

Fall Adventure Guide



August 2026 - February 2027

girl scouts
of central illinois



Welcome!

Whether you're a Girl Scout ready to earn your next badge and make new friends, or an adult volunteer looking for training opportunities, we've got upcoming programs and events to help you do

Ready, set, register!

Registration for programs opens on August 5, 2026 at 8am.

- Read through new programs and find your favorites!
- Go to [GetYourGirlPower.org](https://www.getyourgirlpower.org)
- Hover over the "Discover" tab, then click "Event Search" or "Event Calendar".
- Click on the program you're interested in from the listing or calendar view.
- Find the "Register Now" button on the program description page.

Scan here to see the Event Calendar!



Program Levels	Badge Symbols	Program Pillar	Pricing
<p>D Girl Scout Daisies (grades K-1)</p> <p>B Girl Scout Brownies (grades 2-3)</p> <p>J Girl Scout Juniors (grades 4-5)</p> <p>C Girl Scout Cadettes (grades 6-8)</p> <p>S Girl Scout Seniors (grades 9-10)</p> <p>A Girl Scout Ambassadors (grades 11-12)</p>	<p>You can earn or work towards earning badges at many of our programs. Look for the icons throughout the guide to find which programs will help you earn a badge.</p> <p>You'll earn a badge and either take it home with you or be able to buy it at a Trefoil Boutique after the program.</p> <p>You'll work toward earning a badge by completing one or more steps, and then finish necessary steps on your own.</p>	<p> Life Skills</p> <p> STEM</p> <p> Outdoors</p> <p> Entrepreneurship</p> <p> Girl Scout Traditions</p>	<p>GS Currently registered Girl Scouts</p> <p>Non-GS Youth non-members (prospective members, friends and siblings)</p> <p>Adult Guardians and Troop Leaders</p>

Questions? We're here to help.

Our Customer Care team is available to answer your questions and help meet your needs. Contact us via email at customercare@girlscouts-gsci.org or call 888-623-1237.

Important Program Info

Registrations

- Program registration opens on Wednesday, August 5 at 8am at [GetYourGirlPower.org](https://www.getyourgirlpower.org).
- **Program registration closes on the specified deadline or when maximum numbers have been reached.** A late fee of 25% of the program fee will be assessed if your late registration is accepted after the closing date. Free events will incur a \$3 late fee. Late registration may not be accepted if an event is full or other circumstances prevent additional registrations.
- All registrations must be made online to guarantee your spot in the program.
- Confirmations will be emailed 1 week prior to each session. We must have a valid email address for confirmations!
- To be added to the wait list for a full program, please call Customer Care at 888-623-1237.
- Cookie Dough or Nutty Bucks may be used for payment. Registration will not be complete and spots will not be held until Customer Care is contacted to complete payment.

Cancellations & Refunds

- If the event or session does not meet the minimum registration by the deadline date, GSCI reserves the right to cancel the event with refunds to the payee of the event in the same form as payment. If payment was Cookie Dough/Nutty Bucks, refunds will be given in the form of program credit to be used within 60 days of issued program credit.
- In the case of extreme weather, an event may be canceled or rescheduled. If the event is canceled, refunds will be given to the payee of the event in the same form as payment. No refunds will be given for any registrant who arrives late, leaves early, attends only part of the event or chooses not to attend the event.
- The leader or parent/caregiver must cancel the event registration 6 weeks prior to the event date in order to receive a refund. The refund will be refunded with the same payment type.
- A refund may be possible if there is a documented medical/emergency situation, and a request form is submitted within one week after the event date.
- Members who register as non-members will not be able to request a refund for the difference in pricing. If members have issues registering, please contact Customer Care to ensure you are registering correctly.

General

- **Troops are responsible for collecting permission slips and meeting girl-to-adult ratios, unless program is noted as a drop off event.**
- **Girls registering individually must attend with an adult unless program is noted as a drop off event.**
- If you are attending a family event and a sibling or friend will be participating in the event, please register that additional child.
- If the family event is overnight, males can only sleep in quarters with other males or with their family.
- Tagalongs (unregistered siblings or friends) are not allowed at programs or events unless otherwise stated or prior permission is given by the staff member facilitating the program. Many programs have capacity numbers due to space, restriction from community partners, it may be deemed unsafe or distracting to have younger children present. If tagalongs attend, facilitators have the right to ask that they leave. No refunds will be issued if this causes the Girl Scout to be unable to stay due to no longer having their adult present to meet ratio.

Moment

Girl Scout Day at the Fair

D B J C S A 

August 17, 12:00-6:00pm
Illinois State Fairgrounds,
Springfield

Join us for Girl Scout Day at the Illinois State Fair! Girl Scouts wearing their uniform or a Girl Scout T-shirt will receive FREE admission into the fair. Girl Scouts, along with their families, can purchase ride armbands at \$5 off the normal cost at our Girl Scout tent located near the entrance of the Carnival Midway.

Custom patches must be pre-ordered and will be available for pickup at the Girl Scout tent from 12-6pm.

Registration cost is for patch only.

\$3/Patch

Min/Max: 10/100

Register by August 2



Big Tap Campout

D B J C S A 

Sept. 26-27, 10:00am-9:00am
Camp Tapawingo, Metamora

Time to solve a case at Camp Tapawingo! Search for clues to solve a mystery while experiencing everything camp has to offer. Practice your aim at the archery range, try out canoeing on the lake, create a colorful tie-dyed work of art, and even participate in a mini escape room. Stay the night and participate in classic camp activities like cooking dinner over the campfire, making s'mores, and singing camp songs.

For an additional fee, register for add-on activities listed below. Bring your own sack lunch. This is NOT a drop off event!

\$30/person (platform tent/rustic cabin) •

30/100 people

\$25/person (bring your own tent) •

30/200 people

\$20/person (Saturday only) •

30/200 people

Zip Line Sessions **B J C S A**

Session 1: 10:30am-12:00pm

Session 2: 12:00pm- 1:30pm

Session 3: 2:30-4:00pm

Session 4: 4:00-5:30pm

\$15/GS • \$18/Non-GS

Min/Max: 6/15 youth

Rock Wall Sessions **J C S A**

Session 1: 11:00am-12:00pm

Session 2: 12:00-1:00pm

Session 3: 2:00-3:00pm

Session 4: 3:00-4:00pm

\$10/GS • \$13/Non-GS

Min/Max: 5/15 youth

Horse Riding Sessions

Session 1: 10:00-11:15am **B J**

Session 2: 11:45am-1:00pm **J C S A**

Session 3: 2:00-3:45pm **B J**

Session 4: 4:15-5:30pm **J C S A**

Must have previous experience.

Not a trail ride.

\$25/GS • \$28/Non-GS

Min/Max: 5/10 youth

Traveling a far distance and registering to stay in Cabins/Tents? Email Tiffany (tkaufmann@girlscouts-gsci.org) for the option to stay overnight Friday.

Big Tap Campout Build-A-Bear

D B J C S A

Session 1: 11:00am-1:00pm

Session 2: 11:00am-1:00pm

Session 3: 2:00-4:00pm

Session 4: 2:00-4:00pm

Min/Max: 5/20 youth

Session 1 & 3: Adventure Bundle
Pricing: \$45 per participant

This package includes: One bear or furry friend for each guest (up to \$26), One Girl Scout Uniform or clothing item (up to \$10), a fun patch, Cub Condo, and an activity.

Session 2 & 4: Ultimate Bundle
Pricing: \$60 per participant

This package includes: One bear or furry friend for each guest (up to \$26), One Girl Scout Uniform or clothing item (up to \$10), One footwear item (up to \$8), a scent, a fun patch, a bear carrier (up to \$7) and an activity.

Register for Big Tap Campout by
September 13



us Events



Widji Haunted Trails

D B J C S A

October 17, 5:30-9:00pm

Camp Widjiwagan, Springfield

Get into the spooky spirit-Girl Scout camp style! Bring your friends and family for this not-so-scary evening at Camp Widjiwagan. Begin your adventure on our haunted trail, enjoy snacks and cider or cocoa, challenge your friends to some fall themed games, and have fun on a hayride around camp. Don't forget to stop by the campfire to roast a s'more before you hop on your broomstick to fly home! *Flashlights and family friendly costumes are encouraged but not required. A limited amount of custom event fun patches will be available for purchase in our Trading Post during the program.*

\$9/GS • \$9/non-GS • \$8/adult

Min/Max: 100/300 youth

• 50/200 adult

Register by October 4



Palette of Possibilities

D B J C S

November 7, 10:00am-3:00pm

Heartland Community College, Normal
Explore new possibilities at Art and Design Exploration Day! Girl Scouts will rotate through stations and workshops to learn about different art styles, techniques, and mediums. We're excited to be able to feature dance, music, painting, pottery, and more! The fun doesn't stop there though! Girl Scouts of all ages (volunteers included) are invited to take part in our Art Show!

\$20/GS • \$23/Non-GS • \$5/adult

Min/Max: 60/200 youth • 20/100 adult

Register by September 13

Minds In Motion

D B J N

December 12, 1:00-5:00pm

Decatur Indoor Sports Center,

Decatur

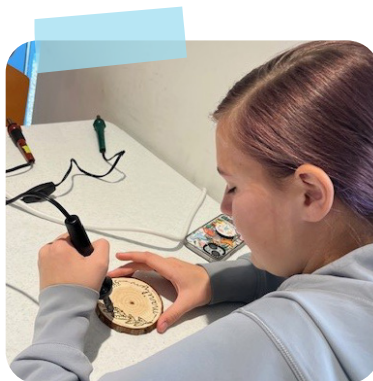
Minds in Motion is a dynamic, hands-on wellness experience where participants explore how movement, mindset, and emotional well-being work together. Through active and engaging stations including rock-climbing and an obstacle course, in addition to calming mindfulness activities, girls will build confidence, practice resilience, and discover tools to support both body and mind in motion. *Daisies will complete steps toward their Fun with Movement badge; Brownies will complete steps toward their Fair Play badge; Juniors will complete steps toward their Practice with Purpose. Fun Patch included with registration.*

\$15/GS • \$18/Non-GS • \$5/adult

Min/Max: 100/250 youth

• 50/150 adult

Register by November 29



Cookie Rally

D B J C S

January 9, 1:00-4:00pm

Interstate Center, Bloomington

Are you ready to turn Wonder into Wonderful this cookie season? Hop on over and join us for an exciting cookie rally! This is your chance to get a sneak peek at the upcoming cookie season, meet fellow Girl Scouts, and pick up some handy tips for selling those delicious cookies. We'll have fun games, challenges, snacks, and a few surprises to get you pumped and prepared for the big season ahead. Plus, you'll get to taste some of the cookies before anyone else! Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity to get a jumpstart on the fun!

Cookie badge opportunities will be Cookie Goal Setter for Daisies, Cookie Decision Maker for Brownies, Cookie Collaborator for Juniors, and My Cookie Venture for Cadettes. Fun patch included for all youth. Adult and teen volunteers needed. Deadline to order \$18 Cookie Rally Shirt is Dec. 9.

\$15/GS • \$18/Non-GS • \$7/adult

Min/Max: 400/700 youth • 1/700 adult

Register by January 1



Get your
Cookie
Rally Shirt
for \$18!



Volunteer at Momentous Events!

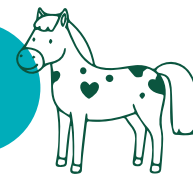
We're looking for enthusiastic adults and Girl Scouts to lend a hand with activities, booths, set-up, and more. Volunteering is a fun way to meet new people, build leadership skills, earn hours towards your Service to GS pin, and help create amazing experiences for girls across our council. Whether you can help for a few hours or an entire event, your support makes a difference!

Interested in volunteering?
Visit tinyurl.com/GSCIMomentousVol or scan
the QR Code to fill out an interest form!





Equestrian



Junior Horseback Riding Badge



September 5, 12:00-4:00pm

or

October 17, 9:00am-1:00pm

Camp Tapawingo, Metamora

Spend time in the barn and arena learning, riding, and earning your Jr. Horseback Riding Badge. First, meet some of our wonderful horses and ponies! Then, discover the basics of horseback riding. You'll learn about safety and how to take care of a horse, tack up your horse, and go for a ride in our indoor riding arena!

Completion of previous equestrian programming recommended. Not for first time riders! Read through the Junior Horseback Badge Requirements pamphlet.

\$60/GS • \$63/non-GS

Min/Max: 6/12 youth

Register by Aug. 30 for Sept. 5 session

Register by Oct. 11 for Oct. 17 session

Pony Tails II



September 19

Session 1: 9:30-11:00am

Session 2: 12:15-1:45pm

Session 3: 2:30-4:00pm

or

November 14

Session 1: 9:30-11:00am

Session 2: 12:15-1:45pm

Session 3: 2:30-4:00pm

Camp Tapawingo, Metamora

Let's get reintroduced to a few of the Tapawingo herd members. Learn with your friends how to handle a pony/horse from the ground. While in the arena, touch up on your steering and stopping skills with some arena exercises. Maybe even learn to trot!

