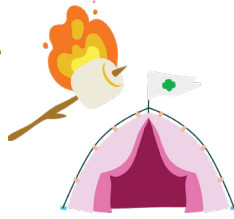


# Volunteer 411



EVERY GIRL DESERVES  
THE CHANCE TO CAMP!

Girls love camp! In fact, it is their #1 rated Girl Scout activity. It is exciting and chock-full of opportunities for new adventures. And we at Manitou Council want to make sure every girl has the opportunity to enjoy our legendary camps, and all the activities, outdoor challenges, and adventure that camp has to offer. In short, we want girls to have the camp experience they have always dreamed of.

Summer Camp 2023 is sure to be a blast! We kept some of your favorite themes such as Bits and Bridles, Camp Harriet Potter, and The Big 12-Nighter. We have a ton of new and exciting sessions to offer this summer! Explore different places throughout Wisconsin at Wisconsin Voyagers or learn mosaics from a professional artist at Aspiring Artists. We are also excited to announce that Camp Evelyn will have our own ropes course this summer! This brand-new adventure will be utilized at many camp sessions, and we can't wait!

With so many different themes and activities, there's truly something for everyone! At Girl Scout Camp, girls will have the opportunity to make new friends that will last a lifetime, gain valuable leadership and life skills, and most importantly, have fun! They'll gain independence, confidence, and return home more willing to take a risk and try again when met with an obstacle - skills we all want for our daughters.

All Girl Scouts and troop leaders should have received a camp catalog in their mailbox at the end of January. At a troop meeting, give girls an opportunity to talk about what looks fun, and encourage them to sign up. Ideas on camp themed meetings are here in the 411!

Camp Evelyn &  
Camp Manitou



Summer Camp  
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## Camp Manitou Sample Day Camp!

If your campers want to visit camp before summer or they just can't wait for camp to start, this day camp is sure to be a fabulous experience! Girl Scouts will sample some of our classic camp activities such as hiking, boating (weather permitting), singing camp songs, and art projects. There will also be a guided tour and a summer camp Q&A. This is a girl-only event, adults may not remain on camp property during the session. **Lunch IS NOT provided, please pack a cold lunch.**

**When:** Saturday, April 22nd | Check-in: 8:30-9:00 a.m. | Check-out: 3:30-4:00 p.m.

**Who:** For girls in grades K-5

**Cost:** \$25

**Register here by April 17.**

# Promoting Summer Camp to Your Troop

Help your Girl Scouts get excited about summer camp by having a fun, camp-themed troop meeting! Here are easy and fun ideas you can use to plan a special and fun camp-themed meeting:

## Have a camp counselor or the Director of Camp & Program attend your meeting!

Our Director of Camp & Program, Hope (aka Daisy) and our camp counselors are available to attend your troop meetings (virtually or in-person - if possible) and talk about camp. They'll talk about life at camp, answer questions, and help girls get excited about camp.

To request a meeting with one of our Camp Counselors or Hope, please fill out [this required form](#).

## Bring your camp catalog day!

Have girls bring their catalogs to a meeting or share a screen with the digital version. Then use these great ideas to make it an all-camp meeting:

- Make a classic camp snack - trail mix!
- Spend time looking through the catalog and encourage girls to write down their favorite sessions.
- Have fun with things like mad libs, activity or coloring sheets, and word searches.
- Get exploring with [this Camp Catalog Scavenger Hunt](#) activity!

## Experience a variety of camp activities:

Explore a variety of camp activities with the help of camp counselors new & old! These are a sampling of some of the activities girls might do at camp. There's much more fun to be had this summer! All of these videos, and others, can be found on our [Youtube Channel](#).

- Get up and sing
- Creative dot painting
- Make nature wind chimes
- Create a pet rock
- Go on a colorful scavenger hunt
- Learn to make friendship bracelets

## More ideas:

- Participate in the [Camp Pen Pal Program](#) and exchange letters with a camp counselor before camp this summer.
- See camp with your own eyes at our spring camp events at Camp Evelyn and Camp Manitou.
- Watch the virtual [Camp Evelyn](#) tour and the [Camp Manitou](#) virtual tour.
- Explore the [Girl Scout Activity Zone](#) for additional fun outdoor and camp themed activities!

