

# 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 2022 is sure to be a blast! We kept some of your favorite themes such as Bits and Bridles, Unicorn University, and The Big 12-Nighter. We have a ton of new and exciting sessions to offer this summer! Erupt a volcano and study chemistry at Mad Scientist Training Academy or show off your culinary skills at Culinary Creations. We've also added a brand new session for horse lovers entering grades 6-12 at Camp Evelyn. For our campers who are not quite old enough to be a Counselor-in-Training, but still want to take on a leadership role, we have something for you too! Pathway to a Program Aide will give girls entering grades 6-8 the opportunity to complete their program aide training at camp. After the completion of their training, these Girl Scouts will be able to take what they learned and come back to camp as a volunteer for day camp or volunteer with a younger Girl Scout troop.

Camp Evelyn &  
Camp Manitou



Summer Camp 2022

girlscouts  
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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.

See you this summer!



After successfully and safely holding all sessions in summer 2021, we are planning and hoping for another successful and safe camp season! We will be following all guidelines provided by the American Camp Association, CDC, and state and local health

departments for operating summer camp during the COVID-19 pandemic. If we are unable to hold camp, refunds will be provided.

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!

## 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 Day!

This is your opportunity to see all that Camp Manitou has to offer! Meet some of the camp counselors, participate in camp activities, and take a tour of camp. You'll even get to enjoy swimming and boating at Serenity Lake (weather permitting).

Bring your family or your entire troop for a day filled with fun! Lunch and s'mores over the campfire will be provided.

**When:** Saturday, May 21st  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$10 per participant

**Register at:** [bit.ly/CampManitouDay2022](https://bit.ly/CampManitouDay2022)  
by May 18.

## 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 hiking to Crystal Lake. Take a tour and get all your questions about camp answered. Bring your family or your entire troop! Lunch and s'mores over the campfire will be provided.

**When:** Saturday, June 4th  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$10 per participant

**Register at:** [bit.ly/CampEvelynDay2022](https://bit.ly/CampEvelynDay2022)  
by June 1.

## Cleaning with Meaning at Camp Evelyn

Camp Evelyn is a special place to campers in Manitou Council. We all take pride in its beauty. If you are one of those who knows what a special place Camp Evelyn is, come help us do what it takes to keep it that way for generations to come. Whether you are an older Girl Scout who comes to camp every summer, a dedicated volunteer, or Camp Evelyn alum or former counselor, you are invited to our day of Cleaning with Meaning! The morning will start with trail maintenance, deep cleaning, organizing, and working on our hammock unit.

We will make sure to celebrate our service with a delicious meal and s'mores over the campfire. In the afternoon, we will continue to work, but not without a few songs and stories from fellow campers (past, present, and future!).

**When:** Saturday, May 14th  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Cost:** FREE

**Age Limit:** Must be in 8th grade or older

**For planning purposes, please RSVP by May 11 at:** [bit.ly/CampCleanupDay](https://bit.ly/CampCleanupDay).

## Outdoor Adventures Training

Learn about building fires, outdoor cooking, staying safe, and all things "Girl Scout Program in the Outdoors." By the end of the session you will have an excellent start on planning and preparing your troop's very first outdoor adventure.

This training is for volunteers of all troop levels and is required for at least one troop leader before bringing girls on an overnight in tents or before cooking over a fire. Dress comfortably and for the weather as much of the time will be spent outdoors, rain or shine.

Register online by April 15 at:

[bit.ly/OutdoorAdventureTraining](https://bit.ly/OutdoorAdventureTraining).

Contact [hope@gsmanitou.org](mailto:hope@gsmanitou.org) with questions, and any dietary/activity restrictions.

**When & Where:** Saturday, April 23rd  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Camp Evelyn

**Cost:** \$25

There is also an online learning option available on gsLearn for Outdoor Adventures Training if this date doesn't work or you prefer online training.

## Girl Scout Tree Promise



Girl Scouts is joining forces with the Elliot Wildlife Value Project and American Forests to launch a bold tree-planting initiative. We are setting out to plant 5 million trees by 2026. Not only is this great for wildlife, but it will also provide tangible climate solutions.

Girl Scouts everywhere are being called to help by planting, protecting, and honoring trees in their backyards, communities, states, across the country, and even across the world. From Daisies to Ambassador Girl Scouts, to adult members and partners, every member and friend of the movement is being asked to join to support the Girl Scout Tree Promise. Five million trees are A LOT of trees, but TOGETHER we can do it!

To learn more, track your trees, and earn the special tree promise patch, visit the [Tree Promise webpage](#).



## Resilient. Ready. Strong. Program & Patch



Life isn't always easy, but dealing with tricky emotions doesn't have to be so hard. Introducing the new Girl Scout *Resilient. Ready. Strong.* program. This program is designed to help Girl Scouts build inner strength and explore activities that can lift a girls' mood, calm her down when she's stressed, and help her face challenges.

