

girl scouts 
of southern illinois
**COUNCIL
CONNECTIONS**

September 30, 2024

Recording in Process

WELCOME
Service Unit Managers

Agenda

1. Girl Scout Promise
2. Adult Education
3. Retail
4. Product Program
5. Program Engagement
6. Community Engagement
7. Development
8. Governance

ADULT EDUCATION



Adult Education

Adult Training

CPR/AED/First Aid:

Thursday, October 17th - Glen Carbon
Saturday, November 9th - Belleville
Tuesday, November 12th - Glen Carbon

Camping Out Training:

Saturday, October 19th - Mt. Vernon
Saturday, November 9th - Effingham
Sunday, March 30th - Edwardsville
Saturday, April 26th - Mt. Vernon
Saturday, May 17th - Edwardsville

Youth Mental Health First Aid:

Saturday, March 8th - Edwardsville
Saturday, March 29th - Edwardsville
Saturday, May 17th - Mt. Vernon

Training By Request:

- Training by Request (TBR)
- Minimum of six (6) participants



Archery:

Saturday, October 12th - Edwardsville
Saturday, November 9th - Effingham
Saturday, March 30th - Edwardsville
Saturday, April 12th - Edwardsville
Saturday, May 17th - Edwardsville



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New Leader Incentive:


- Complete New Leader Onboarding Training
- First 90 days of Girl Scout Year - - October – December
- Receive Insignia Tab and Membership Pins

gsLearn Updates:

- GSUSA New Leader Onboarding: Troop Safety
- GSUSA New Leader Onboarding: What Ambassador Girl Scouts
- GSUSA New Leader Onboarding: What Brownies Do
- GSUSA New Leader Onboarding: What Cadette Girl Scouts Do
- GSUSA New Leader Onboarding: What Daisy Girl Scouts Do
- GSUSA New Leader Onboarding: What Junior Girl Scouts Do
- GSUSA has released updates to the Safety Activity Checkpoints and the Volunteer Essentials. These items will be updated on our website this month!
- Reminder to complete your MY25 Understanding Your Role training in gsLearn!

New Leader Incentive

As you work through completing your first 90 days of required New Leader Onboarding training from October - December, GSofSI would like to provide you with some motivation. If you complete the required course work within the first 90 days of the new Girl Scout year, you will receive your tab and membership pins to place on your uniform. These pins will be distributed to the qualifying New Leaders at your November, December, and January Service Unit Meetings.



November:
The World Trefoil Pin shows you are part of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). This will be earned once you complete Learning Path#2.

December:
The Trefoil Membership Pin signifies fulfillment of membership requirements. This will be earned once you complete Learning Paths #3 & #4.

October:
The Adult Insignia Tab is worn on the left side centered above your heart. This will be earned once you complete Learning Path #1.

Scan the QR code to take you to the New Leader Onboarding Map!

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Questions?
Please contact Customer Care at customercare@gsofsi.org or call 800-345-6858.



Adult Awards

The Adult Award nominations are open for the Membership Year 23-24. Please remember the following information regarding good standing for nomination:

Valid Membership

Completed ILMR

No current council debt

Current background check

Nominations will close on November 1, 2024

(Note: The volunteer being nominated must be in good standing for Membership Year 23-24)

Adult Education

SAVE THE DATE – Volunteer Training Summit

- March 29, 2025
- Camp Torqua
- Free camp overnight stays on Friday, 3/28 and Saturday, 3/29
- Certification Trainings on Sunday, 3/30

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Volunteer Appreciation

Saturday, April 12th - Have you already been certified in archery but want a little more practice? Come on over to the archery range at Camp Torqua to ask questions and brush up on your archery skills with one of our trainers! Drop in any time between 12:00PM and 2:00PM for this free practice opportunity.

Registration End Date: March 31, 2025; Location: Edwardsville, IL.

Standout Service Unit - GSofSI Service Units are always hosting amazing events, doing service projects, helping their communities, and so much more. We've created a new opportunity for volunteers to submit one of their Service Unit's activities, events, service projects, or other Girl Scout opportunity to be entered to win the \$50 GSofSI Council Shop gift card and have their submission shared across GSofSI social media accounts and the Volunteer Newsletter! Starting in October 2024, GSofSI will be randomly selecting a different Service Unit from the nominations submitted to council between the first and last day of each month. The winner will be drawn on the first of the next month, and the Service Unit Manager of the winning SU will be notified via email. The submitted activity/event needs to have been held no more than three months prior to submission.

