



girl scouts 
of southern illinois

Council Connections
February 5, 2024
Recording in Process

WELCOME
Service Unit Managers

Agenda

1. Girl Scout Promise
2. Networking Topic - Retail
3. Product Program
4. Program Engagement
5. Retail
6. Adult Education
7. Community Engagement



PRODUCT PROGRAM



2024 Cookie Program

- 87.5% to our council goal
- Service Units who have reached their SU Cookie Program Goal:

SU 7 -- Bond Fayette SU

SU 9 -- Centralia SU

SU 39 -- Lawrence/Wabash/Edwards

SU 63 -- Richland

SU 66 -- Shawnee

SU 87 -- West Frankfort

SU 102 -- Granite City

SU 109 -- Troy/St. Jacob

SU 511 -- Effingham

SU 522 -- Eastern Coles

- Seven more Service Units are between 90 and 99% to goal.



PRODUCT PROGRAM



Initial Rewards Update:

- Items scheduled to arrive by first week of March

Digital Cookie Update:

- Troubleshooting tip listed on website and via email to caregivers.

Cookie Cupboard Update:

- Cupboard Orders must be submitted by Sunday evening
- Re-stocks take place on Wednesday and Thursday
- Reminder: Toffee-Tastics and S'mores are no longer available.



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Share the Love with the Military Contest

- Wednesday, February 14
- Event for Donated Cookies via Digital Cookie
- Girls earn fun custom patch for 14 Digital Cookie donation boxes sold on February 14th





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February Patch Point – Roller Skating

Roller skating is such a fun activity, and it helps girls stay fit and strong. Patches can be purchased in the retail shop or on the [GSofSI Council Shop!](#)

Council-Wide Community Service Project

“Engage To Make a Change” – Deadline: April 8



Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois **Engage to Make a Change Challenge** asks Girl Scouts to complete a service project that best helps their community. Girls are challenged to think of the best ways they can create positive change in their own hometowns. The goal is to learn more about the local community, engage in opportunities to volunteer, and to create positive change. **This project runs through April 8, 2024.**

<https://www.gsfsi.org/en/discover/about/about-gsfsi/community-service.html>

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Upcoming Program Offerings

Visionary Voices – CSA

THUR. – 2/29/24

6PM – 7PM -- Virtual

Deadline: 2/12/24

Girl Scout Birthday Party

TUES. - 3/12/24

7PM – 8:00PM -- Virtual

\$20/girl; Deadline: 2/26/24

Summer Camp Open House

SUN. – 3/17/24

1PM-3PM – Camp Torqua

Deadline: 3/16/24

Tinkering in Craft Town

SAT. – 3/9/24

9:30AM – 2PM -- Mattoon

\$25/girl; Deadline: 2/26/24

Gold Award Hammock Village

Open House – SAT. 3/9

1PM – 3PM

Deadline: 3/4/24

Check out the Event Calendar for upcoming spring events!!

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GS Travel - 2024

GSofSI Celebrates Summer at Holiday World & Spashin' Safari

- Thursday, June 20 – Sunday, June 23
- Juniors – Ambassadors; Adults
- Cost: \$400 per Girl Scout and Adults
- Deposit: \$200 due at time of registration
- Deadline: 4/1/24
- Final Payment: 5/6/24

GSofSI Journey to Washington DC

- Monday, July 29 – Friday, August 2
- Cadettes – Ambassadors; Adult Travel Advisors
- Cost: \$1500 per Girl Scout and Adult Travel Advisor
- Deposit: \$500 due at time of registration
- Deadline: 4/29/24
- Final Payment: 5/27/24



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GSUSA Destinations – APPLY NOW

GSUSA Destinations are the ultimate adventure for individual Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts. From domestic to international travel, girls have the opportunity to apply for the adventure of a lifetime! Financial assistance is available as well. Some of the upcoming trips include studying sharks in Belize, seeing shows on Broadway in NYC or touring the sights and sounds of India!

[Check out the options for upcoming Girl Scout Destinations!](#)

Financial Assistance for GSUSA Destinations

Assistance is available through a D-Pass grant for girls who have been accepted for a Girl Scout Destination. (Please note: girls must be accepted by a Destination in order to apply for a D-Pass grant.)

Applications for 2023-2024 D-Pass Funds for GSUSA Destinations are due **February 29, 2024**. Those selected for D-Pass Funds will be notified in March 2024 of the funds allocated for the Destination.

[Apply for a D-Pass Funds Grant](#)



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Highest Awards Reminder

For highest awards to be recognized at the 2024 Recognition of Excellence Awards Ceremony on Sunday, May 19, 2024, final paperwork for the Girl Scout Silver Award must be submitted by **February 29, 2024**.

For those working on their Girl Scout Gold Award, final reports must be submitted to GoGold by now, **February 5, 2024**. Final interviews will be February 19, 2024.

