earn proceeds to fund activities and service projects!

New items this year include Vanilla Honey Roasted Pecans, the third in the Girl Scout Memory Tin series, new Holiday Tin with two options (Deluxe Pecan Clusters or Chocolate Covered Pretzels), expanded Girl Scout exclusive BarkBox options, personalized stationery, and picture frames!

The M2OS system makes it easy for Girl Scouts to “Share My Site” with their customers. Girl Scouts can complete the first steps toward earning the Fall & Cookie Crossover Personalized Patch by creating an avatar, sending 18 emails, and “Share My Site” through the M2OS system!

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