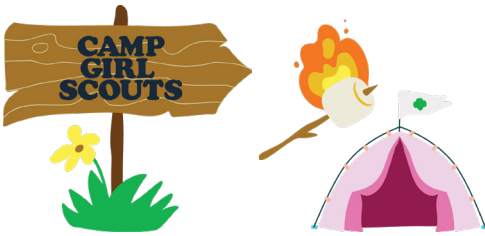


Volunteer 411



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 2025 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! *In My Camp Era* is the perfect session for Girl Scouts of all ages who love all things Taylor Swift. Girls entering grades 6-12 can enjoy a week of water adventures at *Camp Crystal Lake*, where they will sleep at the Crystal Lake House every night. We have an exciting new session focused on robotics & STEM: *Robotics Revolution*! And a fun session at Camp Manitou for animal lovers entering grades 4-5!



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 Volunteer 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. At least one adult must be present with each team. Bring your walking shoes as clues will be located throughout the camp! The winning team will earn a one-night stay in one of our camp buildings.

When: Saturday, April 26
9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$10 per person

Register on [CampDoc](#) by April 23

Promoting Summer Camp to Your Troop

Help your Girl Scouts get excited about summer camp! Here are easy and fun ideas you can use to promote summer camp to your troop:

- **Have the Director of Camp & Program attend your troop meeting!** Our Director of Camp & Program, Hope (aka Daisy) is available to attend your troop meetings (virtually or in-person if possible) to talk about camp. She'll talk about life at camp, answer questions, and help get girls excited about camp. To request a meeting with Hope, please contact her at hope@gsmanitou.org.
- **Bring your camp catalog day!** Have girls bring their catalogs to a meeting or share a screen with the digital version. Make it an all-camp meeting! Make a camp-themed snack. Spend time looking through the catalog and encourage girls to write down their favorite sessions. Take the camp readiness quiz in the camp catalog. Try out this fun [Camp Catalog Scavenger Hunt activity](#). Have girls who have attended camp share their stories. Watch our new [summer camp video](#) together!
- **Explore camp together!** Attend any of the spring camp events as a troop so everyone gets to see what camp is like before the summer camping season. You can also watch the virtual tours of [Camp Evelyn](#) and [Camp Manitou](#).

Camp Manitou Sample Day Camp!

If your Girl Scout(s) want to visit camp before summer or just can't wait for camp to start, this day camp is sure to be a fabulous experience!

Day campers will sample some of our classic camp activities such as hiking, boating (weather permitting), songs, and art projects. There will also be time for a guided tour and a summer camp Q&A. This is a girl-only drop-off event. Camp counselors will provide all activities and supervision.

When: Saturday, May 17
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Who: For girls in grades K-5

Cost: \$30 per person

Lunch is not provided, please pack a cold lunch!

Register on [CampDoc](#) by May 14

Camp Evelyn Day!

Join us for a fun-filled day at Camp Evelyn! Meet the camp counselors and visit the units 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 any questions about camp answered by one of our counselors. Bring your family so parents will feel more comfortable with camp. Or make it a troop activity and come together! Lunch and s'mores over the campfire will be provided. This is not a drop-off event, girls must be accompanied by adults.

When: Saturday, May 31
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15 per person

Register on [CampDoc](#) by May 28

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!

When: Saturday, May 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Who: Girls in grades 6-12 & adults

Cost: FREE

Register on [CampDoc](#) by May 1

Low Ropes Course Training

Have your troop experience the low ropes course at Camp Evelyn! Become certified in Camp Evelyn's low ropes course so you can lead your troop on this adventure!

During this course, you will learn about ropes course safety and setup, the steps of effective spotting, and potential team-building programs to use with participants. You will be well prepared to facilitate the course to a small group of girls and/or adults. By taking this course and becoming a ropes course instructor, you will be required to assist 1-2 troops (in addition to your own) with their low ropes adventure at Camp Evelyn. This course allows you to facilitate ONLY the ropes course at Camp Evelyn. Other organizations may have additional requirements for facilitation.

When: Sunday, May 4 from 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25 per person (includes all training materials and supplies)

Register on [CampDoc](#) by April 30

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.

First Aid/CPR/AED Training

Girl Scouts of Manitou Council will be offering three blended learning (in-person & online) First Aid/CPR/AED classes this spring at the Girl Scout Center in Sheboygan. This American Heart Association course contains step-by-step, hands-on training that allows participants to respond effectively in emergency and life-threatening situations. There will be an online portion that you will need to complete in full before attending one of the scheduled in-person skills training. Once registered, you will receive an email with the requirements for certification. Upon completion, you will receive a two-year certification through the American Heart Association in the form of a digital certification. There will be additional blended learning classes held throughout the year. If you can't attend any of these classes or have questions, please visit our [website](#) or contact Program Specialist, Abby Weber, at abby@gsmanitou.org. Please note: The cost includes all materials needed to be certified in American Heart Association First Aid/CPR/AED, including an adult/child & infant CPR Mask in a soft case.

When: Saturday, March 22 | 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 12 | 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 10 | 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$60 per person

[Register online!](#)

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, 2025**. 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.



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! Additionally, if a girl's family pays the first \$100, Manitou Council will pay the second \$100. **Contact us to take advantage of this opportunity.**

Program Aide Training

Are your Girl Scouts confident and enthusiastic, and ready to inspire the next generation? Our Program Aide Training is designed to equip girls with the skills and knowledge needed to become successful Girl Scout Program Aides. Through hands-on training and mentorship, girls will learn how to plan engaging activities, build strong relationships with younger girls, and foster a supportive and inclusive environment. Discover leadership abilities and master essential skills such as communication, problem-solving, and teamwork.