Prerequisite: Completion of Pony Tails I or equivalent experience.

\$40/GS • \$43/non-GS

Min/Max: 4/8 youth

Register by Sept. 13 for Sept. 19 sessions

Register by Nov. 8 for Nov. 14 sessions



Trail Rides

October 10

Session 1: 8:30-11:30am



Session 2: 1:00-2:30pm



Session 3: 3:15-4:45pm



Camp Tapawingo, Metamora

Session 1: Help get your very own horse ready for your trail adventure! Before hitting the trails, spend a little bit of time bonding with your horse as you groom and tack them up. After that, we will go over trail safety and then head out on one of the best trail rides that Camp Tapawingo has to offer while enjoying the beautiful nature that surrounds us. Come join us for this relaxing trail ride individually or with your troop!

Session 2 & 3: Ready to head out of the arena and on to the trail? Come join us for a relaxing trail ride individually or with your troop! Go over trail safety, get paired up with a horse or pony companion, and explore the woods on horseback while experiencing some of the amazing nature that Camp Tapawingo has to offer!

Not for first time riders! Trail riding experience preferred.

Session 1: \$60/GS • \$63/non-GS

Session 2 & 3: \$50/GS • \$53/non-GS

Min/Max: 3/6 youth

Register by October 4

Pony Tails I



September 12

Session 1: 9:30-10:45am

Session 2: 11:30am-12:45pm

Session 3: 2:00-3:15pm

Session 4: 4:00-5:15pm

or

November 7

Session 1: 9:30-10:45am

Session 2: 11:30am-12:45pm

Session 3: 2:00-3:15pm

Session 4: 4:00-5:15pm

Camp Tapawingo, Metamora

Here is your introduction to the wonderful world of horses and ponies! Learn with your friends how to groom a pony/horse and then head out to the arena to take a turn riding. While in the arena you will learn how to sit properly in the saddle, as well as how to steer and stop your new equine friend.

\$35/GS • \$38/non-GS

Min/Max: 3/6 youth

Register by Sept. 6 for Sept. 12 sessions

Register by Nov. 1 for Nov. 7 sessions



Back In the Saddle



October 3

Session 1: 10:00am-12:00pm

Session 2: 1:30-3:30pm

Camp Tapawingo, Metamora

Saddle up! Build on skills that you might have learned in some of our other equestrian programs. Spend the majority of your time in the saddle working on your riding skills with your favorite horses and ponies while navigating through an obstacle course! For an extra challenge, a bit of trotting may be added in.

Completion of previous equestrian programming recommended.

Not for first time riders!

\$45/GS • \$48/non-GS

Min/Max: 5/10 youth

Register by September 27



Let It Go

B J 

October 24, 1:00-5:00pm
Camp Tapawingo, Metamora

There is a sudden freeze over Camp Tapawingo. Join us in the search for the Ice Queen on horseback, watch out for falling snow! Attempt to rock climb 40ft up to the top of the North Mountain to the Ice Castle. Do you want to build a snowman, while you wait your turn? How about a frozen treat before heading out on the water in a boat after the deep freeze has melted? It takes an act of true bravery to take on this adventure.

Please note: Participants will be split into groups of 10 due to the group size limitation for riding horses. Snack and fun patch included. Adults can participate in rock climbing and canoeing if they would like. However, no adults will be able to participate with the horses. For rock climbing the participant height restriction is 3'6"-6'2" tall and the max weight of a participant for both rock climbing and horses is 250lbs.

\$45/GS • \$48/non-GS • \$5/adult
Min/Max: 15/30 youth • 10/20 adult
Register by October 18

Let the Mounted Games Begin!

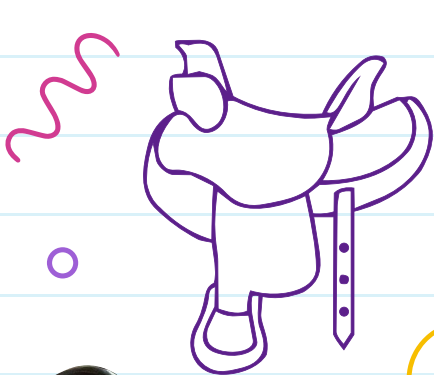
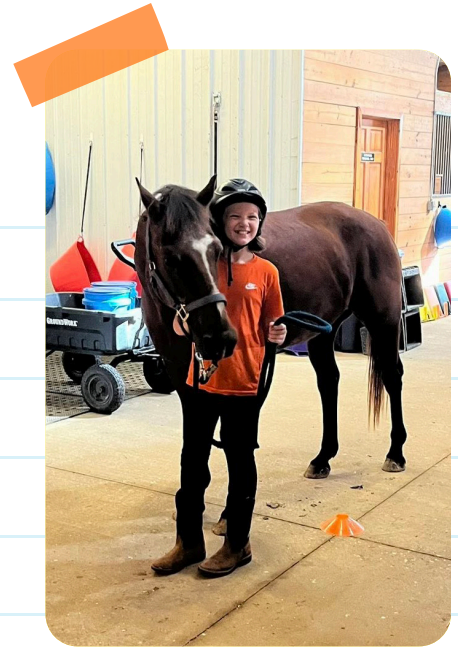
B J C S A 

October 31
Session 1: 9:30-11:00am
Session 2: 12:15-1:45pm
Session 3: 2:30-4:00pm
Camp Tapawingo, Metamora

Are you "game" for some fun ways to test your horseback riding skills?! Playing games on horseback can improve all aspects of riding by reinforcing techniques that you may have already learned. Challenge your abilities through fun mounted exercises and games. Find out how well you can truly control your horse!

Completion of Back in the Saddle or equivalent experience. Not for first time riders!

\$40/GS • \$43/non-GS
Min/Max: 4/8 youth
Register by October 25



Adopt A Horse



Want to symbolically adopt a member of our equestrian herd? You can adopt your favorite horse at Camp Tapawingo through our Adopt a Horse program!

Your symbolic adoption helps to support expert animal care along with covering ongoing costs that are associated with operating an equestrian program, such as hay/grain, veterinary, dental, and farrier care, helmets and boots, tack and grooming supplies, and stable maintenance.

To meet our adoptable herd members and find out how you can get involved, visit bit.ly/AdoptAHorse.



August



Trail Adventure

Session 1: 10:00-11:30am **B**

Session 2: 12:30-2:00pm **J**

Session 3: 2:30-4:00pm **C**

Camp Kiwanis, Mahomet

Come to Camp Kiwanis and prepare for an exciting hike in the woods! We will choose our supplies, plan our route, and talk about other types of hikes. We will explore the natural beauty of Camp Kiwanis and make sure you leave ready to plan your own hikes!

Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes will complete some steps towards their Trail Adventure Badge.

\$5/GS • \$6/non-GS • \$0/adult

Min/Max: 5/30 youth • 1/5 adult

Register by August 22



September



Mark Your Calendars!



D B J C S A 

Sept. 26-27, 10:00am-9:00am
Camp Tapawingo, Metamora

Time to solve a case at Camp Tapawingo! Search for clues to solve a mystery while experiencing everything camp has to offer. Bring the whole family out to Camp Tapawingo and enjoy all of the fun activities camp has to offer!

Register by September 13

My Community + Me!

B S 

September 5, 10:00am-12:00pm
McLean County Museum of History,
Bloomington

Scout out what makes your community special and discover how you are part of your community's story! At this program, we'll take part in a flag ceremony, explore the museum with a scavenger hunt, and enjoy a small craft.

Fun patch and snack included.

Participants will complete all steps of their Celebrate Community and My Family Story badges.

\$3/GS • \$6/non-GS • \$0/adult

Min/Max: 5/50 youth • 1/20 adult

Register by August 30

Girl Scout Garden Party

J S 

September 7, 10:00am-2:00pm
Bloomington Service Center,
Bloomington

Earn 3 badges in one flower-ful day with friends! Go for a photo scavenger hunt, make floral crafts, learn about growing your own veggies, herbs, and flowers, and even bring home a tie-dye shirt made with natural dyes! You and your troop (or family!) will experience gardens big and small as we explore and experiment in the garden.

Bring a sack lunch. Participants will complete all steps for their Flowers, Gardener, and Outdoor Art Explorer badges. T-shirt included.

\$10/GS • \$13/non-GS • \$3/adult

Min/Max: 15/50 youth • 5/50 adult

Register by August 30

Fix-It Friends

C S A 

September 5, 4:30-6:00pm
Bloomington Service Center,
Bloomington

Have sew much fun learning how to repair clothing and how to set up an environmentally friendly service project in your own community! Bring your uniform, and we'll even learn to sew on our own badges and patches! No uniform yet? No problem! Bring another garment that needs mending!

Fun patch and snack included.

\$3/GS • \$6/non-GS • \$0/adult

Min/Max: 6/25 youth • 1/15 adult

Register by August 30



Grounded and Growing

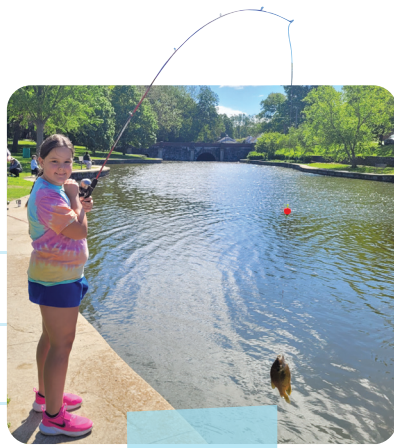
D B J C S A 

September 8, 4:30-5:30pm
Yoga Lab, Bloomington

Find a gentle peace during the busyness of May, care for your body, and challenge yourself to try something new at this all-level yoga class for kids! (Don't worry- grown ups will enjoy this class just as much as the kids!)

Fun patch included. All participants will complete some steps towards their Body Positivity badges.

\$15/GS • \$18/non-GS • \$15/adult
Min/Max: 10/20 youth • 2/10 adult
Register by August 30



Reel Deal Fishing Derby

D B J C 

September 12, 9:30-11:30am
Moraine View State Park, LeRoy

Do you like a little friendly competition? This fishing derby is sure to lure you in! Prizes will be given to Girl Scouts who catch the first fish, the biggest fish, the most fish, and more! Competition not your thing? No worries! Participants are welcome to choose to fish for fun instead.

Fishing poles provided or you can bring your own.

\$5/GS • \$8/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 5/50 youth • 1/50 adult
Register by September 7



Haunted Helpers

C S A 

September 11, 5:30-8:30pm
Camp Widjiwagan, Springfield

Become part of the magic of Widji Haunted Trails and serve as a Haunted Helper! Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors are invited to get in on the spooky action at Widjiwagan's Haunted Trails by being trail guides and hosts at the kid-friendly scare stations. This is a fabulous opportunity for a troop project, or for individual Girl Scouts. Hours spent preparing for and during the event also count towards your Service to Girl Scouting Award.

Pizza party included in our preparation session. At least one adult per troop is required to attend.

\$5/GS • \$5/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 10/35 youth • 2/15 adult
Register by September 6

Girl Scouts Love State Parks

D B J C S A 

September 12-13
or
September 18-19

Virtual Event!

Register for this event to receive digital materials to participate in Girl Scouts Love State Parks with your troop or on your own. Girl Scouts Love State Parks can be celebrated at your local state parks either on Sept 12-13th or Sept 19-20th. Please register all Girl Scouts who will be participating and you will receive an email with materials the Friday after you register. Unable to print the materials? Please feel free to visit your closest service center for printed materials or email Tiffany Kaufmann at tkaufmann@girlscouts-gsci.org if you are unable to visit a service center. Girl Scouts Love State Parks patch not included but information will be provided on how to order the patch.
\$0/GS • \$0/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 5/200 youth • 5/50 adult
Register by September 26

Build a Budget: Build-A-Bear

Session 1: September 14, 6:00-7:30pm **D**
Session 2: September 21, 6:00-7:30pm **B**
Session 3: September 28, 6:00-7:30pm **J**
Champaign Service Center, Champaign
Bears, budgets, and big decisions! At this event, you'll complete all the steps to a Financial Literacy badge while making your very own Build-A-Bear™. Learn how to set a budget, tell the difference between wants and needs, and make choices about what to spend and what to save. The cost covers even the fanciest bear and an accessory, but smart budgeting might get you a whole outfit too! At the end, you'll head home with a cuddly new friend dressed just the way you decided.

Daisies will complete all steps for their My Money Choices badge and Brownies and Juniors will complete all steps for their Financial Empowerment badge.