To earn the special *Resilient. Ready. Strong.* patch, Girl Scouts will complete a number of activities (varies per program level) based around Girl Scout programming and 10 resilience building skills.

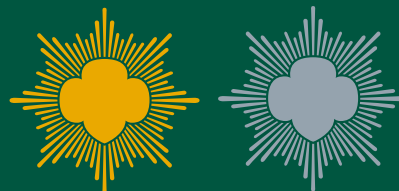
Learn more & explore the activities on the **[Resilient. Ready. Strong webpage](#)**.

## Highest Awards

Do girls in your troop want to be a **Silver Award Girl Scout** or a **Gold Award Girl Scout**, but aren't sure where to start?

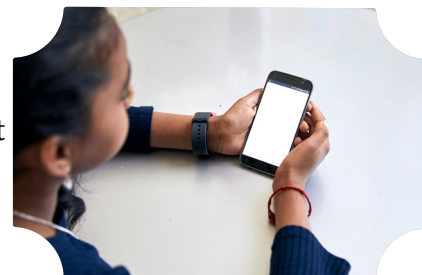
Contact the Director of Program Quality to schedule a meeting to learn the steps for the Girl Scout Silver or Gold Award, get ideas, and start brainstorming.

Contact Amy at **[amy@gsmanitou.org](mailto:amy@gsmanitou.org)** or 920-565-4575 to schedule a meeting.



## 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 6, 2022**. 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 online at: **[bit.ly/VolRecognition](https://bit.ly/VolRecognition)**.



## Girl Scout Week: March 6-12

Girl  
Scouts



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 110 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! Each day during Girl Scout Week has a different theme to help you celebrate, learn, explore, grow, and show the world what it means to be a Girl Scout.

- Sunday, March 6 - Girl Scout Sunday
- Monday, March 7 - Girl Scout Spirit Day
- Tuesday, March 8 - STEM Day
- Wednesday, March 9 - Get Outdoors Day
- Thursday, March 10 - Girl Scouts Give Back
- Friday, March 11 - Entrepreneurship Day
- Saturday, March 12 - Girl Scout Birthday & Girl Scout Sabbath



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

### Girl Scout Day in Wisconsin

Join Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Badgerland and Girl Scouts from all over the state of Wisconsin at the State Capitol to honor the Girl Scout Birthday with activities, tours, and inspiring words from legislators and Girl Scouts. The day will end with a march around capitol square, where girls will create and carry signs to advocate for whatever they're passionate about.

After registering, girls will be invited to submit an essay and entered to win a chance to be a speaker on Girl Scout Day. Girls will get a one-of-a-kind patch that day, too!

**When & Where:** Saturday, March 12

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wisconsin State Capitol, Madison

**Cost:** \$10 per attendee

**Register online!**

### Save the Date!!



Save the date now for the next edition of the largest girl-led event in the world - "Phenom by Girl Scouts." It's going to be one epic celebration. Connect with thousands of girls across our movement at Phenom by Girl Scouts: Thursday, July 20 - Saturday, July 22nd, 2023 in Orlando, Florida.

This event will follow the 56th National Council Session. More details will be coming soon!

# Girl Scouts of Manitou Council's Leadership Elite

Earning the highest awards in Girl Scouting is a really big deal. That's why we are recognizing girls who have earned the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards at the Girl Scouts of Manitou Council Leadership Elite on **Wednesday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Girl Scout Center in Sheboygan**. We will be honoring all those who have earned their Highest Awards from May 2021 - April 2022. We'll be celebrating SO MANY incredible accomplishments.

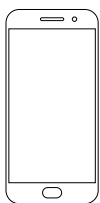
Gold Award Girl Scouts will be invited to speak for 5-10 minutes, sharing details of their project. Silver and Bronze Award Girl Scouts will be announced and honored. Come as a troop and cheer each other on!

All Girl Scouts are welcome, not just those troops or Girl Scouts who have earned a Highest Award! All participants must [register](#) to attend the Leadership Elite event, but there is no cost to attend. Those troops who did earn a Highest Award must complete the highest award final report by **May 4** in order to be recognized.

*\*A small portion of this event will serve as Girl Scouts of Manitou Council's annual meeting.*



## Volunteer Toolkit Webinar / Tutorial



Do you want to learn how to effectively use the Volunteer Toolkit for planning troop meetings, finding badge requirements, reporting troop finances, and communicating with families? Join us for an informative webinar to help you do all of that, and more! Hear Volunteer Toolkit tips and tricks from other Girl Scout volunteers and ask any questions you might have during this interactive webinar.

Two time options are available on **Wednesday, March 2, 2022:**

- **Noon (12:00 p.m.)**
- **6:00 p.m.**

To register for one of the webinars, please email [amy@gsmanitou.org](mailto:amy@gsmanitou.org) with your preferred time. You will then receive a Zoom invitation for the time selected.