Outstanding Graduating Girl Scout Scholarship

- Applications now being accepted.
- 2024 Graduating Girl Scouts are eligible.
- Application Deadline: **February 26th**
- **Outstanding Graduation Girl Scout Scholarship Application**
- **Outstanding Graduation Girl Scout Scholarship Reference Form**

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Day and Overnight Camp

2024 Day and Overnight Camps registrations are open on the event calendar (months of June and July). They are also listed on the website under Discover>Activities>Summer Camp.

<https://www.gsfsi.org/en/discover/activities/summer-camp.html>

Day Camps: Camp Torqua, Edwardsville (STEM, Mini STEM and SU 108); Community Park, Effingham (Mini STEM); Ballard Nature Center, Altamont (SU 511); Silver Lake Park, Highland (SU 110); Whispering Pines of Clinton County, Carlyle (SU 207); O’Fallon Sportsman’s Club, Lebanon (SU 201); Konarcik Park, Waterloo (SU 211); Foundation Park, Centralia (SU 9).

Overnight Camp: Camp Torqua, Edwardsville – four, week-long sessions; Camp Ondessonk, Ozark – one week-long session



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2024 Cookie Merchandise

- Cookie Carts
- Cookie Banners
- Cookie Yard Signs
- Cookie Rolla Banas
- Cookie Money Pouches
- Cookie Aprons
- Two-Sided Cookies Foam Finger



Get your Cookie Bundle today!



RETAIL

“In My Girl Scout Era” Hoodie

- Available in Youth and Adult Sizes



Free Shipping

- This membership year, October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024, all orders over \$50 on the **GSofSI Online Shop** will receive free shipping.
- Enter code: **Member24!**





ADULT EDUCATION

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Adult Training

CPR/AED/First Aid:

February 20 -- 6:00 PM-8:30 PM -- Marshall, IL

March 12 -- 6:00 PM-8:30 PM -- Mt. Vernon, IL

March 27 -- 6:00 PM-8:30 PM -- Marion, IL

Camping Out Training:

Saturday, February 24 -- Edwardsville, IL

Saturday, March 23 -- Belleville, IL

Sunday, April 7 -- Edwardsville, IL

Saturday, April 13 -- Edwardsville, IL

Saturday, April 20 -- Edwardsville, IL

Youth Mental Health First Aider:

Saturday, February 24 Virtual

Saturday, March 9 Edwardsville, IL

Saturday, May 18 Mt. Vernon, IL



Archery:

Saturday, February 24 -- Edwardsville, IL

Saturday, March 23 -- Belleville, IL

Sunday, April 7-- Edwardsville, IL

Saturday, April 20 -- Edwardsville, IL

Training By Request:

Submit at any time

[Training By Request](#)

ADULT EDUCATION

Volunteer Training Summit

- Saturday, April 6 – Collinsville High School
- Camp Torqua reserved for weekend for overnight stay
- Registration Open, 2024 Volunteer Training Summit



Service Unit Volunteer Training

- **Monthly Short & Snappy:**
February Event Registration/Navigating the Event Calendar

Volunteer Appreciation – Monthly Role Spotlight

[Volunteer Monthly Role Highlight](#)