\$50/GS • \$53/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 5/18 youth • 0/0 adult
Register by Sept. 7 for Session 1
Register by Sept. 14 for Session 2
Register by Sept. 21 for Session 3



Intro to Flag Football

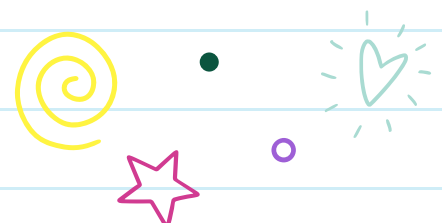
S A 

September 20, 12:00-1:30pm
Tucci Stadium, Bloomington

Try Flag Football! Led by the Illinois Wesleyan Women's Flag Football team, participants will learn the rules of Flag Football, run drills with the team, and play together with friends.

Fun patch included.

\$5/GS • \$8/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 14/28 youth • 0/20 adult
Register by September 8





October



Mark Your Calendars!



D B J C S A

October 17, 5:30-9:00pm
Camp Widjiwagan, Springfield

Get into the spooky spirit-Girl Scout camp style! Bring your friends and family for this not-so-scary evening at Camp Widjiwagan. Enjoy the haunted trail, snacks and cider or cocoa, challenge your friends to some fall themed games, and have fun on a hayride around camp.

Register by October 4

On Belay

October 3

Session 1: 9:00-10:30am **B J**
Session 2: 11:00am-12:30pm **J C S A**
Camp Tapawingo, Metamora

Ready to reach new heights? Go on belay as you scale the 40ft rock climbing wall at Camp Tapawingo. Learn some important climbing lingo before you try your best to reach some of our fun shaped rock holds, like a butterfly or a dinosaur!

Brownie participants will complete some steps towards the Brownie Climbing Adventure badge. Fun Patch included. Participant restrictions for climbing wall are 3'6"-6'2" tall and a max weight of 250lbs.

\$5/GS • \$8/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 6/12 youth • 4/8 adult
Register by September 27

Pumpkin Spice Girls

D B J C

October 3

Session 1: 12:00-1:15pm
Session 2: 1:30-2:45pm

Decatur Public Library Decatur

Fall is in the air, and it's time to put your senses to work! Join us for a cozy autumn experience to explore the fascinating connection between scent, memory, emotions, and the body. Through hands-on activities, girls will discover how certain smells can bring back memories, influence mood, and even affect how we feel physically. Along the way, they'll mix signature scents, experiment with sensory science, and create a keepsake inspired by the season. It's a pumpkin-spiced blend of curiosity, creativity, and self-discovery!

\$7/GS • \$10/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 10/30 youth • 5/10 adult
Register by September 20

Get to Know Nuclear

J C

October 3, 10:00am-1:00pm
UIUC Campus, Champaign

Explore the world of Nuclear science with collegiate scientists on the University of Illinois Campus! During this event you will be taught by the Women in Nuclear club and get to see what it's like to pursue science. If you want to do hands-on experiments and learn more about this branch of science from girls like you, this is the event made for you!

Fun patch and snack included. Juniors and Cadettes will complete some steps towards the Stem Career Exploration badge.

\$5/GS • \$6/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 5/50 youth • 1/10 adult
Register by September 26

Daisy Camp Buddies

D

October 3, 12:30-2:30pm
Camp Widjiwagan, Springfield
Calling all Daisies for a day at camp just for our youngest Girl Scouts! Have you been to camp before, or are you new to Girl Scouts? This is the event for you! We'll explore all Camp Widjiwagan has to offer with bouldering on the rock wall, a "Leave No Trace" scavenger hunt, a traditional camp craft, and maybe even a few games of Frogger. Bring your besties, or go solo, and get ready to meet new friends.

Daisies will complete some steps towards their Climbing Adventure and Eco Learner badges.
\$10/GS • \$13/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 10/30 youth • 5/15 adult
Register by September 27

Peak Potential: Climbing Tower

Experience **D B J C S A**

October 1
Session 1: 10:00am-1:00pm
Session 2: 2:00-5:00pm

WIU Hornfield Campus, Macomb

Get ready to challenge yourself and reach new heights! In this exciting climbing tower experience, Girl Scouts will test their strength, build confidence, and cheer each other on as they make their way to the top. Whether it's your first time climbing or you're ready to beat your personal best, this event is all about trying something new and having fun along the way. Girls will learn the basics of climbing safety and technique while enjoying an unforgettable adventure. It's the perfect opportunity to build courage, teamwork, and a sense of accomplishment.


Daisies and Brownies will be earning their Snow or Climbing Adventure Badge, while Juniors, Cadettes, Senior and Ambassador girls will be earning steps towards the Snow or Climbing Adventure Badge.


\$10/GS • \$13/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 10/20 youth • 5/20 adult
Register by September 20



Language Lessons: ASL

October 3

Session 1: 1:00-2:30pm 

Session 2: 2:45-4:15pm 

Bloomington Service Center,
Bloomington

Learn a new language! Sign Language is used by millions of people every day, and this workshop will teach you the skills to start using American Sign Language, or ASL at home. Together with your Girl Scout friends, you'll learn basic words and phrases, how to make a new friend using your ASL skills, and a little bit about deaf history and culture. Leaders - be sure to check out the other Language Lesson Events this day! Your troop might want to try out a few new languages and make a whole day of it!

Fun patch and snack included.

\$15/GS • \$18/non-GS • \$3/adult

Session 1: Min/Max: 5/25 youth
• 0/10 adult

Session 2: Min/Max: 5/15 youth
• 0/10 adult

Register by September 27



Behind the Screens



October 3, 1:30-4:30pm

Peoria Service Center, Peoria

Hear from a local expert in screenwriting and filmmaking. Learn about digital video basics, come up with an idea for a story, and take a shot at filming a scene! Storyboard your ideas and edit them in real time. Learn about how to edit a video on programming software that you can try out on your own at home!


Participants should bring a video recording device (either a phone or a camera) to practice taking videos and editing them. Cadettes will earn most steps for their Digital Movie Maker and Screenwriter badges.


\$25/GS • \$28/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 10/20 youth • 0/10 adult

Register by September 20

Language Lessons: Spanish

October 3

Session 1: 2:45-4:15pm 

Session 2: 4:30-6:00pm 

Bloomington Service Center,
Bloomington

Did you know that Spanish is the most common, non-English language spoken at home in our country? Since Girl Scouts are all about making new friends, let's learn how to do it in Spanish! Together with your Girl Scout friends, you'll learn basic words and phrases, how to introduce yourself to friends, and learn a little bit about the places where Spanish is spoken. Leaders - be sure to check out the other Language Lesson Events this day! Your troop might want to try out a few new languages and make a whole day of it!

Fun patch and snack included.

\$15/GS • \$18/non-GS • \$3/adult

Min/Max: 5/15 youth • 2/10 adult

Register by September 27

Language Lessons: French



October 3, 4:30-6:00pm

Bloomington Service Center,
Bloomington

Have you ever dreamed of going to Paris, wearing a beret, eating a baguette, and climbing the Eiffel Tower? If you have, you might want to start learning a little French. At this workshop, you and your friends will learn basic words and phrases, how to make new friends in French, and a little bit about the places where French is spoken. Leaders - be sure to check out the other Language Lesson Events this day! Your troop might want to try out a few new languages and make a whole day of it!

Fun patch and snack included.

\$15/GS • \$18/non-GS • \$3/adult

Min/Max: 5/15 youth • 1/10 adult
Register by September 27



Adventure After Dark



October 3, 5:00-10:30pm

Camp Widjiwagan, Springfield

Enjoy all the most exciting parts of camp without having to sleep over! Missing summer camp? We have a cure-more camp! Before the stars come out, we'll tackle the high ropes course and get decked out with glow sticks to kayak on Lake Springfield. After the sun goes down, we'll make a gourmet campfire dessert and do some stargazing.

Please note that dinner is not served during this program. Participants will receive a fun patch.

\$25/GS • \$28/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 7/12 youth • 0/0 adult
Register by September 27

Roar & Snore



Oct. 9, 5:30pm-Oct. 10, 9:00am

Scovill Zoo, Decatur

Get ready for a roaring good time! As the sun sets, a whole new side of the zoo comes to life. Juniors will go behind the scenes to see how zookeepers care for animals after hours by discovering the routines, relationships, and patience it takes to get feathered and furry friends settled in for the night. Along the way, girls will become incredible animal ambassadors during a night hike, explore what makes a habitat a true home, and connect with the experts at Scovill Zoo while eating s'mores! Drift off to sleep to the sounds of the wild, and wake up to a simple breakfast before heading home with the wildest memories!

Juniors will earn their Animal Habitats badge. Due to capacity limitations, we ask that only one adult per troop attend to allow for more girl participation.

\$48/GS • \$51/non-GS • \$46/adult
Min/Max: 10/30 youth • 3/8 adult
Register by September 27





Climb On!



October 10, 9:00am-12:00pm
Camp Tapawingo, Metamora

Looking for a fun challenge? Spend a couple of hours on Camp Tapawingo's Challenge Course. Learn the basics during grounds school, then take to the course to explore the 20ft and 40ft challenge course. Can you make it through the Burma Bridge, Cargo Tube and the Spaghetti Walk? Come and find out!

Participants must be 6th grade or older, between 4'10" and 6'2", and at or below the maximum weight of 250 lbs. Adults are welcome to stay during the event but are not required to. Fun patch is included.

\$20/GS • \$23/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 6/14 youth • 0/0 adult
Register by October 4



Pumpkin Patch Palooza



October 10, 1:00-4:00pm
Terripin Farms, Quincy

Get ready for a day packed with fall fun at the pumpkin patch! From painting pumpkins, riding through the patch on a hay-rack, to launching pumpkins with a slingshot, there's something exciting around every corner. Girls will also meet adorable animals, bounce to their hearts content, and dive into the corn pit for even more laughs. It's the perfect mix of adventure, creativity, and troop bonding to start the Girl Scout year off!

Fun patch included.

\$10/GS • \$13/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 10/125 youth • 5/125 adult
Register by September 27

Wild About Camp



October 10, 1:00-4:00pm
Camp Widjiwagan, Springfield

Are you WILD about camp? Full of Wonder, Innovation, Laughter, and Discovery! It's time to level up your skills at camp and explore. We'll scale the rock wall, discover new parts of camp with a short hike, then end with a craft to take home. If you're lucky, we'll squeeze a few camp songs in too!

Brownies will complete all steps towards their Climbing Adventure badge, and both levels will complete some steps towards their Eco Learner badge.

\$16/GS • \$19/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 10/30 youth • 5/15 adult
Register by October 4

Take Aim: Scout



October 11, 1:00-3:00pm
Camp Widjiwagan, Springfield

Begin the journey to the bullseye. Learn the basics of archery, find your aim, and celebrate your new skills with a balloon pop.

Cadettes will complete all steps for their Archery badge. Fun patch included.

\$5/GS • \$8/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 6/21 youth • 0/10 adult
Register by October 4

Weaving Warmth



October 11, 1:45-4:00pm
Red Cross Quincy

In this inspiring event, girls will transform everyday shopping bags into cozy, durable sleeping mats for those in need. They'll learn how to weave and repurpose plastic bags into something warm and practical. Once completed the mats will be donated through local community partners, ensuring they reach people who need them. This project is a creative way for girls to give back, learn empathy and resourcefulness while making a real difference in their community.

\$5/GS • \$8/non-GS • \$0/adults
Min/Max: 15/24 youth • 5/20 adults
Register by September 27

CPR/First Aid Certification



October 11, 2:00-4:00pm
Peoria Service Center, Peoria

Learn how to be prepared in an emergency situation and receive your First Aid/CPR certification! This program is open to Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors, and adult volunteers.

Two to three weeks after this course, you will be able to access your certification card online.

\$5/GS • \$8/non-GS • \$5/adult
Min/Max: 5/15 youth • 5/15 adult
Register by October 4

Take Aim: Archer



October 18, 1:00-3:00pm
Camp Widjiwagan, Springfield

Hone your skills and sharpen your aim with Archer. Rack up points in a friendly competition with your friends; first place wins an extra special prize!

Cadettes will complete all steps for their Archery badge. Fun patch included. Prior completion of Take Aim: Scout recommended, but not required.

\$5/GS • \$8/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 6/21 youth • 0/10 adult
Register by October 11

Art On the Prairie



October 20, 6:00-8:00pm
Prairie Fruits Farm, Champaign
Connect emotions to art at Prairie Fruits Farm! At this event you will work on your Outdoor Art Badge while surrounded by a working farm and natural walking paths. Explore the possibilities of making art in the great outdoors. You might even get to pet a goat!

Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors will complete some steps towards their level of Outdoor Art Badge.

\$20/GS • \$25/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 10/30 youth • 1/5 adult
Register by October 12

Junior Engineering



October 24, 9:00am-12:00pm
Peoria Service Center, Peoria
Explore how paddle boats work, design a balloon powered car, and test and build a crane, all while using the Design Thinking Process.

