



**girl scouts**   
of southern illinois

**Council Connections**

**May 6, 2024**

**Recording in Process**

**WELCOME**

**Service Unit Managers**

# Agenda

1. Girl Scout Promise
2. Finance
3. Adult Education
4. Retail
5. Program Engagement
6. Community Engagement



**FINANCE**

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## **Troop and Service Unit Finance Reports**

- Due last Thursday of June annually (June 27, 2024)
- Financial Report Tip Sheet

## **Resources:**

- [Troop Financial Report](#)
- [Service Unit Financial Report](#)
- [Troop Finance Tracking Spreadsheet](#)
- [Service Unit Finance Tracking Spreadsheet](#)
- [For Service Unit Treasurers: Troop Checking Account / Financial Report Review](#)
- [Troop Finances Webpage](#)
- [gsLearn Course: 416 \(GSofSI Council\) Finance Reporting](#)



# ADULT EDUCATION

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## **Adult Training**

### **CPR/AED/First Aid:**

June 5 -- 6:00 PM-8:30 PM – O'Fallon, IL

### **Camping Out Training:**

Saturday, June 15 -- Edwardsville, IL

Saturday, July 27 -- Effingham, IL

### **Flat-Water Canoe**

Sunday, June 2 -- Carlyle, IL

Saturday, June 8 -- Carlyle, IL

### **Youth Mental Health First Aider:**

Saturday, May 18 -- Mt. Vernon, IL

## **COMING FALL 2024**

New Leader Weekend – September 27 -29



### **Archery:**

Saturday, June 15 -- Edwardsville, IL

Saturday, July 27 -- Effingham, IL

Fee: \$5

### **Moving Water Canoe**

Sunday, June 23 -- Sullivan, MO

### **Training By Request:**

Submit at any time

[Training By Request](#)

# ADULT EDUCATION

## Service Unit Volunteer Training

- **Monthly Short & Snappy:**  
May: It's Camping Season!



## gsLearn Updates

- GSUSA New Leader Onboarding: Funding the Fun – Managing Girl Scout Troop Finances
- GSUSA New Leader Onboarding: Troop Safety
- Delegate Role Training – 416 (Council)
- Understanding Your Role (Membership Year 2024-2025)

Volunteer Roles That Require This Training:

Service Unit Roles: Manager, Registrar, Treasurer, Troop Organizers, Product Manager (Fall Product and Cookies) and Juliette Adult

Troop Roles: Troop Leader, Co-Leader, Treasurer, Product Manager (Fall Product and Cookies) and Troop Helper

Supporting Roles: Delegate and Alternate, Event Helper, Cupboard Manager and Council Trainer

Day Camp Roles: Day Camp Leadership, Day Camp Helper and Day Camp First Aider

More information about this training can be found [here](#).



**RETAIL**



# RETAIL

## TRADING POST

- Summer Camp Programs
- NEW GSofSI Camp Shirt!

## EXTENDED HOURS

- WEDNESDAY: May 15 – 8:30AM – 7:00PM

## RETAIL SHOP – COUNCIL EVENTS

- Recognition of Excellence
- Sunday, May 19 – 1:00-5:00PM
- Pre-Orders – Deadline: Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> by 5:00PM



# RETAIL

## INVENTORY

- Retail Shop closed July 19 – 28
- Re-open July 29

## FREE SHIPPING

- This membership year, October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024, all orders over \$50 on the **GSofSI Online Shop** will receive free shipping.
- Offer is redeemable for GSofSI members only.
- Code must be entered at time of checkout.
- Enter code: **Member24**





# PROGRAM ENGAGEMENT

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## **May Patch Point – Resilient. Ready. Strong.**

May is Mental Health Awareness Month! Try activities from the Girl Scouts: Resilient. Ready. Strong. Program, and strengthen your mental wellness.

<https://www.gsofsi.org/en/members/for-girl-scouts/badges-and-journeys/councils-own-badges-and-patches.html>

## **Women in STEM Patch Program**

- May 1 – August 5
- Register on gsEvents
- Download the resources, <https://www.gsofsi.org/en/members/for-girl-scouts/badges-and-journeys/councils-own-badges-and-patches.html>
- Pre-order patches through the [GSofSI Council Shop](#)



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## Day and Overnight Camp

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

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

### **PATH Riding Certification - Now Approved for Horseback Riding SAC!**

Certification provided through the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) will now be recognized by Safety Activity Checkpoints. Troop Leaders planning horseback riding for troops need to email a current Certificate of Insurance (COI) from the horseback riding facility to [customercare@gsfsi.org](mailto:customercare@gsfsi.org).