Community Engagement



Your Year
of Fun

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

MY24 Membership Goals and Update

Traditional Troop Girls = **5300**; Adults = **2800**

- Girls = 4,687 girls or 88% to MY24 goal

- Adults = 3,185 adults or 114% to MY24 goal

Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois Traditional Girls and Adults Progress to MY24 Goals														
Area	Service Unit Name	Now Girls	Retained Girls	YTD Total Girls	Total Girl Goal	Girls Needed to Goal	% to Goal	Total Girls	New Adults	Retained Adults	YTD Total Adults	Total Adult Goal	Adults Needed to Goal	Total Adults % to Goal
Area02	SU007_Bond_Fayette_County	16	69	85	85		100%	15	42	57	45	(1)	12%	
Area02	SU101_Altam_Godfrey_Wood_River_Bissana	32	121	153	195	42	78%	14	120	134	130	(4)	102%	
Area02	SU102_Cranite_City_Madison_Vernice	33	78	111	106	(6)	105%	30	85	115	85	30	135%	
Area02	SU105_Jersey_Calhoun_County	19	97	116	150	34	77%	12	48	60	55	(5)	89%	
Area02	SU106_Bethalto	25	27	52	40	8	87%	15	27	42	25	(17)	58%	
Area03	SU108_Elkemoreville_Dan_Carbon	75	260	335	415	80	81%	55	181	236	255	19	93%	
Area03	SU195_Troy_St_Jacob	23	141	164	155	(9)	106%	21	120	141	120	(21)	138%	
Area03	SU110_Highland	20	82	102	100	(2)	102%	13	73	86	65	(21)	132%	
Area03	SU111_Collinsville_Caseyville_Marysville	34	30	64	100	36	64%	21	45	66	55	(11)	100%	
Area04	SU202_Orion_Shrton_Fairview	44	59	203	230	27	85%	32	134	166	140	(26)	119%	
Area04	SU203_Belleville_Swansea	105	345	450	450		100%	40	225	265	250	(15)	116%	
Area04	SU204_Midwest_Columbia_Dupee_Smithton	41	150	191	205	14	93%	30	90	120	95	(25)	108%	
Area04	SU210_New Athens_Marion_St_Library_Fredburg	23	82	75	85	10	88%	8	37	45	45		100%	
Area04	SU211_Waterloo	9	112	121	135	14	90%	13	93	106	90	(16)	116%	
Area05	SU209_Centralia	25	25	22	47	25	43%	22	15	37	41	(4)	107%	
Area05	SU215_Canton_Washington_County	13	71	84	70	(14)	120%	6	41	47	40	(7)	116%	
Area05	SU221_East_Marion_County	15	34	49	80	31	61%	9	27	36	35	(1)	103%	
Area05	SU230_Saffersville_County	21	40	81	135	54	60%	7	45	52	55	3	95%	
Area05	SU254_Perry_County	19	61	80	90	10	89%	7	44	51	45	(6)	113%	
Area07	SU221_Jackson_County	14	42	56	85	29	66%	11	49	60	60		100%	
Area07	SU414_East_Williamson_County	5	59	64	110	46	58%	2	40	42	45	3	65%	
Area07	SU651_North_Randolph_County	25	73	98	100	2	98%	7	29	36	30	(6)	100%	
Area07	SU660_South_Randolph_County	42	80	122	130	8	94%	11	62	73	75	2	97%	
Area07	SU690_West_Williamson_County	22	84	106	150	44	71%	9	52	61	70	9	87%	
Area08	SU033_Jefferson_Pope_County	5	43	48	60	12	80%	4	14	18	20	2	90%	
Area08	SU143_Missac_County	22	34	56	50	(6)	112%	12	27	39	25	(14)	156%	
Area08	SU166_Shawnee	31	26	57	60	3	95%	17	24	41	25	(16)	164%	
Area08	SU172_Union_Pulaski_Alexander_County	6	46	52	70	18	74%	4	33	37	40	3	92%	
Area08	SU285_Wayne_Henrietta_White_County	32	79	111	130	19	85%	13	75	88	78	(10)	112%	
Area09	SU212_Clay_County	8	43	51	55	4	93%	1	21	22	25	3	88%	
Area09	SU239_Lawrence_Wabash_Edwards_County	27	71	98	90	(8)	109%	5	44	49	35	(14)	100%	
Area09	SU241_North_Franklin_County	43	137	180	160	(20)	113%	6	39	45	45		100%	
Area09	SU263_Richland_County	29	47	76	80	4	95%	15	11	26	20	(6)	100%	
Area09	SU287_West_Franklin	15	40	55	50	(5)	110%	7	29	36	25	(11)	144%	
Area09	SU351_Ettringham_County	31	82	113	135	22	84%	15	67	82	68	(14)	114%	
Area10	SU21_Western_Coles_Cumberland_County	33	108	141	140	(1)	101%	23	80	103	75	(28)	137%	
Area10	SU253_Eastern_Coles_County	28	71	99	85	14	116%	15	50	65	40	(25)	165%	
Area10	SU313_Edgar_Clarke_County	8	78	86	95	9	90%	1	44	45	30	(15)	100%	
Area10	SU344_Crawford_Langier_County	23	81	104	130	26	80%	10	38	48	45	(3)	105%	
COUNCIL TOTALS*		1,146	3,541	4,687	5,300	613	88%	638	2,547	3,185	2,800	(385)	114%	

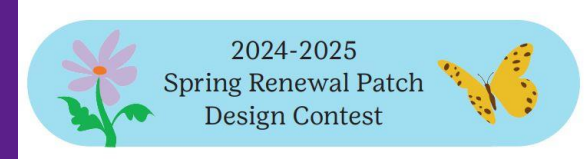
*Council Totals show the number of unique individuals and may not equal the actual column total: some members participate in multiple SUs



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Spring Renewal Patch Design Contest

- **Deadline's today, 2/5/24!!!**
- **18 designs selected**
- **Open for voting via social media week of February 19th**



Troop Money Earning Projects



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Winter Town Hall Meeting

Tuesday, February 13 – 6:30 PM

Open to all volunteers. No pre-registration required.

Questions??? – Please email to agreen-bryant@gsofsi.org

Topic: GSofSI Town Hall Meeting with Council Leadership

Time: Feb 13, 2024 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84832344015?pwd=UpXV0FOZzDNgXJrrp7DSJlLPyc42tH.1>

Meeting ID: 848 3234 4015

Passcode: 006100





GSofSI 2024 Annual Meeting Saturday, April 6, 2024 **Registration Open**

2024 GSofSI Annual Meeting will be held in partnership with the Volunteer Training Summit.
Lunch will be provided after the meeting.



Let's Chat w/Loretta

March 4

May 6

*Before Council Connections
6:00-6:25PM*

QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!

Next Meeting:

Monday, March 4, 2024