Juniors will earn all steps towards their Paddle Boat Design Challenge, Balloon Car Design Challenge, and Crane Design Challenge badges.

\$15/GS • \$18/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 10/40 youth • 5/20 adult
Register by October 11

Brownie Engineering



October 24, 1:00-3:00pm
Peoria Service Center, Peoria
Explore mechanical engineering by building a leap bot, designing a fling flyer, and assembling a simple race car. Test and record your results for each build and brainstorm how they can be improved.

Brownies will earn all steps towards their Leap Bot Design Challenge, Fling Flyer Design Challenge, and Race Car Design Challenge badges.

\$15/GS • \$18/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 10/40 youth • 5/20 adult
Register by October 11

Let It Go



October 24, 1:00-5:00pm
Camp Tapawingo, Metamora
There is a sudden freeze over Camp Tapawingo. Join us in the search for the Ice Queen on horseback, watch out for falling snow! Attempt to rock climb 40ft up to the top of the North Mountain to the Ice Castle. Do you want to build a snowman, while you wait your turn? How about a frozen treat before heading out on the water in a boat after the deep freeze has melted? It takes an act of true bravery to take on this adventure.

Please note: Participants will be split into groups of 10 due to the group size limitation for riding horses. Snack and fun patch included. Adults can participate in rock climbing and canoeing if they would like. However, no adults will be able to participate with the horses. For rock climbing the participant height restriction is 3'6"-6'2" tall and the max weight of a participant for both rock climbing and horses is 250lbs.

\$45/GS • \$48/non-GS • \$5/adult
Min/Max: 15/30 youth • 10/20 adult
Register by October 18



Daisy Engineering



October 24, 3:00-5:00pm
Peoria Service Center, Peoria
Discover more about mechanical engineering by creating a board game, building a simple roller coaster, and designing a model car.

Daisies will earn all steps towards their Board Game Design Challenge, Roller Coaster Design Challenge, and Model Car Design Challenge badges.

\$10/GS • \$13/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 10/40 youth • 5/20 adult
Register by October 11

Take Aim: Huntress



October 25, 1:00-3:00pm
Camp Widjiwagan, Springfield
Show off your archery mastery! Compete with your friends in a friendly game of archery tic-tac-toe. Earn the ultimate bragging rights when you split an arrow at the conclusion of the fall Huntress session.

Cadettes will complete all steps for their Archery badge. Fun patch included. Prior completion of Take Aim: Archer recommended, but not required.

\$5/GS • \$8/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 6/21 youth • 0/10 adult
Register by October 18

Spec-Tacular Vision



October 27, 4:00-5:30pm
Dr. Jodi Albert and Associates, Champaign

Get ready to see the world differently! Girl Scouts will meet a female optometrist and business owner, explore how our eyes work, discover the science behind glasses and vision care, and get a behind-the-scenes look at owning a business in the medical field. With interactive activities and plenty of fun along the way, girls will earn a special Vision Awareness patch while learning how important healthy eyes are!

Fun patch included.
\$4/GS • \$5/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 10/24 youth • 1/10 adult
Register by September 22

JGL Birthday Party



October 31, 10:00am-12:00pm
Peoria Service Center, Peoria
Join us for a party to celebrate our Founder's Birthday! Dress up in your Halloween costume and trick or treat around the office, learn some fun facts about our founder, and earn some cool badges while doing it!

Daisies will earn steps towards their Promise Center, Brownies and Juniors will earn steps towards their Girl Scout Way badge. Other badge steps may also be completed.

\$5/GS • \$8/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 15/75 youth • 5/50 adult
Register by October 18



November



Mark Your Calendars!

Palette of Possibilities



November 7, 10:00am-3:00pm
Heartland Community College, Normal

Join us for an afternoon full of art exploration! Learn more and dive deeper into art forms such as dance, music, painting, pottery, and more. Girl Scouts can even take part in an Art Show at the event!

Register by September 13



Stars at Staerkel



November 2, 6:00-7:30pm **D B**
or

November 9, 6:00-7:30pm **J C S A**
Staerkel Planetarium, Champaign

Embark on an out-of-this-world adventure at Staerkel Planetarium, where you'll dive deep into the mysteries of the cosmos while working toward earning your Space Science badge! Don't forget to pack your trusty pencil or pen and a flashlight with red plastic or cellophane cover for this stellar journey.

Girl Scouts will complete all steps for their Space Science badge.

\$10/GS • \$13/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 15/50 youth • 1/50 adult
Register by October 23

Glittering Glass Holiday Magic



November 7
Session 1: 10:00-11:30am
Session 2: 12:00-2:00pm
Session 3: 1:30-3:30pm
The Budding Artist, Quincy

Join us for a magical holiday crafting adventure! Each Girl Scout will create her own dazzling glass ornament, perfect for keeping or gifting. We'll explore the wonder of glass art, add festive colors, and bring holiday sparkle to life. It's a perfect way to celebrate the season, connect with your troop, and create keepsakes to cherish.
\$12/GS • \$15/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 10/22 youth • 5/10 adult
Register by September 25

Build-A-Budget



November 8, 2:00-4:00pm
Rock Springs Nature Center, Decatur
Bears, budgets, and cozy fall fun! At this event, girls will complete all the steps to a Financial Literacy badge while creating their very own Build-A-Bear friend. They'll learn how to budget, tell the difference between wants and needs, and make thoughtful spending decisions while choosing accessories and outfits for their new pal. Just in time for the holiday season, learn to practice smart money habits they can use when saving, spending, or shopping for gifts. The event cost covers even the fanciest bear and an accessory, but clever budgeting could leave room for extra goodies too!

Daisies will complete all steps for their My Money Choices badge, while Brownies and Juniors will complete all steps for their Financial Empowerment badge.

\$50/GS • \$53/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 10/20 youth • 1/5 adult
Register by October 25

Science of Style



November 8, 1:00-4:00pm
Peoria Service Center, Peoria
Discover the science behind the fashion and beauty industries. Make your own skincare and test it against store bought products, design the best outdoor fashion outfit, create your own scent, make a timeline of fashion trends, and forecast fashion, beauty, or hair trends for the spring!

Seniors will complete all steps of their Science of Style badge. Cadettes and Ambassadors will receive a fun patch.

\$10/GS • \$13/non-GS
Min/Max: 8/16 youth
Register by November 1

Cookies & Careers



November 13
Session 1: 1:30-2:30pm **D B J**
Session 2: 3:00-5:00pm **J C S A**
Green Top Grocery, Bloomington
Session 1: Learn about what it takes to run your very own bakery while decorating cookies! Join Grove St. Bakery Owner, and Girl Scout Alum, Lizzie for a super sweet afternoon of fun with friends, learning, and tasty treats!

Daisies will complete step 1 of their Be a Sister to Every Girl Scout Petal, Brownies will complete step 3 of their Snacks badge and step 1 of their Budding Entrepreneur badge, Juniors will complete step 1 of their Business Jumpstart badge and steps 1 and 4 of their Simple Meals badge.

Session 2: Join Grove St. Bakery Owner, and Girl Scout Alum, Lizzie for a super sweet afternoon of fun with friends, learning, and tasty treats! Start off by decorating cookies with your Girl Scout sisters and top it the afternoon with a tour of Lizzie's Bakery where you'll get the inside scoop on the logistics of running your own bakery!

Juniors will complete step 1 of their Business Jumpstart badge and steps 1 and 4 of their Simple Meals badge, Cadettes will complete steps 4 and 5 of their My Cookie Venture badge, Seniors will complete step 4 of their Business Etiquette badge and step 1 of their Business Startup badge and steps 3 and 5 of their Cookie Boss badge, Ambassadors will complete step 3 of their Cookie Influencer badge and steps 1-3 of their Dinner Party badge.

\$25/GS • \$28/non-GS • \$15/adult
Min/Max: 5/15 youth • 1/10 adult
Register by November 1



Spread the Fun: Jam Making



November 14

Session 1: 10:00am-12:00pm

Session 2: 1:00-3:00pm

Session 3: 4:00-6:00pm

Terripin Farms, Quincy

Get ready to spread the fun in this hands-on jam making experience! Girls will learn how to turn simple, fresh ingredients into delicious homemade jam while exploring the basics of cooking and food preparation. From mixing and mashing, to watching it all come together, this class is full of sweet moments and creativity. Each Girls Scout will take home two jars of jam they made themselves, perfect for sharing with family or enjoying at home. It's a fun and flavorful way to build skills and make lasting memories!

\$25/GS • \$28/non-GS • \$0/adult


Min/Max: 8/15 youth • 5/10 adult

Register by November 1

Animal Care

November 14

Session 1: 11:00am-12:30pm 

Session 2: 1:00-2:30pm 

Brewer Animal Hospital, Springfield

What happens when your pet goes to the vet? Find out at Brewer Animal Hospital! Dogs and cats are a Girl Scouts' best friend, but sometimes pets get sick. Join us at Brewer Animal Hospital to find out what veterinarians do, and how you can help animals in your own community. We'll tour their facilities, hear from a female veterinarian, learn about how to care for different types of animals, and help with a service project for local animals.

Daisies will complete some steps towards their Animal Observer badge, and Brownies will complete some steps towards their Pets badge.

\$7/GS • \$10/non-GS • \$0/adult

Min/Max: 10/25 youth • 5/10 adult

Register by October 18



Girl Scout Night with the Bloomington Bison



November 14, 7:00-9:30pm

Grossinger Motors Arena,
Bloomington

Girl Scouts and their families and friends are invited to a night of hockey with Illinois' newest team, the Bloomington Bison! Bloomington Bison fun patch included for all Girl Scout youth. Ticket prices start at \$18 per person.

For tickets, you must reach out to the Bloomington Bison directly at tinyurl.com/GSCIBB2026. Troops wishing to be seated together are strongly encourage to place one bulk order. For discounted tickets, please contact Paola Pastrana at papastrana@bloomingtonbisonhockey.com.

3D Printing



November 15, 2:00-4:00pm

Peoria Service Center, Peoria

Learn the basics of 3D printing. Discover how to use the 3D design studio and make your own creation. Small trinkets will be printed for all attendees to take something home that day. The website will be provided before the event where templates and more can be found. Due to the time it takes to print 3D designs, projects will be printed by staff and available to be picked up at your local service center at a later date. Print files must be submitted to the staff member no later than one month after the event takes place.

Participants must bring their own laptops for this event.

\$10/GS • \$13/non-GS

Min/Max: 8/16 youth

Register by November 1

Point to Your True North



November 21, 10:00am-12:00pm

Peoria Service Center, Peoria

Discover what it means to act with courage, confidence, and character while figuring out what that means for you. Work as a team to uncover how you relate to others, choose a goal that matters to you, and make a plan to complete that goal.

All participants will earn most steps for their True North Award pin.

\$5/GS • \$8/non-GS • \$0/adult

Min/Max: 6/16 youth • 0/10 adult

Register by November 15

Kiwanis Grand Prix



November 21, 10:00am-12:00pm

Camp Kiwanis, Mahomet

Gear up for an exhilarating car-building and racing escapade! Before the big day, grab your car-building kit and guidelines to fashion your very own, one-of-a-kind race car. Collaborate with your troop to construct your cars or get crafty at home. Then, when the event rolls around, we'll put your custom-built cars to the test on our specially designed track. Root for your fellow Girl Scouts as they vie for speed and flair, and discover who takes the podium!

\$10/GS • \$13/non-GS • \$0/adult

Min/Max: 20/50 youth • 5/20 adult

Register by November 8

Textile Artists



November 21, 12:30-3:00pm

University Galleries of Illinois
State University, Normal

Meet with artists, learn about fiber arts, and make art at this textile workshop! Seniors will complete all steps for their Textiles badge.

Fun patch included.

\$3/GS • \$6/non-GS • \$0/adult

Min/Max: 1/24 youth • 1/10 adult

Register by November 8



Bake It Off



November 21, 1:00-4:00pm
Peoria Service Center, Peoria

From home-made PopTarts to her famous Chai Cookies, T. Swift has been in her baking era! At this event, you can try to make some of Taylor's favorite recipes! We'll be making four recipes inspired by Taylor and her music, including her famous Chai Cookies and the homemade Pop Tarts that those football boys love!
\$20/GS • \$23/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 8/16 youth • 0/10 adult
Register by November 15



December



Mark Your Calendars!

Minds In Motion



December 12, 1:00-5:00pm
Decatur Indoor Sports Center

Explore how movement, mindset, and emotional well-being work together.