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## Upcoming Program Offerings

Earn your DBJC Coding Badges Level 1 with STEM the Gap Academy! Enroll your girls in our exciting virtual course, and watch them embark on a thrilling journey into the world of computer science!

7/14 Daisy Coding Level 1 4:00pm-5:30pm

7/14 Brownie Coding Level 1 1:30pm-3:00pm

Reg. deadline 7/10

7/28 Junior Coding Level 1 1:00pm-3:00pm

7/28 Cadette Coding Level 1 4:00pm-6:00pm

Reg. deadline 7/24

9/29 Daisy Coding Level 1 4:00pm-5:30pm

9/29 Brownie Coding Level 1 1:30pm-3:00pm

Reg. deadline 9/23

### **8/18 Daisy Cybersecurity Basics**

Reg deadline 8/12

Cost \$16.50

<https://www.stemthegapacademy.com/digital-girl/cybersecurity-daisies>

# **PROGRAM ENGAGEMENT**

## **Upcoming Program Offerings**



### **Whispering Pines Open House**

SAT. – 6/1/24

11AM-3PM – Carlyle

\$5/person; Deadline: 5/20/24

### **Older Girl Bus Trip**

THUR. – 6/27/24

8:00AM – 6:00PM – St. Louis

\$95/person; Deadline: 5/20/24

### **MY25 Spring Renewal Incentive: Girl Scouts Take Over Water Parks**

Mt. Vernon Aquatic Zoo

SAT. – 7/27/24

6:30-9:30PM – Mt. Vernon

\$5/girl; \$7/adult - through 6/10

Tagalongs - \$6

### **Under the Stars – Diamond Edition**

FRI./SAT. – 6/21-6/22

5:00PM – 8:00AM - Sauget

\$33/person; Deadline: 6/3/24

### **Aquatic Zoo Overnight**

FRI./SAT. – 9/6 -9/7

5:30PM – 8:30AM – St. Louis

\$80/person; Deadline: 8/12/24

Collinsville Aqua Park

THUR. - 8/8/24

7:30-10:30PM - Collinsville

\$13/girl; \$20/adult - through 6/10

Tagalongs - \$16

# Community Engagement



Your Year  
of Fun



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## MY24 Membership Goals and Update

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

- Girls = 4,910 girls or 93% to MY24 goal
- Adults = 3,353 adults or 120% to MY24 goal

## Congratulations – MY24 Girl Goal Achievements

- SU 7 – Bond/Fayette County
- SU 15 – Clinton/Washington County
- SU 39 – Lawrence/Wabash/Edwards
- SU 45 – Massac County
- SU 51 – North Franklin County
- SU 57 – North Randolph County
- SU 63 – Richland County
- SU 66 – Shawnee
- SU 87 – West Frankfort
- SU 102 – Granite City/Madison/Venice
- SU 109 – Troy/St. Jacob
- SU 110 – Highland
- SU 201 – O'Fallon/Shiloh/Fairview Heights
- SU 521 – Western Coles/Cumberland County
- SU 522 – Eastern Coles County
- SU 531 – Edgar/Clark County



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



## Spring Renewal Incentives

### First Two Months (April 1 – May 31)

- **“Super Troop Cookie Entrepreneurs”** – Troops that renew 80% of girls by May 31 will receive early access to reserve Walmart Cookie Booths for MY25 Cookie Season.
- **Service Units that renew 65% of its members (girls and adults) will receive a Service Unit Dinner at their October 2024 Leader’s Meeting (8 selected – 1 per area).**



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## Spring Renewal Incentives

### Entire Campaign (April 1 – June 10)

- **Weekly drawing of \$25 Council Shop Gift Card (2 girls and 1 adult) every Monday April 8 – June 10**
- **All girls renewed will receive a GSofSI Spring Renewal Patch.**
- **All girls and adults are invited to the Girl Scouts Take Over Water Park Events.**
  - Mt. Vernon Aquatic Zoo – July 27<sup>th</sup>, and Collinsville Aqua Park, August 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Troops that renew 70% of girls and three unique adults in troop roles by June 10 receive a 2024-2025 Troop Leader Planner Book.**
- **Service Units will receive \$.25 for each girl and adult registered by June 10.**



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Fall Council Wide Registration Experience

- Saturday, September 7th

## Girl Scout Experience Boxes (For New Daisies)

<https://www.gsofsi.org/en/members/for-volunteers/experience-box.html>





**Let's Chat  
w/Loretta**  
**September 3, 2024**  
*Before Council Connections*  
*6:00-6:25PM*

**QUESTIONS?**

**THANK YOU!**

**Next Meeting:**

**Monday, August 5, 2024**