[STAND-OUT SERVICE UNIT](#)



RETAIL



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Uniform Starter kits are available at the [GSofSI Council Online Shop](#) or in store. The starter kit includes sash, vest or tunic, along with the Council ID and American Flag patches, Insignia Tab, Membership (level) Pin and World Trefoil Pin. Troop numbers will still need to be purchased separately. Any purchase of \$60 or more that includes a Uniform Starter Kit will receive a free bag, a \$15 value! (while supplies last).



RETAIL

FREE SHIPPING

During the entire new membership year (Oct 1, 2024-September 30, 2025), online purchases of \$50 or more will ship for free! Shop with us 24/7 by visiting [GSofSI Local Online Shop](#) and use code **MEMBER25** when checking out to take full advantage of this offer.

JGL BIRTHDAY PATCH

GSofSI Council Retail shop is offering a free Juliette Gordon Low Birthday Patch with a minimum \$10 purchase between the dates of 10/21/24 and 10/31/24. Purchases can be made over the phone, online or in store. There will be one free fun patch per transaction of \$10 or more.



PRODUCT PROGRAM



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2024 Fall Program Dates:

- October 14: Last day for in-person order card sales
 - October 15: Money due to troops for order card sales
 - October 15-17: Troop volunteers can enter girl order card sales into M2
 - October 20: End of Fall Program online sales magazines, direct shipped, and girl delivery.
 - October 30: ACH Sweep for the amount due to council
 - November 4-6: Product deliveries to the service units
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- REMINDER:** Troops need to submit a NEW ACH form, [ACH Authorization Form](#)

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The Great Elephant Stampede

- Send 18 unique emails through M2
- Upload a photo or video to M2
- Use the “share my site” function in M2
- Earn \$100 in total sales through M2
- 266 girls met the requirements.
- Sticker Set will be mailed to girls who earned the reward.
- Drawing for giant plush elephants is October 1.

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2025 Cookie Program At-a-Glance

- **October 13: Service Unit Cookie Manager training in Mt. Vernon**
 - (SUM and SUCM are invited to attend; please RSVP)
- **November/December: Troop Cookie training on gsLearn**
- **January 7: Troop initial orders due**
- **January 11: Digital Cookie opens**
- **January 27- 31: Cookie delivery week**
- **February 21-22: National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend**
- **March 9: Cookie Program closes**

PROGRAM ENGAGEMENT



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Council-Wide Service Project **- Birthday Bags for Community Pantries**

Troops will help their local community by creating bags full of items needed to celebrate a birthday to donate to local food pantries. This project focuses on serving others by making them feel special on an important day, their birthday! Donations for the project should be collected during the month of October and can be taken to local food pantries found in your community.

Items to donate for Birthday Bags:

- Birthday cake mix
- Icing
- Balloons
- Cake pans (dollar store) Can be used to hold items in place of a bag
- Gift or other large bags to hold items
- Candles
- Streamers
- Tablecloth(s)
- Birthday card signed by troop together/ a note for the birthday person

Troops can exchange or add other items to create their own unique spin on a birthday bag for their local food pantry.

Patches for this Service project will be available online through the shop.

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Upcoming Patch Programs - Registration Open

- **Fireside Reading Patch Program - - November 18 – January 5**

Daisy – Ambassador

Cost: \$0 – Preorder Patch [GSofSI Council Online Shop](#)

Deadline: 12/30/24

- **Panda Ventures Patch Program - - November 18 – January 20**

Daisy – Ambassador

Cost: \$0 – Preorder Patch [GSofSI Council Online Shop](#)

Deadline: 1/13/25

PROGRAM ENGAGEMENT

- **October 26 – Cache River Wildlife Canoe Trip**
Cadette – Ambassador
Ullin, IL
Cost: \$35/person
Deadline: 10/21/24
- **November 2 – Fall Fest**
Daisy – Ambassador
Edwardsville, IL
Cost: \$25/girl
Deadline: 10/14/24
- **November 8 – Women in STEM Webinar Series #1**
Daisy – Ambassador
Virtual (Zoom); Edwardsville (in-person); Belleville (in-person)
Cost: \$5/person
Deadline: 10/21/24