Register by November 29

Petals and Presents



December 12
Session 1: 10:00-11:00am
Session 2: 12:00-1:00pm
Session 3: 2:00-3:00pm
Frericks Gardens, Quincy

Get ready for a holly-jolly good time! Girls will jump into the holiday spirit as they design their very own festive poinsettia gift. From decorating a cute pot to adding fun, sparkly, holiday accents, every creation will be bursting with personality and cheer. With music, laughter, and lots of creativity, this hands-on workshop is all about making something meaningful (and totally gift worthy!) for someone special.

Each girl will leave with a one of a kind holiday masterpiece that is ready to wow!

\$20/GS • \$23/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 10/23 youth • 5/10 adult
Register by November 29

Pottery on the Wheel



December 12
Session 1: 12:30-2:30pm
Session 2: 3:00-5:00pm
Springfield Art Association,
Springfield

Dress for mess and get ready to throw down on the pottery wheel! Let your creativity run wild as you create an original pottery piece. Springfield Art Association will lead us through a demonstration of the basics and then you'll try out the pottery wheel yourself. We will pick glaze colors during the session and they'll take care of the rest.

Please allow 2 weeks after the event for each piece to be kiln fired. Finished products will be available for pick up at your nearest service center afterwards.

\$25/GS • \$28/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 10/14 youth • 0/0 adult
Register by November 29



Try It: Curling



December 12, 1:00-4:00pm
Waltham Curling Club, Triumph

Try a new sport! Learn how to curl from the pros, get some practice on the ice, and spend time playing with friends.

Fun patch included. Transportation is NOT included unless you also register for the Bus. Adults will need to pay \$30 at the Curling Club if you'd like to participate on the ice as well.

\$30/GS • \$33/non-GS • \$0/adult
Min/Max: 8/24 youth • 1/20 adult
Register by November 8

Try It: Curling - Bus Ride

December 12, 11:15am-5:15pm
Bloomington Service Center

This is for those who are registered for Try It: Curling and would like to take the Girl Scout bus from Bloomington to the Curling facility. Participants must also register for Try It: Curling in order to be part of this bus trip.

Participants are welcome to bring a sack lunch to enjoy on the road or before the program when we arrive.

\$12/GS • \$12/non-GS • \$12/adult
Min/Max: 3/6 youth • 3/6 adult
Register by November 8

CPR/First Aid Certification

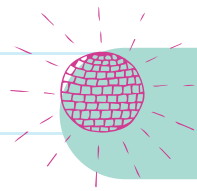


December 13, 2:00-4:00pm
Peoria Service Center, Peoria

Learn how to be prepared in an emergency situation and receive your First Aid/CPR certification! This program is open to Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors, and adult volunteers.

Two to three weeks after this course, you will be able to access your certification card online.

\$5/GS • \$8/non-GS • \$5/adult
Min/Max: 5/15 youth • 5/15 adult
Register by December 6



January



Mark Your Calendars!

COOKIE RALLY 2027



January 9, 1:00-4:00pm
Interstate Center, Bloomington

Join us for an afternoon full of fun games, challenges, snacks, and a few surprises to get you pumped and prepared for the big season ahead. Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity to get a jumpstart on the fun!

Register by January 1

The Ultimate Shake Lab



January 18, 3:00-5:00pm
Shandi's, Quincy

Get ready to create the ultimate over-the-top milkshake! In this fun and interactive experience, Girls Scouts will design their own Instagram-worthy shake using a variety of delicious flavors, toppings, drizzles, and sweet extras. From whipped cream towers, to colorful sprinkles and creative garnishes, the possibilities are endless. Girls will have the chance to style their masterpiece, snap the perfect photo, and then enjoy every last sip. It's the perfect mix of creativity, confidence, and sweet fun, because sometimes more really is more!

\$17/GS • \$20/non-GS • \$0/adults
Min/Max: 10/20 youth • 10/20 adults
Register by January 10

Cookie Boot Camp



January 30, 1:00-4:00pm
Kroc Center, Quincy

Get ready to train like a pro and have a blast doing it! Cookie Boot Camp is the ultimate hands-on experience to help Girl Scouts build confidence and skills for a successful cookie season. Girls will learn how to run a cookie booth, practice counting money and making change, and discover fun, friendly ways to approach customers and share their cookie story. But, it's not all business, there's plenty of fun mixed in! Girl Scouts will get to sample a variety of Girl Scout Cookies to become a true expert, and enjoy a refreshing swim to celebrate their hard work! Whether they're new to selling or looking to sharpen their skills, this high energy event will leave girls feeling confident, capable, and ready to crush their cookie goals!

\$20/GS • \$23/non-GS • \$0/adults
Min/Max: 50/125 youth
• 25/75 adults
Register by January 17





February



Teen Winter Campout



Feb. 5, 6:00pm-Feb. 6, 3:00pm
Camp Tapawingo, Metamora

Do you miss camp and can't wait until summer time? Come to Camp Tapawingo and enjoy a weekend of fun camp activities! Bundle up and get in touch with your creative side while you explore art outdoors in the winter-time. Stay warm inside while designing string art, nature art made out of clay, and give each other DIY manicures. Take over the camp kitchen to make some delicious late-night snacks, then the next day, check out what the archery range is like in the winter, and we'll even make custom targets to aim at!

This is a drop-off event. Meals provided during the campout are a late night snack, breakfast and lunch. Cadette participants will complete some steps towards their Outdoor Art Apprentice badge and Cadette Archery badge. Senior participants will complete some steps towards their Outdoor Art Expert badge.

\$25/GS • \$28/non-GS • \$0/adult

Min/Max: 5/20 youth • 0/0 adult

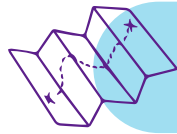
Register by January 31



Programs I Want to Go To:



Use this space to plan out your Fall Girl Scouting schedule, and don't be afraid to add some doodles along the way!



Travel



Europe: London, Paris and the Alps 2027

C S A

June 8-17, 2027

Experience the unique culture and history of five European countries. In the bustling cities of London and Paris, take in iconic monuments and landmarks at every turn, lay eyes on some of the most famous art in the world at the Louvre, and even make a special visit to the Pax Lodge, a WAGGS World Centre, to participate in unique Girl Scout programming. Then, head into the scenic countryside of Burgundy and the beautiful landscapes of Lucerne and the Swiss Alps. The tour will end in Germany, where Bavarian castles dot the landscape and give the countryside a storybook setting for an experience that feels like a fairy tale. For more details and to register for the trip, visit eftours.com and enter tour number **2755031JR**.

Girl Scouts entering sixth grade or above in the fall of 2027 will be old enough for this trip. Attend an All-Trips Info Meeting to learn how to plan ahead with Travel Dough!



All Trips Info Meeting

D B J C S A

Session 1: September 3, 5:30-6:00pm

Session 2: November 2, 5:30-6:00pm

Learn about our Council's Travel Programs and all the amazing opportunities for girl adventures, troop adventures, and family adventures. Info meetings are for girls and adults. This meeting will cover the 2027 Europe trip, 2028 Alaska trip, Travel Dough, and GSUSA Destinations.

Zoom link will be sent the day of the meeting.

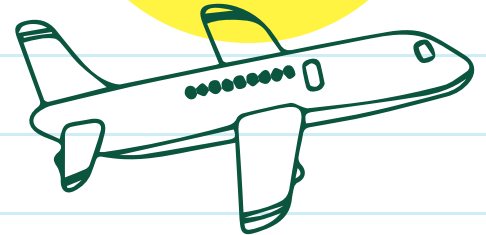
\$0/GS • \$0/non-GS • \$0/adult

Min/Max: 1/100 youth • 1/100 adult

Register by Sept. 2 for Session 1

Register by Nov. 1 for Session 2

Mark your calendars for the Alaska 2028 trip!



D-Pass Grant

GSUSA is excited to participate in GSUSA's D-Pass program! This grant helps support girl travel on GSUSA Girl Scout Destinations trips with a focus on girls in need. It is designed to assist Girl Scouts who would otherwise not be able to take advantage of travel, as well as ensure a diverse representation in Destinations. Visit the travel section of our website to learn more about the application process.

Uprising
AUTO GROUP

CHEVROLET FORD RAM CADILLAC BUICK DODGE Jeep RAM LAND ROVER SUBARU

YOUR NEXT CAR IS ONLY A Click Away!

Uprising Auto Group

SCAN TO SHOP NEW Find Your Location SCAN TO SHOP USED

40+ YEARS OF AUTOMOTIVE EXCELLENCE!

Girl Scout Destinations

Girl Scout Destinations are the ultimate adventure for individual girls ages 11 and older! Explore national parks or tour international treasures! Focus on culture, careers, STEM, the outdoors, and more!

With different trips every year, there's something amazing for everyone. Pack your bags full of life-changing experiences and make friends from all over the country as you travel with Girl Scouts from different councils. Attend the experience of a lifetime!

Steps to Get Started

1. Visit girlscouts.org/destinations to search for trips by location or activity.
2. Contact the Destination host with specific questions for the trip.
3. Apply! You may choose to apply to up to four Destinations.

First round applications are due late fall and second round applications are due in the winter.

Adult Trainings



Basic Outdoor Training - Part 1 & 2

August 29, 9:00am-3:00pm
Camp Tapawingo, Metamora
or
August 29, 9:00am-3:00pm
Siloam Springs, Clayton
or
September 12, 9:00am-3:00pm
Camp Kiwanis, Mahomet
or
October 3, 9:00am-3:00pm
Camp Widjiwagan, Springfield
or
October 10, 9:00am-3:00pm
Camp Tapawingo, Metamora
or
October 24, 9:00am-3:00pm
Echo Bluff Park, Spring Valley
or
TBD, 9:00am-3:00pm
Staunton Area

Planning to take your Girl Scouts camping? Join us for a fun day at our Basic Outdoor Training! This is a required training for leaders to complete before taking their troop on an overnight adventure. During this training, you will dive into the progression of camping to help your girls grow their confidence in nature. You'll also learn about site information, available resources, and safe campfire building techniques. We will cover everything from menu planning and "Kaper Charts", to outdoor cooking, recipes, and engaging camp activities to ensure your troop has a safe and memorable experience.

This is an adult-only training and is required for volunteers to complete before taking their troop camping. This is the full day version of the training. No pre-online training is required.

\$15/adult • 5/15 adults

Register by Aug. 14 for Aug. 29 training
Register by Aug. 14 for Aug. 29 training
Register by Aug. 29 for Sept. 12 training
Register by Sept. 19 for Oct. 3 training
Register by Sept. 26 for Oct. 10 training
Register by Oct. 10 for Oct. 24 training

Basic Outdoor Training - On Site Skills - Part 2

August 29, 12:00-3:00pm
Camp Tapawingo, Metamora
or
August 29, 12:00-3:00pm
Siloam Springs, Clayton
or
September 12, 12:00-3:00pm
Camp Kiwanis, Mahomet
or
October 3, 12:00-3:00pm
Camp Widjiwagan, Springfield
or
October 10, 12:00-3:00pm
Camp Tapawingo, Metamora
or
October 24, 12:00-3:00pm
Echo Bluff Park, Spring Valley
or
TBD, 12:00-3:00pm
TBD

Ready to take your skills into the field? This on-site training is designed for volunteers who have already finished the online modules and passed the test. During this training you will complete the hands-on skill testing of campfire building techniques, outdoor cooking and other camp activities.

This is an adult-only training. Must have completed and passed the Basic Outdoor Online Training.

\$15/adult • 5/15 adults

Register by Aug. 14 for Aug. 29 training
Register by Aug. 14 for Aug. 29 training
Register by Aug. 29 for Sept. 12 training
Register by Sept. 19 for Oct. 3 training
Register by Sept. 26 for Oct. 10 training
Register by Oct. 10 for Oct. 24 training



BOT Online Learning - Part 1

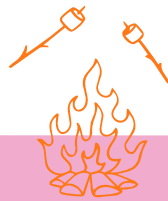
Is your Girl Scout troop planning a camping trip, but time for training is hard to find? This online Basic Outdoor Training provides you with the opportunity to complete and test out of part of the full on-site Basic Outdoor Training. Once the BOT Online portion has been successfully completed and passed, the volunteer will sign up for the Basic Outdoor Training On-Site Skills to complete the hands-on skill testing of campfire-building techniques, outdoor cooking and other camp activities.

Required for full BOT completion: Basic outdoor On-Site Skills completion.



If you are unable to attend trainings registered for, contact council. No call/No shows for scheduled trainings will not qualify for refunds or credits toward future trainings.





Archery Training

September 19, 9:00am-12:00pm
Camp Tapawingo, Metamora

A few things to know before becoming a facilitator for Archery:

- By attending the training, you are agreeing to facilitate at least 4 programs each year.

- Most adventure requests are on weekends.

- Facilitating outdoor programs can be physically taxing, requiring extended standing, sitting, reaching, bending, stooping, as well as adequate hearing, vision, and communication abilities to safely monitor all participants.

Any concerns regarding the physical requirements should be discussed with council staff prior to the start of training.

