

Volunteer 411



The Girl Scout Family Connection guide was provided to you to give to each Girl Scout in your troop. This 20-page guide highlights the benefits of Girl Scouting and outlines ways for parents to get involved with their daughter and your troop. There's even a place for girls to record their Girl Scout adventures all year long. Make the distribution of this guide a troop activity by having girls write or draw their hopes and dreams for the troop year on page four. It is also a great resource for parent meetings. There are sections about:

- What Girl Scouting is all about
- How to live the Girl Scout Promise and Law at home
- Badge and patch placement on sashes and vests
- Girl Scouting's Highest Awards to which girls aspire
- A yearly calendar - feel free to add your troop activities as well
- Information about the program pillars - STEM, Outdoors, Life-Skills and Entrepreneurship
- The Girl Scout Cookie Program

Let your Area Manager know if you need more than those in your packet. We want each Girl Scout to get a Girl Scout Family Connection Guide.

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To Re-register Your Troop:

Troop leaders should have received an email listing all girls and adults in your troop. If you need it sent again, send an email and your troop number to nate@gsmanitou.org.

1. Review the information. Note where there are changes (addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, members not returning, etc.) to **reregistering** members so you can mark those on the registration form. Gather the names and corresponding email addresses for **new** girls and adults joining your troop. (You will not be paying for new girls or adults with this form, however.)
2. Click on the link provided in the email. Complete the information, and submit it with the \$30 girl membership dues and \$25 adult membership dues for each **reregistering** member, in the form of credit or debit card, PayPal, program credits (you will need the program credit certificate code for each girl using program credits), or gift card.
3. Once we receive your reregistering information, we will send you an email to send to all new girls and new adults joining your troop. (Be sure to include your name and email when you send it to them, as they will need this information to register!) The email you send them will include a link where they can submit all necessary information, along with their membership dues. You will receive confirmation when they have done so. That's it!

To Register a New Troop:

Troops of all new girl and adult members will need to have parents (of girl members) and adult members complete the appropriate registration form provided in your troop packet, collect the membership dues (\$30 for girls, \$25 for adults) for each person, and mail or deliver the membership forms and membership dues to the Girl Scout Center.

Confident leaders are prepared leaders, and this online learning series will give you all the information you need whether you are a new leader or experienced leader. **NEW!** Five minute badge courses for leaders to learn about new badges. Visit www.gsmanitou.org and click on MY GS to access. Questions? Contact amy@gsmanitou.org.

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. Outdoor Adventures Training is taking place on the same day as *Land, Water, and Sky*. Volunteers of Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador troops will have the opportunity to learn more about Girl Scout Mariners and Trailblazers and the Manitou Council Astronomy Club.

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

When: Saturday, September 18 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25 (includes book, training materials and lunch)

Register: Online at bit.ly/OutdoorAdventureTraining

Volunteer Toolkit

Your one-stop online platform to plan and manage troop activities!

- Customizable calendar year
- Step-by-step meeting plans (downloadable and printable)
- Resources for Daisy through Ambassador
- All badges, including new ones!
- Great way to communicate and share with parents
- Finance and Annual Troop Summary reporting
- Resource tab with council approval applications, parent permission forms, cookie information and SO much more!

To access the Volunteer Toolkit on your computer, tablet, or smartphone, go to MY GS at www.gsmanitou.org. Click on the "Forgot your password?" link. Use your email address for your username. If you do not receive the password reset email or have any problems signing in, please contact amy@gsmanitou.org.

First Aid and CPR Certification

Convenient and cost effective through the American Heart Association's Blend Ed.

Part 1: Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid CPR AED online course is at: <http://www.onlineaha.org/courses>

Part 2: Hands-on skills practice sessions and test with an authorized American Heart Association Instructor within 60 days.

For a list of authorized American Heart Association instructors, go to: <https://www.gsmanitou.org/en/for-volunteers/learning-opportunities/first-aid---cpr.html>

Troop Cookie Manager:

Please register a Troop Cookie Manager when you register your troop. Volunteers new to this position are required to take an online VIP cookie sale training.

Becoming Me Program Series

Inspired by themes from Michelle Obama's *Becoming: Adapted for Young Readers*, this new program will guide girls of all ages to becoming their best selves.



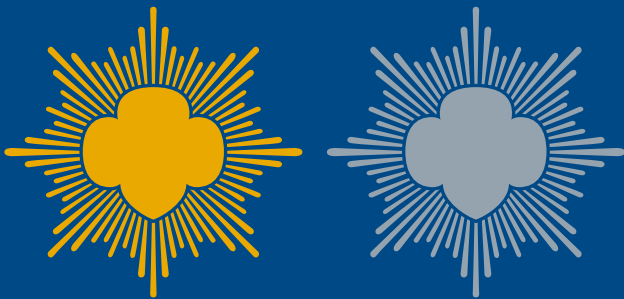
The Becoming Me Program Series is centered around core themes that align with the Girl Scout mission, such as knowing and telling your story, maintaining mental health and wellness, and supporting and nurturing girls on their own journey.