## Camp Manitou Open House!

This is your opportunity to see all that Camp Manitou has to offer! Meet some of the camp counselors and enjoy a guided tour of camp. Have fun learning classic camp songs and enjoy s'mores over the campfire. Bring your family or your entire troop along. This is not a drop-off style event, adult supervision is required. You are free to come and go as you please during the time frame. Please note: lunch is not provided. Tours will be offered on the hour.

**When:** Saturday, May 20th  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Cost:** FREE

[Register here](#) by May 15.

## Camp Evelyn Day!

Join us for a fun-filled day at Camp Evelyn! Meet your camp counselors and visit the unit where you will stay at camp. Participate in classic camp activities like archery (Brownies and up), swimming in the pool (weather permitting), arts and crafts, and hiking to Crystal Lake. Take a tour through camp and get all your questions answered by one of our counselors. You'll get to enjoy lunch and s'mores over the campfire. Bring your family or your entire troop!

**When:** Saturday, June 3rd  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$10 per participant

[Register here](#) by May 29.

## Cleaning with Meaning at Camp Evelyn

Camp Evelyn has been a special place to campers in Manitou Council for 75 years. If you are one of those who knows what a special place Camp Evelyn is, we invite you to come help us do what it takes to keep it that way for generations to come. There will be projects for everyone! The morning will start with trail maintenance, deep cleaning, organizing, and putting up our platform tents. We will make sure to celebrate our service with a delicious meal and s'mores over the campfire. In the afternoon, we will continue our work, but not without a few songs and stories from fellow campers (past, present, and future!).

**When:** Saturday, May 13th  
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Cost:** FREE - lunch/snacks provided

**Age Limit:** Must be in 6th grade or older

**For planning purposes, please [RSVP here](#)  
by May 8.**

## Cleaning with Meaning at Camp Manitou

Camp Manitou - nestled on the banks of the West Twin River and home of Serenity Lake - is a beautiful place. Everyone in Manitou Council takes pride in its beauty. We are inviting all who love Camp Manitou to join us as we get camp ready for the summer season. There will be projects for everyone! We will spend the evening cleaning our buildings, organizing, and sprucing up our trails. We'll celebrate our service with a delicious meal and s'mores over the campfire. And while we plan to work hard, we know we will still sing a few songs and swap memories and stories.

**When:** Friday, May 19th  
4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**Cost:** FREE - dinner/snacks provided

**Age Limit:** Must be in 6th grade or older

**For planning purposes, please [RSVP here](#)  
by May 15.**

## Spring Troop Camp at Camp Evelyn



Take your troop on an adventure of a lifetime! This spring, we're offering a session for you and your troop to get outside and explore the outdoors together. Whether it's your first overnight adventure or you're a seasoned pro, your troop will have a blast at camp! We take care of the housing, food, and some of the activities. Many of the activities will be led by our amazing camp counselors, but when you're not participating in counselor-led activities you will be able to do activities that your troop enjoys. You can relax and unwind or work on a badge or journey. We will provide basic supplies for badge work (markers, scissors, glue, etc.), but you will be responsible for bringing additional supplies along if they are needed.

This is the perfect introduction to camp for girls who are still a bit unsure about spending the night at camp and for troops who want to camp together without needing to plan all of it. You'll participate in regular camp activities but also have plenty of time with just your troop.

Supervision is not provided. Troops will need the required amount of leaders/adults to meet safety requirements. If a troop can't make it, individual girls are able to attend and bring along their favorite adult (much like our Moms, Pops, and Pals camp session). All adults attending must be registered as Girl Scout members and pass a background check.