- Facilitators receive a stipend for facilitating, \$15 per 2-hour session

- Facilitators receive one free Archery session for your troop after you have facilitated 2 of the 4 sessions for other groups.

\$0/adult • 5/10 adult

Register by September 13

Boating Training

August 1, 9:00am-3:00pm
Camp Widjiwagan, Springfield

Have you ever thought about becoming an Outdoor Adventure Facilitator for Girl Scouts? Join our amazing group of volunteer facilitators who help provide fun outdoor adventure amenities and experiences to Girl Scouts at GSCI camp properties. This blended course will focus on information and skills to prevent, recognize, and respond to small craft emergencies on flat water, such as lakes and ponds. It will also prepare you for non-swimming rescues for water emergencies, execute self-rescue skills, and how to teach basic flat-water paddling strokes. This training is valid for 2 years and can be renewed by retaking the blended program.

Prerequisite: Completing the pre-course work, that will be sent via email to registrants prior to the training.

Additionally, all participants must be able to swim 50 yards with/without wearing a life jacket and tread water for one minute. Participants must be able to paddle a canoe forward, backward, and in a circle to pass course.

\$0/adult • 5/10 adult

Register by July 26

Out of the Cabins, Into the Tents

October 10, 4:00-8:00pm
(optional overnight available)
Camp Tapawingo, Metamora

Want to level up your camping from sleeping in cabins to sleeping under the stars in tents? Join us to learn everything from choosing the perfect spot for pitching your tent, to managing your gear and using specialty tools for cooking over an open fire. Perks of this training - Saturday dinner is on us!! And, you will learn fun ways for making it.

This is an adults only training and the session isn't a required for camping.

Prerequisite: Basic Outdoor Training.

Saturday dinner will be provided. This is an adult-only event and is not a required training.

\$10/adult • Addtl. \$10/overnight

Min/Max: 5/15 adults

Register by September 26

Additional overnight option (extends into October 11, 8am): Apply what you learned in the training! Spend the night in a tent that you set up yourself. Enjoy the company of other leaders/adult volunteers, make new friends and share ideas.

Tents will be provided. You will need to bring your sleeping items (sleeping bag/blankets, cot/sleeping pad/air mattress). Saturday snack will be provided.

Advanced Outdoor Cooking

October 11, 9:00am-1:00pm
Camp Tapawingo, Metamora

or

October 24, 12:00-3:00pm
Echo Bluff, Spring Valley

Learn about several different methods of outdoor cooking. You will cook several meal items using a Dutch oven, foil cooking, a reflector oven, and a box oven. You will receive recipes to go along with these different cookie methods.

Prerequisite: Basic Outdoor Training

\$15/adult • 5/15 adults

Register by Sept. 26 for Oct. 11 training

Register by Oct. 10 for Oct. 24 training

Leader Event: Music Bingo

August 24, 6:00-9:00pm

Little Beaver Brewery, Bloomington

Get ready for a fun night where your favorite playlist meets a classic game of chance! Instead of listening for numbers, you will hear hit songs and familiar beats spanning different decades and genres. Scan your custom card, mark off the titles as the DJ drops each track, and sing along while connecting with other Girl Scout Volunteers. It is the perfect blend of friendly competition, casual concert vibes, and the thrilling race to jump up and shout, "Bingo!"

\$0/adult • Personal Costs at Restaurant
5/20 adult

Register by August 17

Leader Expo

September 19, 12:00-6:00pm
(optional overnight available)

Camp Tapawingo, Metamora

Calling all Girl Scout volunteers!

Get ready to grow your skills, connect with fellow leaders, and deepen your impact through our Fall Leader Expo. The day features engaging sessions that will prepare you to support Girl Scouts in an exciting and meaningful way. Build confidence in outdoor leadership with hands-on training in camping basics, safety protocols, outdoor cooking, Leave No Trace, and more. Spend your time on a day hike, learning about archery, and creating your own adventure that will inspire you to empower your Girl Scout troop to do the same.

Additional sessions may include: council resource navigation, troop finances, Girl Scout traditions like SWAPS, and getting to know other leaders who share the same passion about Girl Scouts you do! Whether you're a new troop leader or a long-time volunteer, the day will offer practical tips, fresh ideas, and a supportive community to help you thrive. Come for the fun—leave inspired, connected, and ready to lead the next great adventure!

\$5/adult • Addtl. \$10/overnight
Min/Max: 15/100 adults

Register by September 5

Additional overnight option

(extends into September 20, 9am): Experience staying overnight at camp by extending the fun with a night under the stars (or inside a cabin) at Camp Tapawingo!



**Leader Event:
The Literary Champaign**

October 2, TBD
The Literary, Champaign

Step into your favorite bookstore for a cozy evening that blends reading with hands-on creativity. Surround yourself with the comforting scent of new books while diving into a fun, Girl Scout -inspired craft project. Connect with fellow book lovers & Girl Scout Volunteers, as you create a unique, handmade keepsake to take home. It is the perfect opportunity to relax, chat, and celebrate your love for stories in a beautifully artistic way.

\$20/adult • 5/20 adult
Register by September 18

Starved Rock Guided Hike

November 7, 12:00-4:00pm
Starved Rock, Oglesby

Escape into nature for an unforgettable guided hike through at Starved Rock State Park. Led by an experienced local guide and former GSCI staff member, you will journey along scenic trails to discover hidden seasonal waterfalls. Along the way, you will learn about the rich history, unique geology, and diverse wildlife that make this Illinois treasure so remarkable. It is the perfect opportunity to unplug, stretch your legs, and share an outdoor adventure with fellow nature enthusiasts.

\$0/adult
Register by October 24



**Leader Event:
Emerald Tea Room**

November 24, 11:00am-1:00pm

Take a moment for yourself and meet us at the Emerald Tea Room. This charming spot welcomes you with fresh, scratch-made comfort food and an excellent selection of seasonal teas and coffees. You will enjoy a delightful afternoon sharing savory sandwiches, small plates, and decadent desserts in an intimate, beautifully decorated space. It is the perfect setting to slow down, connect with other local Girl Scout Volunteers, and enjoy a warm, welcoming community vibe.

\$0/adult (*personal costs at venue*)
5/20 adult
Register by November 10

SU Team Trainings

September 24, 6:00-7:30pm
Peoria Service Center, Peoria

or
September 27, 1:00-3:00pm
Jeremiah Joe's Coffee, Ottawa

or
October 8, 6:00-7:30pm
Springfield Service Center, Springfield

or
October 11, 11:00am-1:00pm
Quincy Public Library, Quincy

or
October 17, 11:00am-1:00pm
Macomb Public Library, Macomb

or
October 21, 5:30-7:30pm
Decatur Public Library, Decatur

or
November 12, 6:30-7:30pm
Zoom

or
November 24, 6:30-7:30pm
Zoom

Curious how a Service Unit (SU) fuels the Girl Scout magic? Join us to learn how these local leadership teams support Girl Scout troops, leaders, and families. We'll dive into building and sustaining a strong SU Team, explore the essential roles within it, and see how they bridge the gap for volunteers. From hosting local trainings to planning community events, learn how participating in an SU enhances the Girl Scout adventure for everyone involved.

\$0/adult • 5/20 adults
Register by Sept. 10 for Sept. 24 training
Register by Sept. 20 for Sept. 27 training
Register by Oct. 1 for Oct. 8 training
Register by Oct. 5 for Oct. 11 training
Register by Oct. 12 for Oct. 17 training
Register by Oct. 15 for Oct. 21 training
Register by Nov. 9 for Nov. 12 training
Register by Nov. 9 for Nov. 24 training

CPR/First Aid Certification

October 11, 2:00-4:00pm
Camp Kiwanis, Mahomet

or
December 13, 2:00-4:00pm
Peoria Service Center, Peoria

Learn how to be prepared in an emergency situation and receive your First Aid/CPR certification! This program is open to Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors, and adult volunteers.

Two to three weeks after this course, you will be able to access your certification card online.

\$5/GS • \$8/non-GS • \$5/adult
Min/Max: 5/15 youth • 5/15 adult
Register by Oct. 4 for Oct. 11 session
Register by Dec. 6 for Dec. 13 session

Volunteer Trainer Meeting

November 14, 9:00am-4:00pm
(optional overnight available)
Camp Tapawingo, Metamora
GSCI's Volunteer Trainer team will come together and focus on strengthening supports for troop leaders. This gathering provides an opportunity to connect, share innovative training ideas, and exchange best practices that enhance the Girl Scout experience. Not part of this team yet - Join Us!! - Together, this group fosters a strong, supportive network dedicated to helping every troop leader—and every Girl Scout—thrive.

Prerequisite: Becoming a Volunteer Trainer. Additional overnight option (beforehand, November 13, 5pm).
\$0/adult • Addtl. \$0/overnight
Min/Max: 5/20 adults
Register by November 1

Basic Leader Training

Zoom Meeting

The Basic Leader Training will give adult volunteers who work directly with girls, the tools to manage a Girl Scout Troop, while providing a safe experience, understand the Promise and the Law, lay out a typical meeting and describe the importance of all of the components of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

This is a required training for all adult in leadership roles within the Girl Scout Troop. You must have an approved background check.

\$0/adult • 5/15 adult
Register 3 days prior to training

Dates:

August 5, 11:30am-12:30pm
August 10, 6:30-7:30pm
August 19, 6:30-7:30pm
August 24, 11:30am-12:30pm
September 2, 11:30am-12:30pm
September 14, 6:30-7:30pm
September 23, 6:30-7:30pm
September 28, 11:30am-12:30pm
October 5, 6:30-7:30pm
October 14, 11:30am-12:30pm
October 19, 11:30am-12:30pm
October 28, 6:30-7:30pm
November 9, 11:30am-12:30pm
November 18, 6:30-7:30pm
December 2, 6:30-7:30pm
December 7, 11:30am-12:30pm
January 12, 11:30am-12:30pm
January 21, 6:30-7:30pm

Trainings By Request

Looking for a specific training session? We offer fun and informative Girl Scout trainings by request! Whether your group needs a deep dive into leadership essentials, camp songs, Girl Scout traditions, or troop management tips, we bring the information directly to you. Enjoy a relaxed, engaging environment where you can sharpen your skills and get your questions answered. These trainings can be in-person, virtual or information you learn on your time. Just reach out and make the request!

Trainings for Request:
Troop Finance
Age Level - Daisy to Ambassador
SU Team Training
Badge Explorer
GSLE
Building a Leadership Team
Monthly Patches
Cookie Finances
Volunteer Awards
World Thinking Day
Bridging
Flag Ceremony
Community Service
Creating an Investiture Ceremony
Planning an Event
Planning a Trip
Troop Safety
Camp Songs
SU Team Trainings
Other Requests as Made

Contact Patti at
ppattygsell@girlscouts-gsci.org
for any training requests.



Training Tuesdays

6:30-7:30pm
Zoom Meeting

This year, each Tuesday the council will host a training. Each Training Tuesday focuses on practical topics—from troop management tips and program ideas to navigating resources and building strong girl-led experiences. Volunteers can ask questions, share insights, and gain helpful tools they can immediately bring back to their troops. Whether you're a new leader looking for guidance or a seasoned volunteer seeking fresh inspiration, Training Tuesdays are your go-to for connection, learning, and ongoing support—because when volunteers feel empowered, girls thrive.

\$0/adult • 5/60 adult
Register 3 days prior to training

Dates & Topics of Training Tuesdays:

August 4: Troop Finances
August 11: Investiture Ceremony
August 18: Fall Product
August 24: VTK
September 1: Age Level SR/AM
September 8: Age Level CA/JR
September 15: Age Level DA/BR
September 22: SU - The Why
September 29: Badge Explorer
October 6: Troop Finances
October 13: GSLE
October 20: Troop Safety
October 27: Monthly Patches
November 3: Why Cookies
November 10: Organizing Finances
November 17: Volunteer Awards
November 24: Guiding your Juliette
December 7: World Thinking Day
December 14: Community Service





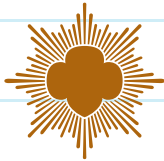
Highest Awards



Bronze. Silver. Gold. These represent the highest honors Girl Scouts can earn as Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors. All three awards give girls the chance to do big things while working on an issue that's captured their interest in a big way. Whether they want to plant a community garden at school to inspire others to eat healthy for the Bronze, advocate for animal rights for the Silver, or build a career network that encourages girls to become scientists and engineers for the Gold, they will inspire others (and themselves) during and after the process.