Series details:

- A unique 6-8 week experience for girls that includes three badges for each of the Girl Scout program levels, Daisies through Ambassadors.
- A journey activity to reflect on their personal experiences as they answer the questions “Who am I, and who do I want to become?”
- A facilitator guide to help volunteers support Girl Scouts through their experience, as well as free digital downloads, such as customized Becoming journal booklet including an excerpt from *Becoming: Adapted for Young Readers*
- An exclusive Becoming Me patch available for optional purchase
- Participate in a national service project to honor members of your community

Learn more by visiting girlscouts.org/becomingme.

Girl Scout Silver and Gold Award



Do girls in your troop want to be a Silver Award Girl Scout or a Gold Award Girl Scout, but are not sure where to start? You can schedule a meeting with Amy Odekirk to learn the steps for the Girl Scout Silver or Gold Award, get ideas, and start brainstorming! Contact Amy at 920-565-4575 or amy@gsmanitou.org to schedule a meeting.

Destinations



Girl Scout Destinations are the ultimate adventure for individual girls ages 11 and older! With different trips every year, there is something amazing for everyone. Not only will girls have life-changing experiences on their Destination they will meet new friends from across the country and maybe even from around the globe. Girls will be able to apply and submit reference forms for Destinations online. Girl Scouts of Manitou Council helps pay the cost of Destinations and aids girls in planning for money earning, so do not let cost be a deterrent to girls applying.

Destination information can be found at girlscouts.org in the section for girls, under “travel.” Applications are open for 2022 and a few 2023 Destinations.

If you have any questions or would like more information, contact amy@gsmanitou.org.

Leader Learning Tip

With the beginning of the membership year upon us, it is a great time to hold an Investiture and/or Rededication ceremony!

An investiture is the welcoming of new members, both girls and adults, into the Girl Scout family for the first time. Girls receive their Girl Scout, Girl Scout Brownie, or Girl Scout Daisy pin at this time.

Rededication is the opportunity for girls and adults to renew their commitment to the Girl Scout Promise and Law. You can choose to do them as one or two separate pieces.

These ceremonies are a great way to start the new year with the focus being on the Law and Promise. Holding these ceremonies are also a great way to help girls learn to plan and affirm their belief in the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Here is one way you can celebrate your ceremony:

- Gather flashlights, candles, or battery-operated candles
- Ask participants to form a horseshoe shape
- State: the horseshoe is used, as there is an opening, which allows us to include all Girl Scouts to join in our ceremony.
- Use three flashlights or candles to represent the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise. As each flashlight or candle is lit, the speaker can say a sentence or two about part of the Girl Scout Promise and living by the Girl Scout Law. At the end, the group can recite the Girl Scout Promise in unison.

There are many other ways to hold an Investiture and/or Rededication ceremony. Have the girls take time to search for some more creative ways to celebrate. The more involvement the girls have, the better the experience. Happy New Girl Scout Year!



New Badges!

We are excited to announce new badges for Cookie Business, Math in Nature, and Digital Leadership. There will also be new Global Action Awards and two sets of unique World Thinking Day activities for younger and older girls this year! Each new badge will have a badge booklet with a volunteer guide insert to explain how to use the badge booklet. Also, there have been changes made to the Volunteer Toolkit to make it easier to use and more supportive to volunteers.

Juliette Gordon Low Celebration

Come celebrate Juliette Gordon Low's birthday at Camp Evelyn! Enjoy painting a pumpkin, hot apple cider, and s'mores by the fireside. Each girl will get to design a special birthday bag which will be donated to girls in need in our community. We'll go on a special lantern walk through camp where you will learn about the history of our Girl Scout founder, Juliette Gordon Low, and participate in some of her favorite activities. You'll also get to sample a few of her favorite treats along the way! Costumes are welcome. Come as a troop or with your family! Troop leaders or parents must accompany girls at all times.

When: Saturday, October 30th
3:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Where: Camp Evelyn

Cost: \$10 per person

Register at bit.ly/JGLCelebration

Land, Water, and Sky

Get set for a jam-packed weekend of outdoor adventure. Learn what it takes to become a Trailblazer, Mariner, or Astronomer. Spend the first half of the event learning skills related to each opportunity. Then you will have the chance to put your skills into action with an adventure of your choosing. During this weekend of all things land, water, and sky, you will meet some of the requirements towards your Trailblazer or Mariner pin. We are working on getting Trailblazer and Mariner groups started at Manitou Council, and this is the first step! You will also learn about the new girl-led Astronomy Club, the *Manitou Galaxy Gazers*. Camp staff and volunteers will provide supervision so parents and/or troop leaders do not need to attend, but can if they choose.