**Check-in:** Saturday, April 29th 8:00-8:30 a.m. | **Check-out:** Sunday, April 30th 9:00 a.m.  
**Cost:** \$75 per person (adults needed for supervision are free. Additional adults pay \$75 each)

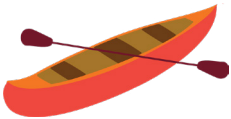
**[Register here](#) by April 22.**

## Summer Troop Camp at Camp Evelyn

Take your troop on an adventure of a lifetime! This summer we're offering a session for you and your troop to get outside and explore the outdoors together. Whether it's your first overnight adventure or you're a seasoned pro, your troop will have a blast at camp! We take care of the housing, food, and some of the activities. Many of the activities will be led by our amazing camp counselors, but when you're not participating in counselor-led activities you will be able to do activities that your troop enjoys. You can relax and unwind or work on a badge or journey. We will provide basic supplies for badge work (markers, scissors, glue, etc.), but you will be responsible for bringing additional supplies along if they are needed.



This is intended to be a troop camping experience - girls in the troop attend with their troop leaders and any other adults needed to meet the safety requirements or who wish to attend. If a troop can't make it, individual girls are able to attend and bring along their favorite adult (much like our Moms, Pops, and Pals camp session). All adults attending must be registered as Girl Scout members and pass a background check.

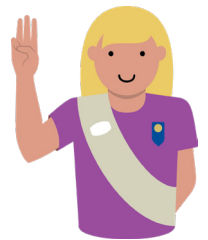


**Check-in:** Sunday, August 13th 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. | **Check-out:** Wednesday, August 16th 3:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$150 per girl (up to two troop leaders are free. Additional adults pay \$150 each)

[Register here!](#)

## Virtual Program Aide Adventure

Do you feel ready to take on a leadership role in Girl Scouts? Learn how to lead activities, songs, arts, and more! Once you complete the program aide training you can come to camp as a volunteer for day camp or you can volunteer with a younger troop. During this day of virtual learning and growing, girls will complete their volunteer hours to earn the Program Aide pin. This training is required before girls can volunteer at camp this summer.



**When:** Saturday, March 4th  
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Who:** Girl Scout Cadettes (6th - 8th grade)

**Cost:** \$10 per girl

[Register here](#) by **February 27.**

## Congratulations Graduating Girl Scouts!

To our graduating Ambassador troops & troop leaders, we are so proud of you! As a special thanks for your dedication to Girl Scouting, we have a special lifetime membership deal. A lifetime membership for a graduating Girl Scout is \$200. If your troop uses troop funds to pay the first \$100 of a girl's lifetime membership, Girl Scouts of Manitou will pay the second \$100 as our way of saying thank you for your commitment & dedication all these years! **Contact us to take advantage of this opportunity.**



## Outdoor Adventures Training *at Camp Evelyn*

Required for at least one registered adult volunteer of a troop before bringing a troop camping in tents or cooking over a fire. You will learn about safety, building fires, outdoor cooking and all things Girl Scouting in the outdoors. By the end of the session you will have an excellent start on planning and preparing your very first outdoor adventure with your troop. This is for volunteers of all troop levels.

Dress comfortably and for the weather, as much of the time will be outdoors, rain or shine. Lunch is provided. Contact [hope@gsmanitou.org](mailto:hope@gsmanitou.org) with questions, and any dietary or activity restrictions.

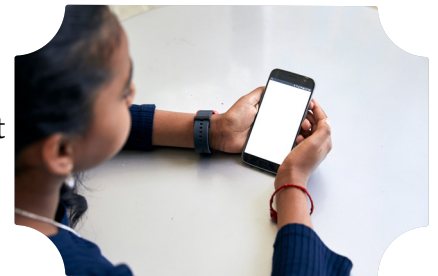
**When:** Saturday, April 29th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$30 (includes book, training materials and lunch)

**Register:** Online at [bit.ly/OutdoorAdventureTraining](https://bit.ly/OutdoorAdventureTraining) by April 22

## Annual Finance Report on the Volunteer Toolkit

The Annual Finance Report in the Finance Tab provides vital information about volunteer satisfaction, an overview of troop activities for the year, girl outcomes, and an overview of troop finances. This information allows us to improve volunteer support based on your feedback and tell Girl Scout supporters about how you are building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.