The first step for a girl interested in earning her highest award is participating in an Award Chat. Award Chats will discuss the guidelines for earning the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards. The chats will be hosted as a go-to meeting, which will consist of a PowerPoint training that outlines the guidelines, paperwork, and deadlines. It will also include a question-and-answer opportunity, so troop leaders, parents, and Girl Scouts will feel more confident in their journey towards these awards. These virtual chats will be 30-minutes long. **Please note: Attending an awards chat or scheduling a 1:1 chat is required for all Girl Scouts to earn any of the Highest Awards. Registration deadline is two days before the chat. Links for the Zoom meetings will be sent the morning of the scheduled chat.**

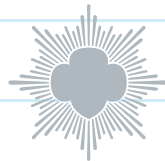
Let's Talk Highest Awards!



Bronze Award Chat

B J

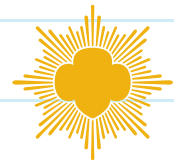
Monday, September 7, 6:00-6:30pm
Thursday, October 22, 6:00-6:30pm
Tuesday, November 17, 6:00-6:30pm
Wednesday, December 9, 6:00-6:30pm
Monday, January 4, 6:00-6:30pm



Silver Award Chat

J C

Monday, September 7, 6:30-7:00pm
Thursday, October 22, 6:30-7:00pm
Tuesday, November 17, 6:30-7:00pm
Wednesday, December 9, 6:30-7:00pm
Monday, January 4, 6:30-7:00pm



Gold Award Chat

C S A

Monday, September 7, 7:00-7:30pm
Thursday, October 22, 7:00-7:30pm
Tuesday, November 17, 7:00-7:30pm
Wednesday, December 9, 7:00-7:30pm
Monday, January 4, 7:00-7:30pm

Unable to attend a scheduled award chat? Reach out to Tiffany Kaufmann at tkaufmann@girlscouts-gsci.org to schedule a one-on-one meeting or if you have any questions about Highest Awards in general.

Basic Highest Award FAQ Session

B J C S A

Wednesday, October 14, 6:00-6:30pm

What are the Highest Awards? How are they earned? Join this Zoom meeting to find out about the importance of the Highest Awards and how to get started. This is for troop leaders, parents, and Girl Scouts but does not count as attending a required Highest Award Chat for Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award.

Honor Troop Chat

D B J C S A

Wednesday, October 14, 6:30-7:00pm

Is your troop truly outstanding? The Honor Troop Award is offered by Girl Scouts of Central Illinois as a way to recognize excellent Girl Scout Troops. Does your troop have dedicated volunteer leadership, active troop participation in council-sponsored activities, and have you had a well-rounded program year? Attend this chat to learn more about the updated requirements, view the paperwork, and know the due dates for the 26-27 year.

Save the Date!
Award Ceremony 2027
April 25, 2027
Peoria

New Honor Troop Patch Design!



Monthly Patch Program



GSCI Monthly Patch Program: Around the World

Travel the world with this year's Monthly Patch Program! Each month, you and your Girl Scout friends will explore a different part of the globe with fun crafts, games, recipes, and more! From Iceland to India and Canada to Columbia, your "passports" will fill with all sorts of international fun! Patches are \$3.00 each and registration opens the first of the month and closes the fifteenth of the following month. (Ex: December monthly patch registration is open December 1-January 15). Go ALL IN and register for all of the monthly patches for only \$30! Each patch is custom designed and will be mailed out roughly 8-10 weeks after registration closes.

Go to bit.ly/GSCIPatchProgram to register and check out the steps for each patch!

September 2026: France

March 2027: India

October 2026: New Zealand

April 2027: Switzerland

November 2026: Mexico

May 2027: Korea

December 2026: Iceland

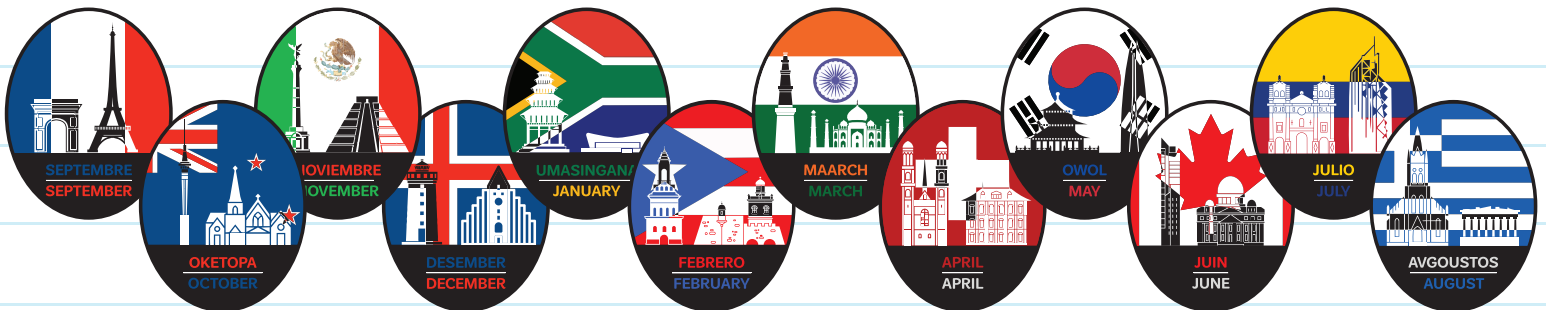
June 2027: Canada

January 2027: South Africa

July 2027: Colombia

February 2027: Puerto Rico

August 2027: Greece



Girl Scouts have many opportunities to take on new adventures while earning patches! Check out the patch programs available to troops and Girl Scouts interested in additional activities at bit.ly/GSCIPatchProgram!

Resilient. Ready. Strong.

You already know Girl Scouts is fun. Guess what? It's also a great way to build your inner strength so that you're ready for anything! Choose from a list of skills that help boost resilience, give them a try, and see which activities make you feel happier or calmer to earn the patch! Patch (\$2) can be purchased online or at any GSCI Trefoil Boutique.

Backyard Challenge

Earn your Backyard Challenge patch and rockers (Spring/Summer/Fall/Winter) by completing seasonal activities - like fort building, learning about springtime flowers, playing with a pet outside, and so much more! *Backyard Challenge Patch (\$2) and seasonal rockers (\$1 each) can be purchased at any GSCI Trefoil Boutique.*

Girl Scout Ranger Patch

In partnership with the National Park Service, Girl Scouts are invited to participate in a variety educational or service projects at national park sites, or design their own experience or project to align with Journey work, badge activities, or a Take Action or Highest Award project. *Free patch is available through the National Park Service.*

FARE Food Allergy Awareness

GSCI has partnered with Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE) to give Girl Scouts the opportunity to learn about life with food allergies. Learn the basics of food allergies and complete activities to earn the patch! *Free patch is available to order on the online activity form.*

Mental Wellness Patch

When it comes to caring for your mental wellness, the Girl Scouts Mental Wellness patch program reminds you that you're never alone in facing challenges and further invites you to dive into and understand your emotions. *Patches for Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors (\$2) can be purchased online or at any GSCI Trefoil Boutique.*

Community Service

GSCI Community Service Patch Program

Take on our Year of Volunteering Challenge as a troop or on your own! NOTE: You have all year to complete the requirements for this patch, they do not need to be met before this registration closes. This registration is set early so that the patches can arrive before the end of the school year. We give you 3-5 options for service projects but you can also come up with your own ideas based on the theme. Community Service patch order registration closes the last day of every other month. Each patch is custom designed and will be available or mailed out roughly 8-10 weeks after each registration deadline. The cost of these patches is \$3 each. **Go to bit.ly/GSCIPatchProgram to register and check out the steps for each patch!**



December - Winter Warmth
Winter is a harsh time for many folks. This winter, give back to others by sharing warm things.

January - MLK Day
Join Americans across the country by coming together on the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday to serve your neighbors and communities.

February - World Thinking Day
This year, learn about a challenge that's impacting people all over the globe and spread awareness.

March - March Gladness
Spread some cheer as we enter Spring! While we can't "fix" this for anyone, we can sit alongside them in their "winter blues" and show them some love.

April - Volunteer Appreciation
Each year we pause and say thank you to all of the amazing Troop Leaders, Cookie Coordinators, Service Unit Leaders, Parent Volunteers, Community Partners, and other various grown ups who make our Girl Scout adventures possible.

May - No Mow May
No Mow May was started as a simple way to help out the local ecosystem without having to permanently change our yards. Less mowing allows time for flowers to bloom in your lawn!

June, July, August - Summer of Sweetness
How can you show kindness to others over the summer? Your summer community service may be sweet as in friendly or sweet in as sugary, up to you!

September - Back to School
It's time to get back in the classrooms! Students and teachers are both excited to start the new year. Let's lift up our awesome educators with love and support!

October - Breast Cancer Awareness
October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. By raising awareness, girls can make a difference in the lives of women and families coping with the impact of breast cancer.

November - Thankful for Community
In November, lots of us start thinking of all we're thankful for. Together as a Girl Scout Council, let's say a BIG THANKS to our local communities.

National Service Projects

Girl Scouts are invited to participate in national service projects through GSUSA!

Honoring our Everyday Changemakers
Small acts of kindness and gratitude can have an incredible impact on your community! Girl Scouts can pay it forward by recognizing the people in their communities who have supported them in finding their unique paths.

Fighting Hunger
More than 50 million adults, kids, and families in the U.S. are experiencing food insecurity. Girl Scouts can make a big difference in their communities—and for children around the world—by supporting hunger relief efforts.

Promote the Vote
What do you want the future to look like? Who will lead us as we work to bring it to life? That's up to you—but only if you vote! You might not be old enough to vote—yet—but you're never too young to learn about this process and to get your friends, family, and community involved.

Citizen Science
How can you play a part in solving some of the biggest problems facing our planet? Enter citizen science, where volunteers help scientists collect data for their studies and experiments. Anyone can be a citizen scientist—all you need is curiosity and a willingness to help!

Letter Writing
The idea is simple: Girl Scouts write letters to people in nursing homes, senior residences, and assisted living facilities, including the dedicated staff and caregivers. This long-distance hug is a way to share your good thoughts with these vulnerable and loved community members.

Learn more about these national service projects and steps to complete them at GirlScouts.org (Discover tab - Activity Zone - National Service Projects)



Fall Product Program



The Girl Scout Fall Product Program generates immeasurable benefits for Girl Scouts, our council and communities throughout central Illinois. Participating in the Fall Product Program helps girls build skills that are very important, not only to the Girl Scout Mission, but also to their future lives.

Girl Scouts who participate in the Fall Product Program develop 5 essential life skills:

1. Goal Setting

2. Decision Making

3. Money Management

4. People Skills

5. Business Ethics



This year, be...

READY TO
explore

Important Dates:

- September 8: Fall Product Troop Volunteer Training (virtual)
- September 24: Troop volunteer early access to M2 website
- October 1: Fall Product Program Launches
- November 2: Fall Product Program Ends
- November 18-20: Fall Product SU Delivery Week

The Girl Scout Fall Product program is a friends & family sale meant to help troops jumpstart funding their activities and service projects. Troops earn a minimum of 15% in proceeds from the total sales of nuts & chocolates, magazines, & other online items. Girls can earn exciting rewards including Nutty Bucks & Travel Dough. Nutty Bucks can be used to buy a new uniform or supplies, attend camps or events, or spend in any Trefoil Boutique or Camp Trading Post. Travel Dough can be used towards a Girl Scout's travel experience.

What Girl Scouts Is About

What do Girl Scouts do? Anything they set their minds to!

She's doing more than navigating a rocky trail; she's learning to problem solve and take a closer look at the world around her.

She's not just selling a box of Thin Mints; she's gaining the confidence to pitch the first investor in her small business.

The giggles she shares with her troop members? She's building a support squad that will help her soar above peer pressure and tough times in school.

Everything Girl Scouts do builds their curiosity, kindness, and can-do spirit. And as they earn badges, help their community, and deepen their friendships, they'll also have a blast along the way. It's what Girl Scouting is all about.

Our Mission

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.



Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do, and to respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

Girl Scout Program Levels



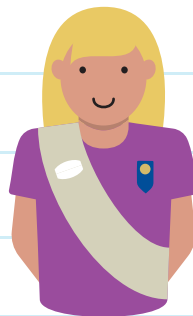
Daisies
Grades K-1



Brownies
Grades 2-3



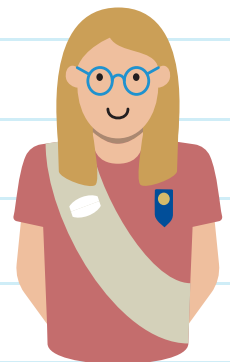
Juniors
Grades 4-5



Cadettes
Grades 6-8



Seniors
Grades 9-10



Ambassadors
Grades 11-12

Our Council

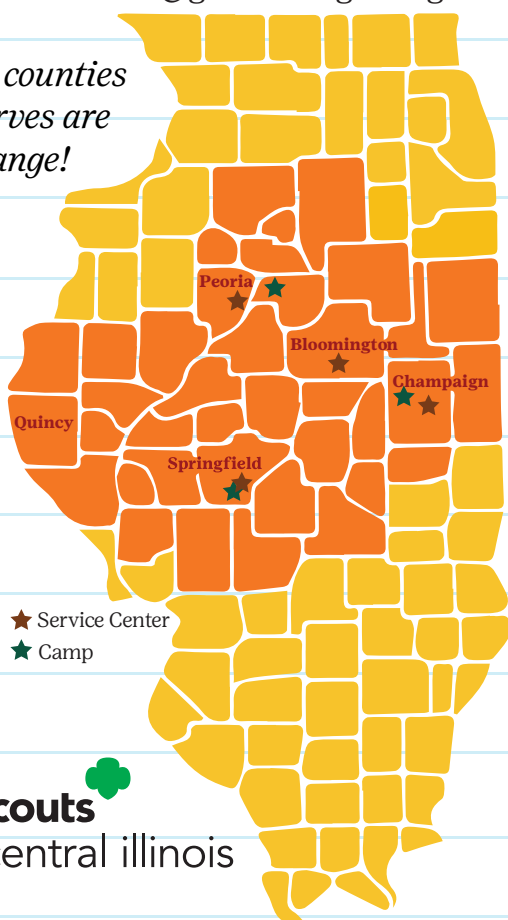
About GSCI

Girl Scouts of Central Illinois serves 8,000 girls and 3,000 adult members annually in 38 counties throughout central Illinois: Adams, Brown, Bureau, Cass, Champaign, Christian, DeWitt, Douglas, Ford, Fulton, Greene, Hancock, Iroquois, LaSalle, Livingston, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Marshall, Mason, McDonough, McLean, Menard, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Peoria, Piatt, Pike, Putnam, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, Shelby, Stark, Tazewell, Vermilion and Woodford.

Contact Us

GetYourGirlPower.org
888-623-1237
customercare@girlscouts-gsci.org

All of the counties
GSCI serves are
in orange!



girlscouts
of central illinois

Service Centers

**Springfield Service Center -
Headquarters**
3020 Baker Dr.
Springfield, IL 62703

Bloomington Service Center
3 Westport Ct.
Bloomington, IL 61704

Champaign Service Center
1808E Round Barn Rd.
Champaign, IL 61821

Peoria Service Center
1103 W. Lake Ave.
Peoria, IL 61614

Service Center Operating Hours
Monday - Thursday: 8am-5pm
Friday 8am-12:30pm

Camps

Camp Kiwanis
301 Sugar Ln.
Mahomet, IL 61853

Camp Tapawingo
1450 Hickory Point Rd.
Metamora, IL 61548

Camp Widjiwagan
71 Wienold Ln.
Springfield, IL 62711



Trefoil Boutiques



Trefoil Boutiques are your go-to location for Girl Scout uniforms, supplies, gifts and more!

Boutique Locations & Hours

Bloomington Trefoil Boutique
3 Westport Ct., Bloomington

Champaign Trefoil Boutique
1808E Round Barn Rd., Champaign

Peoria Trefoil Boutique
1103 W. Lake Ave., Peoria

Springfield Trefoil Boutique
3020 Baker Dr., Springfield

Hours

All Trefoil Boutiques are open
Monday-Thursday 9:30am-5:00pm
(closed 1:00-2:00pm)
Friday 9:30am-12:30pm.

Select Saturday Hours

September 12, 2026 | 9:30am-1:00pm
September 19, 2026 | 9:30am-1:00pm
November 7, 2026 | 9:30am-1:00pm
May 1, 2027 | 9:30am-1:00pm
September 11, 2027 | 9:30am-1:00pm
September 18, 2027 | 9:30am-1:00pm

Loyalty Card

Present your loyalty card at any of our Girl Scout Boutiques and receive a punch for every \$20 spent. After 10 punches, receive 15% off a future purchase!



Gift Cards

Always the perfect gift for your favorite Girl Scout, troop leader, volunteer or parent! Grab yours today!

Gift Cards can be used in Girl Scout Trefoil Boutiques, redeemed for program fees, camp registration fees and at the camp trading post. Cannot be used on membership fee or redeemable through the online boutique.

For questions or to purchase over the phone, call 217-693-4720 or email customer care@girlscouts-gsci.org.



Just Joined?

Get Started with your Girl Scout Daisy Kit!

Each kit includes Daisy Uniform (vest or tunic), American Flag, Council ID, Troop Numbers, Insignia Tag, Membership Pin, WAGGS Pin, Daisy Handbook and FREE Drawstring Bag and Say Yes to the Vest Fun Patch! Each uniform will arrive assembled. Contact Customer Care at customer care@girlscouts-gsci.org or stop by any Trefoil Boutique to order your Daisy Kit today!

Build-A-Bear



We can bear-ly contain our excitement! Our new Champaign Trefoil Boutique is home to a Build-A-Bear Workshop! Choose your very own furry friend, bring it to life with the help of Girl Scout staff, and experience the iconic Build-A-Bear™ Heart Ceremony, customized just for Girl Scouts! Afterward, have fun dressing your new friend in vests with matching troop numbers, outfits, cookie-themed merchandise, accessories, sounds, and more!

Plan your next party at Build-A-Bear!
Build-A-Bear parties are perfect for:

- Troop Parties
- Bridging Ceremonies
- Service Unit Events
- Birthday Parties
- Camp & School Outings
- Team Building Outings
- Bridal Showers
- A Special Day, or any day!

**Cookie
Dough and Nutty
Bucks can be
used at GSCI's
Build-A-Bear.**

Build-A Bear Hours

Walk-In Hours

Tuesday: 3:00-7:00pm
Wednesday: 2:00-5:00pm
Thursday: 3:00-7:00pm
Friday: 9:00am-12:00pm
1st & 3rd Saturday: 10:00am-3:00pm

Party Hours

Friday: 4:00-7:00pm
2nd & 4th Saturday:
12:30-2:30pm & 3-5pm

Hours and availability are subject to change

Build-A Bear Location

1808E Round Barn Rd.,
Champaign, IL 61821

*Learn more about Build-A-Bear and
booking a Build-A-Bear party at
bit.ly/GSCIBuildABear!*

Make sure to check out Build-A-Bear
at select Momentous Events!



Our Properties

Looking for an escape to the great outdoors?

You've come to the right place. Sleep under the stars in a tent or have a slumber party in a cabin. Come for summer camp or over the weekend with your troop. Whether you're looking to spend some time on the water or take a trail ride on horseback, a variety of day and overnight experiences await you. We are proud to offer such beautiful, natural places for girls and adults to discover and try new things.



Camp Kiwanis

301 Sugar Lane, Mahomet

This 55-acre wooded site sits adjacent to Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve near Champaign and is bordered by the Sangamon River. It is perfect for first-time campers as it includes two winterized lodges and a large dining hall with covered outdoor patio for warmer months.

Outdoor Adventures
Archery

Social Media
 gscikiwanis
 @GSCIkiwanis



Camp Tapawingo

1450 Hickory Point Road, Metamora

Explore the forested, rolling hills of this 640-acre camp, located in Metamora. Ideal for outdoor adventures, this unique property features a state-of-the-art equestrian center and challenge course, a beautiful bi-level meeting and event facility for large groups, and a variety of overnight accommodations for all seasons.

Outdoor Adventures
Horseback Riding, Archery,
Boating, Challenge Courses

Social Media
 camptapawingo-gsci
 @CampTapawingogsci



Camp Widjiwagan

71 Wienold Lane, Springfield

Located on Lake Springfield, this 67-acre wooded haven is the perfect setting for camping, events, and trainings. Complete with a beautiful, new meeting and event facility, as well as a challenge course, it includes a variety of sleeping options for all seasons, including unique Conestoga wagons and lakeside primitive camping.

Outdoor Adventures
Archery, Boating,
Challenge Courses

Social Media
 campwidjiwagan-gsci
 @CampWidjiwaganGSCI

Consider one of our camps for a special event!

When our camps aren't filled with Girl Scouts, they can be the perfect location for your next meeting, retreat, fundraiser, family reunion or party!

Interested in booking a non-Girl Scout event? Call 888-623-1237.



Troop Camping



It is no secret that Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon Low loved nature and the great outdoors. And over the past 100 years, many Girl Scouts say camping trips are one of the best things about their Girl Scout experience. Studies show that girls today are not spending nearly enough time outdoors. Technology and structured activities leave less time for girls to get outside and enjoy nature. But troops can still get outdoors at our Girl Scout camps.

Learn about our camps, costs, and amenities at GetYourGirlPower.org. Book your camp site sooner rather than later! Sites reservations open 6 months in advance. When booking your site, be sure to request any outdoor adventures on the Outdoor Adventures Form in the forms section of our website. Adventures are facilitated by volunteers so the sooner we know a date, the better.

Challenge Course

Challenge Course activities are designed to help Girl Scouts push their limits while discovering and developing their individual and group strengths. Activities may include a combination of outdoor climbing wall, teams/low ropes course, zip line, or the 20ft and 40ft high ropes course.

Outdoor Adventures

Archery

Archery is a fun, challenging new skill to introduce Girl Scouts to. Archery involves shooting an arrow at a target. Our facilitators will help you safely learn the skills and take aim!

Boating

Being safe and knowing how to get around water is a life skill all should develop! We'll help you learn to be safe, have fun and learn new skills with a variety of boating activities.

Horseback Riding

Horseback riding is a unique, challenging, and fun activity. Our facilitators will help you learn to safely control your horse's movement in our indoor riding arena or out on the trail. Gain a general knowledge of horses and the care that they require through various equestrian activities.

	Age Level	Location	Girl Scout Price/Person	Nonprofit Price/Person	Corporate Price/Person	Group Size	Participant Restrictions
Archery	B J C S A	Kiwanis, Tapawingo, Widjiwagan	\$10	\$12	\$15	8-20	
Slingshots	D B J C S A	Tapawingo	\$5	\$7	\$10	8-20	
Storybook Archery	C S A	Tapawingo	\$10	\$12	\$15	6-12	Previous archery experience preferred.
Boating/Canoeing	D B J C S A	Tapawingo, Widjiwagan	\$10	\$12	\$15	8-20	K-3rd grade must have adult in the boat.
Horseback Riding	D B J C S A	Tapawingo	\$35-60	\$40-65	\$45-70	3-12	Arena riding is kindergarten and up. Trail rides are 4th grade and up. Maximum weight is 250 lbs.
Low Ropes/Teams Course	J C S A	Tapawingo	\$15	\$20	\$25	8-14	
Outdoor Rock Climbing Wall	B J C S A	Tapawingo, Widjiwagan	\$10	\$12	\$15	5-14	Must be between 3'6 and 6'2. Maximum weight is 250 lbs.
High Ropes Course (20' and 40' levels)	C S A	Tapawingo, Widjiwagan	\$20/level \$40/both	\$25/level \$50/both	\$30/level \$60/both	5-14	Must be between 4'10 and 6'2. Maximum weight is 250 lbs.
Zip Line	J C S A	Tapawingo, Widjiwagan	\$15	\$20	\$2	5-14	Must be between 4'6 and 6'2. Maximum weight is 250 lbs.

Important Dates



2026

Aug. 17: Girl Scout Day at the Fair 2026

Sept. 19: Cookie Dough expires

Sept. 19: Leader Expo

Sept. 26-27: Big Tap Campout

Oct. 1-Nov. 2: Fall Product Program

Oct. 17: Widji Haunted Trails

Oct. 31: Founder's Day

Nov. 7: Palette of Possibilities

2027

Jan. 9: Cookie Rally

Jan. 13: Summer Camp registration opens

Feb. 22: World Thinking Day

March 7-13: Girl Scout Week

April 25: Award Ceremony

April 1-30: Volunteer Appreciation Month

Mid-April: Early Renewal for 2025-2026 membership

May 7: Girl Scout Day at the Capitol





**CALL US TODAY TO DISCUSS
YOUR NEXT SCREEN PRINT ORDER!
217-398-8428**

dixon  **graphics**
Screen Printing

DIXONGRAPHICS.COM



**312 S Neil St.
Champaign, IL 61820
shirts@dixongraphics.com**

Stay Connected!

Social media is your real-time source for council news. Plus, it's the best way to see what other Girl Scouts are up to, view pictures from events, and share what's going on in your Girl Scout journey.



@gscentralil



@gscentralil



Girl Scouts of Central Illinois

We'd love to see your photos and hear your stories! Share with us on social media or submit them via the Troop Spotlight form under Volunteer Resources at GetYourGirlPower.org.



Thank you to all our donors and supporters!

Thanks to their investment in our girls, Girl Scouts of Central Illinois builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

To learn more about our upcoming special events supporting our mission, please visit GetYourGirlPower.org.

If you'd like more information about becoming a donor, please contact fd@girlscouts-gsci.org or call 888-623-1237.