When: Sunday, June 8 from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

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

Cost: \$25 per girl

[Register on CampDoc](#)

If your Girl Scouts are unable to make the in-person class, there is an online version. Contact Hope at hope@gsmanitou.org so she can send the necessary information to complete the online training.

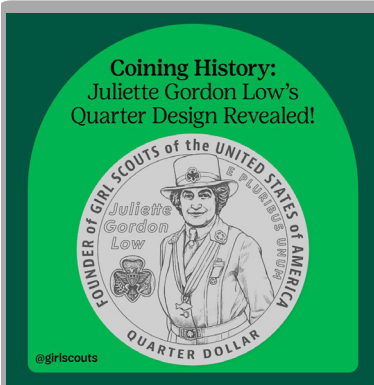
Once girls have completed either training, they can assist at our Camp Evelyn or Camp Manitou day camps. Tasks might include prepping activities, clean-up of activities, leading games and songs, or assisting the camp counselors with day camp groups. An application must be submitted and accepted before participating. There are a limited number of Program Aide spots available for each day camp session so please register as soon as possible.

Single-use Elimination Contest

Together we can make a change! Join Girl Scouts of Manitou Council in helping create a cleaner and more sustainable future by reducing the use of single-use plastics. Single-use (or disposable plastics) are plastic items that are typically used once, then thrown away or recycled. Over 1 million plastic bottles are sold every minute worldwide. 170 trillion plastic particles are afloat in the world's oceans. As part of our sustainability efforts, we are going to be holding a council-wide single-use recycling contest starting at the **beginning of March through the end of April** just in time to celebrate Earth Day. Stay tuned for more information via our social media and other communications.

Save the date: Highest Award Celebration!

On **August 9, 2025**, Girl Scouts of Manitou Council will be holding a celebration for those who earned their Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award in 2024 & 2025. We are 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! Please join us in connecting with one another and celebrating the hard work of our Girl Scouts. We will also have a special guest presenter who will inspire us all. If you are interested in sharing your Highest Award story or attending this amazing celebration, please fill out the [event registration form](#) so we can plan accordingly.



Juliette Gordon Low Quarter!

Our very own trailblazer, Juliette Gordon Low is making her mark on American currency. This special edition quarter, as part of the American Women Quarters Program, will be available in 2025. Learn more about the quarter on [GSUSA's website](#). Girl Scouts can celebrate the coin release this year! Daisies can learn more about coins and money by earning their *Money Explorer* badge. Brownies through Ambassadors can learn about Juliette Gordon Low's impact by earning their *Girl Scout Way* badge. The U.S. Mint has a suite of [education resources](#) that Girl Scouts can enjoy. GSUSA has a [special merchandise line](#) to celebrate the quarter as well.

Girl Scouting's Highest Awards



Does your troop want to earn their Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award but aren't sure where to start? Contact our Program Specialist, Abby Weber, at abby@gsmanitou.org to set up a meeting with your troop. Each Highest Award a Girl Scout can earn gives them the chance to make their communities and the world a better place while learning essential leadership skills along the way. Highest Award projects can be as unique as the Girl Scouts completing them, and there is no limit to what a Girl Scout can achieve with these exceptional projects.

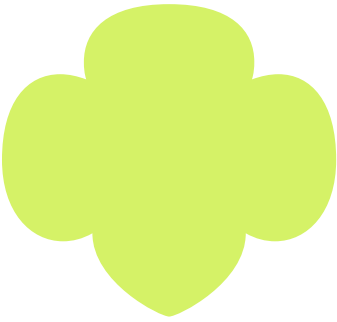
Petals to Patches

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 2025 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 4:00 p.m. to shop. Email your order to diane@gsmanitou.org or call it in at 920-565-4575. You can arrange to pick up your order or have it shipped right to you. All troop orders **SHIP FOR FREE** from Petals to Patches.

Girl Scout Week: March 9-15



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 113 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 9:** Girl Scout Sunday & Spirit Sunday – do something kind in the spirit of Girl Scouts.
- **Monday, March 10:** Affirmation Monday – share a positive message with a friend.
- **Tuesday, March 11:** Troop Tuesday – appreciate your awesome troop besties.
- **Wednesday March 12:** Girl Scout Birthday & National Girl Scout Day – wear your Girl Scout gear!
- **Thursday, March 13:** Thankful Thursday – share something you're thankful for.
- **Friday, March 14:** Flash Forward Friday – make your plans for a brighter future!
- **Saturday, March 15:** Girl Scout Sabbath & Service Saturday – serve your community as a sisterhood.



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

Girl Scout Day at the Capitol!

It's a day to celebrate being a Girl Scout along with hundreds of your sister Girl Scouts from all around Wisconsin! In this active event, Girl Scouts will earn the Civic Engagement badge for their level by participating in activity stations throughout the Capitol. Some of these stations include meeting with local legislators and organizations, learning about our rights and responsibilities as citizens of our state, gaining skills to be a civic leader, and exploring our state's history in the awe-inspiring Capitol building. We'll rally and make some noise around the Capitol Square. You'll leave feeling empowered and inspired.

When: Saturday, March 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Who: All Girl Scout levels & adults

Cost: \$25 per girl & \$5 per adult

Learn more & register through Badgerland!