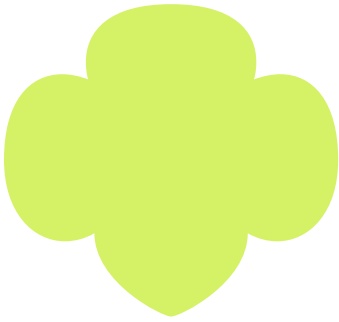
You may begin entering information in the finance report at any time (it is already available), but please do not hit submit until the end of the Girl Scout year as information cannot be edited after it is submitted. The Annual Finance Report is due by **June 5, 2023**. It is important that you submit the report in a timely matter. If you have any questions or need help using the Volunteer Toolkit, please contact Amy at [amy@gsmanitou.org](mailto:amy@gsmanitou.org).

## Volunteer of Excellence Award



It is time to show that STAR Girl Scout Volunteer, who is always going above and beyond, how much they are appreciated! The Volunteer of Excellence Award recognizes those volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience using the national program portfolio or who have contributed outstanding service in support of the Council's mission delivery to girl and adult members. Nominate an outstanding volunteer for the Volunteer of Excellence Award, or any of the other adult awards, online at: [bit.ly/VolRecognition](https://bit.ly/VolRecognition).

# Girl Scout Week: March 12-18



Throughout the year, girls and adults celebrate some very special days in Girl Scouting. Girl Scout Week is celebrated each March, starting with Girl Scout Sunday and ending with Girl Scout Sabbath on a Saturday, and it always includes the Girl Scout Birthday, March 12, which commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the organization's first 18 girl members in Savannah, Georgia. Girl Scouts is celebrating 111 years this March!

Girl Scout Sunday and Girl Scout Sabbath give girls an opportunity to attend their place of worship to be recognized as a Girl Scout. If a place of worship is a sponsor, girls may perform a service, such as greeting, ushering, or doing a flag ceremony.

Celebrate Girl Scout Week every day with a special theme to help you celebrate, learn, explore, grow, and have fun!

- **Sunday, March 12:** Girl Scout Sunday & Girl Scout Birthday
- **Monday, March 13:** Entrepreneurship Day
- **Tuesday, March 14:** Girl Scout Spirit Day
- **Wednesday, March 15:** STEM Day
- **Thursday, March 16:** Girl Scouts Give Back
- **Friday, March 17:** Get Outdoors Day
- **Saturday, March 18:** Girl Scout Sabbath



More ideas and inspiration will be sent as we get closer to Girl Scout Week!

## Parades and Depots

We love when communities of Girl Scouts get together to show their Girl Scout pride in local parades! If you are interested in taking the lead on parades in your community, please contact your Membership Development & Support Director to make this happen.

**Girl Scout Depots:** Most communities have a Girl Scout Depot full of items you can use for parades, ceremonies, etc. These items are located in the depots:

- Banners
- American Flag
- Girl Scout Flag
- Flag Stands

We are currently looking for a depot manager in Fond du Lac/Oakfield, Port Washington/Saukville, Sheboygan (North Side) & Sheboygan (South Side).

## Petals to Patches Girl Scout Shop

As we begin to approach spring and summer, that means it's time to stock up on all your troop needs!

Our council shop, *Petals to Patches*, is fully-stocked with all the badges your troop might have earned this year, special patches for activities like World Thinking Day and the 2023 Cookie Program, and more. If your troop is bridging to a new Girl Scout level this spring or summer, we've got you covered with Bridging kits and all the new uniform pieces you'll need.

Plus, we have lots of other fun apparel, gifts, accessories, and more!

Stop in Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to noon or 1:00-4:00 p.m. to shop. Email your order to [Diane](mailto:Diane) or call it in at 920-565-4575. You can arrange to pick up your order or have it shipped right to you. All items **SHIP FOR FREE** from Petals to Patches.