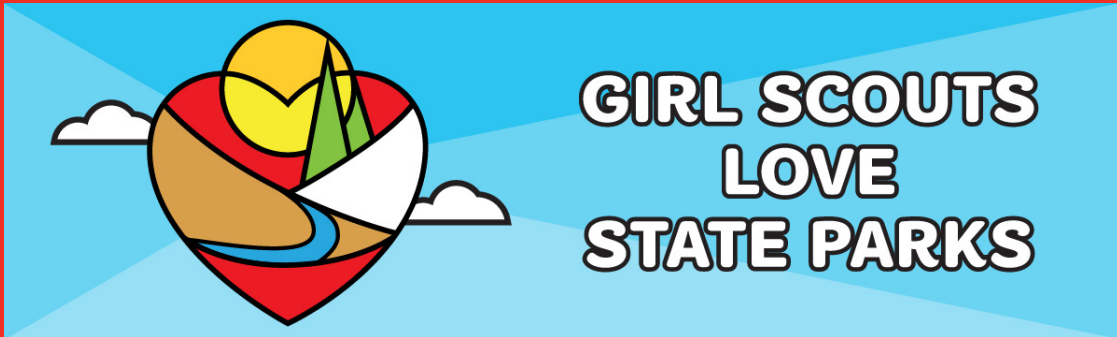
Who: Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors

When: Saturday, September 18 at 9:00 a.m. to Sunday, September 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Camp Evelyn

Cost: \$40 per Girl Scout
\$20 per adult spending the night

Register at bit.ly/LandWaterSkyEvent



Girl Scouts love the outdoors, especially our state parks! Girl Scouts of the USA and the National Association of State Park Directors partner in hosting the annual, Girl Scouts Love State Parks, a weekend dedicated to showcasing the stunning beauty of state parks' and Girl Scouts' passion for exploring the great outdoors.

Girl Scouts Love State Parks 2021 is September 11-12. Girl Scouts, troops, and families are encouraged to get out and explore Wisconsin's beautiful, and many, state parks during this weekend.

We will have a limited number of the special Girl Scouts Love the State Parks patches to give away to girls participating in state parks weekend. More details on this year's activities and how to get the patch are coming soon. Watch for more details in future Manitou Council emails and social media.

Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge

Let's GO! The end of summer and start of fall is the perfect time to head outdoors. While you're at it, join the Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge. Complete the designated number of activities and unlock a cool new patch. Use #gsoutdoors to share your story on social media and see how other girls are completing this fun outdoor challenge. Learn more at girlscouts.org/outdoorchallenge. This challenge will conclude with Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend on September 11 & 12.

Girl Scouts Change the World!

Save the date for the Girl Scouts Change the World virtual event on **October 9 at 2:00-5:00 p.m.** The event will feature presentations by 2021 Gold Award Girl Scouts from around the country. The presenters are sure to be inspiring for younger Girl Scouts and volunteers alike! Watch for more details in future Manitou Council emails and social media.

Ice Age Trail Challenge

Is your Girl Scout troop ready for a challenge? **Join the Ice Age Trail Alliance's Mammoth Hike Challenge this October.** Hike 41 miles anywhere along the Ice Age National Scenic Trail and visit Ice Age Trail Communities to earn a commemorative patch and completion certificate. You may hike, walk, run, or backpack - whatever suits your lifestyle - and log your miles over days, weeks, or one big adventure. You have the entire month of October to do it! All age and abilities are welcome.

Register for this free challenge to compile your miles, explore the Ice Age Trail and support our Trail Communities throughout Wisconsin. All participants will receive a special Mammoth Hike Challenge itinerary highlighting fall colors, Ice Age Trail Communities, and local businesses to support along the way. You'll have access to an interactive mobile app to help create a one-of-a-kind hiking experience. There is an optional virtual information session just for Girl Scouts and leaders about the Ice Age Trail and hiker resources available.

For more information and to register at iceagetrail.org/mammoth-hike-challenge/

2022 Important Cookie Sale Dates

- **December 6:** Troops with 5+ registered girls, two registered adult leaders and a registered/trained Troop Cookie Sale Manager will be uploaded to the online cookie sale ordering system ebudde.
- **December 17:** Digital Cookie opens for customer orders. Only girls in troops uploaded to ebudde and with a current parent email on file may participate in Digital Cookie. Prior to December 17 volunteers and parents will receive a Digital Cookie registration email. Girls may post the URL of their Digital Cookie web page on their parents' social media (or create a QR code for their digital web page) but no postings on community social media sites or sales other than Digital Cookie sales until January 6.
- **January 6:** Door to door sales begin.
- **Mid-February:** Delivery to local communities/troops. Community Cookie Sale Managers will know the date of their delivery by November 2021.
- **February 10-March 20:** Booth sales. Festival Foods stores in Fond du Lac, Manitowoc, and Sheboygan allow booths seven days a week. Pick 'n Save stores allow booths Friday-Sunday each week. Troop Cookie Sale Managers can sign up for two available time slots at each store beginning Saturday, January 8 at 9:00 a.m. through January 15. After January 15, troops may sign up for any number of available time slots. Volunteers can make their own arrangements for booth sales with local stores other than Festival and Pick 'n Save. Troops had great success at building stores like Fleet Farm.

Cookie Cupboards

Troop Cookie Managers will be able to pre-order and obtain cookies for booths from local cookie cupboards beginning February 8. All troops will have the opportunity to begin booth sales on February 10. Troops can return unopened full cases of cookies obtained from a cupboard within seven days of picking up the cookies. After seven days, the troop is responsible for selling the cookies. No returns accepted from cookie booth orders placed with a troop initial order in ebudde.