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- **November 15 – 16 - Highest Awards Prep Overnight**
Cadette – Ambassador
Edwardsville, IL
Cost: \$60/girl; \$25/adult
Deadline: 10/21/24
- **November 23 – College Prep Series (3-part-12/14 & 1/25)**
Cadette – Ambassador
Virtual (Zoom)
Cost: \$35/girl (includes all three sessions, patch and custom sweatshirt)
Deadline: 11/18/24
- **December 19 – January 19– On-Demand Cookie College**
Daisy – Ambassador
Virtual (Zoom) - -GS Moneyville
Cost: \$10-20/girl
Deadline: 1/13/25

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- **January 19 – Women In STEM Webinar #2**
 - Daisy – Ambassador
 - Virtual (Zoom)
 - Cost: \$5/girl
 - Deadline: 1/6/25

- **January 19 – Cookie Business Live**
 - Daisy – Brownie
 - Virtual (Zoom) - -GS Moneyville
 - Cost: \$20/girl
 - Deadline: 1/13/25

- **January 19 – Cookie Business Live**
 - Junior - Ambassador
 - Virtual (Zoom) - -GS Moneyville
 - Cost: \$20/girl
 - Deadline: 1/13/25

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2025 Council Trips

- **Georgia Getaway: Journey to Savannah, GA**
Date: June 11-15, 2025
Level: Juniors-Ambassadors
Cost: \$850/girl; \$500/adult
Deadline to Register: March 3, 2025
- **Pax London**
Date: June 13-22, 2025
Level: Seniors-Ambassadors
Cost: \$3550/girl; \$1775 adult travel advisor
Deadline to register: January 6, 2025
- **Niagara Navigators: Adventure to Niagara Falls, NY**
Date: July 20-25, 2025
Level: Juniors-Ambassadors
Cost: \$950/girl; \$650/adult
Deadline to register: March 3, 2025

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Upcoming Trainings, Info Nights & More

- **10/24 – Trailblazer Troop Info Night**
- **11/6 – Council Trips Info Night**
- **11/6 – Highest Awards Info Night**
- **11/21 – Visionary Voices**
- **12/3 – London Pax Lodge International Council Travel Info Night**
- **12/11 – Virtual Silver Award Training - 6:00PM**
- **12/11 – Virtual Gold Award Training - 7:30PM**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



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Girl Scout Experience Boxes (For New Daisies)

New Girl Scout Daisy (K-1) troop leaders receive a monthly supply box filled with step-by-step instructions, ready-to-go supplies, and thoughtful script suggestions. This complimentary resource follows the [Daisy First Year Troop Plan](#) and is shipped directly to troop leaders. Visit [the website](#) for more details.

MY25 Membership Goals and Update

Traditional Troop Girls = **5300**; Adults = **3000**

- Girls = 3,937 girls or 74% to MY25 goal
- Adults = 2,706 adults or 90% to MY25 goal

MY25 Girl Goal Achievement

SU 39 – Lawrence/Wabash/Edwards County

SU 63 – Richland County

DEVELOPMENT



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Women's Weekend at Camp!

Sponsored by GS Network

October 26-27, 2024

Camp Torqua, Edwardsville, IL

Join us for our 2nd annual Women's Weekend at Camp!

This is for all women age 18+

- Enjoy outdoor fun such as hiking, hayrides, campfires, and archery!
- Meet fellow mission-minded women and build lasting friendships.
- Work as a team to plant flowers and beautify camp!
- Eat like a Girl Scout and enjoy a fireside meal.
- Food & drink are included with price of admission and an optional opportunity to stay overnight.

Don't miss out on this incredible experience of learning, laughter, and camaraderie.

[Get Involved/Alums/Girl Scout Network/Women's Weekend at Camp](#)

GOVERNANCE



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FALL TOWN HALL MEETING

Wednesday, October 2 – 6:30PM

Open to all volunteers. No pre-registration required. Send any questions to be addressed at this meeting to Ashley Green-Bryant, agreen-bryant@gsofsi.org

Topic: GSofSI Town Hall Meeting w/Council Leadership

Time: Oct 2, 2024 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83880563371?pwd=FoZLo2hrgGue1FiCUdSambtY3qCQqS.1>

Meeting ID: 838 8056 3371

Passcode: 233154

DATES TO REMEMBER

Rallyhood Troop Leader Training

Wednesday, November 13 – 6:00PM

- Virtual (via Zoom)
- Troop Leaders will receive an email invitation.

GSofSI Office Closures

Monday, November 11 – Veteran’s Day

Thursday, November 28 – Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, December 12 – All Staff Meeting

Let's Chat
w/Loretta
November 4



Thank You!

NEXT MEETING:

November 4, 2024

