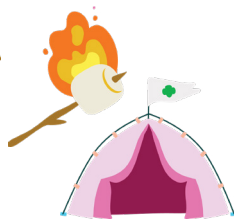


Volunteer 411



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 2024 is sure to be a hit! We kept some of your favorite themes from years past, but we have several new and exciting sessions too! For our oldest campers, we are offering a Boundary Waters Canoe Trip that focuses on backcountry skills and connecting with nature. If your camper is entering grades 4-6, Mini Voyagers will allow them to go on a shorter road trip overnight experience! For girls who love to earn badges, Camp Invention Badge Extravaganza will allow campers to earn a variety of badges all while participating in classic camp activities.



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 toward 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's Amazing Scavenger Hunt Adventure

Turn Camp Evelyn into a giant board game with this fun scavenger hunt adventure. You will combine the excitement of the Amazing Race with the challenge of solving clues and completing puzzles. Along the way, you will also learn some Camp Evelyn and Girl Scout history. Teams must consist of one adult and up to four girls. Bring your walking shoes as clues will be located all throughout the camp! The winning team will earn a one-night stay in one of our camp buildings.

When: Saturday, April 27th
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per person

Register individually here by April 22. Please enter team name during registration.

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:

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!

Get out to camp as a troop!

Girls are more likely to go to summer camp when they've already been to camp with their troop!

- Plan a troop getaway to Camp Manitou or Camp Evelyn this spring
- Attend the Camp Manitou Open House, Camp Evelyn Day, or the Camp Evelyn's Amazing Scavenger Hunt Adventure with the whole troop

When you get out to camp with the whole troop, girls will have so much fun, they'll want to come back this summer!

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:

- Encourage parents to attend one of the Virtual Camp Q&A information sessions!
- 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!
- Follow Camp Evelyn on Facebook and Instagram to learn more about our sessions, FAQ, testimonials, meet camp counselors, see all the camp fun, and more!

Cleaning with Meaning *at Camp Evelyn*

We welcome everyone and anyone who loves Camp Evelyn to come join us as we "spruce up" camp for the summer season. 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 4th
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 April 29.**

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 Manitou. Bring your family or your entire troop along. Adult supervision is required. This is not a drop-off event. There will be the opportunity to enjoy s'mores over the campfire and learn some classic camp songs. You are free to come and go as you please from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tours will be offered on the hour.

When: Saturday, May 11th
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Cost: FREE

[Register here](#) by May 6.



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 such as 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. Bring your family or your entire troop! Adult supervision is required. This is not a drop-off event. Come and go as you please! S'mores over the campfire will be provided. Lunch can be pre-purchased for \$13 per person. Nourish Farms will be providing a taco bar and sides. Lunch will be served at noon.

When: Saturday, June 1st
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5 per person for admission
Lunch ticket: \$13 per person

[Register here](#) by May 27.

Outdoor Adventures Training

Outdoor Adventures Training is an online course available on gsLearn. If you have questions about accessing the course or the content, please contact Hope at hope@gsmanitou.org.

This training is 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 course, 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.

If a troop leader would like a tour of camp or would prefer an in-person training session, please contact Hope at hope@gsmanitou.org.

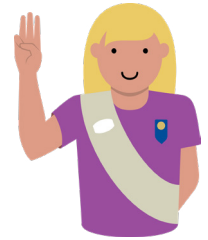
Add-on Experiences for Troop Camping

Launching this spring! We have made it easier than ever to add experiences to your troop rentals at Camp Evelyn and Camp Manitou. Additions such as swimming in the pool, boating, archery, and art projects will now be able to be easily added at the time of registration. Overnights during the peak months of June, July, and August include one activity, but you can add on additional activities for an extra charge.



Online Program Aide Training

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. Complete your volunteer hours to earn your Program Aide pin. This training is required prior to volunteering. This is an online training that allows you to work at your own pace. Once you have completed this Program Aide training, you can log onto CampDoc to sign up for the day camp sessions for which you would like to volunteer.



When: Ongoing

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (estimate — work at own pace)

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

Cost: \$10 per girl

Contact Kat Zimmerman at kat@gsmanitou.org to get started on the training!

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! Similarly, if a girl in your troop is interested in becoming a lifetime member, if her family pays the first \$100, Manitou Council will pay the second \$100. **Contact us to take advantage of this opportunity.**



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.

Highest Award Celebration

SAVE THE DATE! On August 10, Girl Scouts of Manitou Council will be holding a celebration for those who earned the Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award in 2023 & 2024. We are currently looking for any girls or troops who would like to give a short presentation about their Highest Award project and experience. Inspire others by sharing how you made a difference in your community and the world! If you are interested in sharing your Highest Award story, please **[fill out the event registration form](#)**.

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, 2024**. 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 Hope at hope@gsmanitou.org.

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 Port Washington, and Waupun/Brandon/Rosendale.

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 2024 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 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.



Thank you for all that you do!