

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois Belonging Team

Welcome!



The goal of our Belonging team is to create an atmosphere of GSNI's Belonging and Inclusivity, share resources with one another and make sure that GSNI is welcoming to any member that would like to join.

Exceptional Children



Exceptional Children Task Force focus:

This group brings together families, caregivers, and community members to help ensure that Girl Scouts is welcoming and accessible for youth with disabilities and diverse needs.

Together, we aim to:

- Share feedback on how policies and programs can better serve youth with disabilities.
- Help families of youth with special needs have a voice in shaping a more inclusive Girl Scout experience.
- Offer advice on topics related to participation, safety, and belonging for all members.
- Raise awareness about needs that may be going unmet in our current programs or services.
- Encourage collaboration with local organizations, school districts, and community groups to strengthen support for Girl Scouts of all abilities.

This task force is not a support group or a space for venting frustrations. Instead, it's a place to work together on solutions, offer ideas, and help build a more inclusive future for all Girl Scouts.

The Belonging Team includes sub-groups:

- Exceptional Children Group
- Engaging Black Families Group
- Hispanic Engagement Group
- LGBTQ+ Group
- Native American Group

Please Join Us!

Starting Fall 2025, all Task Forces will begin meeting quarterly as a group to share updates, collaborate, and strengthen our collective efforts to support all Girl Scouts.

We start our meetings with an intro, talk about our agenda, and then break into subgroups to discuss ideas and actions we can take to make GSNI a welcoming environment for all. We welcome youth members to join us in our conversation!

We understand everyone has busy lives, so we don't require attendance at every meeting, so don't feel you have to commit to each session.

Our Next Meeting:

**Tuesday, October 14, 2025
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

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