



girl scouts 
of southern illinois

Council Connections
May 1, 2023
Recording in Process

WELCOME
Service Unit
Managers & Treasurers

Agenda

1. Girl Scout Promise
2. Special Guests
3. Customer Care
4. Volunteer Resources
5. Troop Finance Update
6. Community Engagement
7. Program Engagement

**CAMP
WHISPERING
PINES
of Clinton County
The Beckers**





CUSTOMER CARE

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REMINDER: New members can only be added by a caregiver of a girl or the adult on their own behalf, or GSofSI staff member. Troop Leaders and Co-Leaders are not able to add new members without placing them in their personal household. Please reach out to Customer Care, or your Community Engagement Manager for assistance with brand new members.

We will continue our monthly efforts to re-send background check emails to all registered adults that have not completed one. Customer Care will be sending the requests to our vendor 2 days after each Council Connections meeting. As a reminder, the link to complete it expires after 72 hrs.



VOLUNTEER RESOURCES

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Adult Training

CPR/AED/First Aid:

Tuesday, September 5th in Marion, IL

Monday, September 18th in Mt. Vernon, IL

[American Red Cross First Aid Online \(Only\)](#) now an approved course to complement a volunteer's existing CPR & AED certification. Note: The CPR & AED online only courses are not approved and must be taken fully in person or in a blended program.

Camping Out Training

Saturday, June 3rd-Girl Scout Little House in Mt. Vernon, IL

Flat Water Canoe

Saturday, June 3rd-Whispering Pines of Clinton County in Carlyle, IL

Moving Water Canoe

Saturday, July 15th – Meramec River, MO

VOLUNTEER RESOURCES

Volunteer Training Summit 2023

- THANK YOU!!!
- Evaluation - [VTS Evaluation](#)

Youth Mental Health First Aider

Opening up participation to Girl Scout Ambassadors of adult age (18) to join training
Saturday, October 7, 2023-Girl Scout Cabin in Marion, IL
Saturday, March 9, 2024-GS Service Center in Glen Carbon, IL
Saturday, May 18, 2024-Girl Scout Little House in Mt. Vernon, IL

Service Unit Volunteer Training

- Short & Snappy
 - May - Outdoor Activities



VOLUNTEER RESOURCES

gsLearn:

Upcoming Training Releases:

416 (GSofSI Council) (MY23) Financial Reporting

Adult Awards

Recognition of Excellence – May 21, 2023

Separate electronic invite to adult recipients have been emailed

Award recipients can visit the [Event Calendar](#) directly to register



FINANCIAL REPORTING

Annual Financial Reports

- Communication to Troop Treasurers and SU Treasurers by 5/4/23
- Due last Thursday of June (June 29, 2023)
- Financial Report Tip Sheet
- Deadline to report financial review (July 19, 2023), Troop Checking Account/Financial Report Review Form
- Resources

Troop Financial Report

SU Financial Report

Troop Finance Tracking Spreadsheet

Service Unit Finance Tracking Spreadsheet

Troop Finance Page

gsLearn 416 Finance Reporting Course

Community Engagement



All Fun.
No Filter.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Spring Renewal and Extended Year Membership – Month 2

 Early Bird Renewal 2023-2024			
Renewal Incentives			
	First Month (April 1-30)	First Two Months (April 1- May 31)	Entire Campaign (April 1- June 12)
Girl/ Adult Renewal	Girls and adults who renew by April 30 will receive a free T-Shirt (October of 2023)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly Drawing of \$25 Gift Cards to Council Shop (2 girls and 1 adult) every Monday starting April 10- June 12! • All girls renewed will receive a GSofSI Early Bird Patch! • All girls and adults are invited to the Girl Scouts Take Over Water Park Events in August 2023 (Registration Deadline: June 12)
Troop Renewal	Troops that renew 100% of girls by April 30 will receive free shipping on all shop orders for MY24, (October 1, 2023 -September 30, 2024)	“Super Troop Cookie Entrepreneurs” Troops that renew 90% of girls (by May 31) and participate in the MY24 Fall Product Program with a minimum of 100 items sold will receive an additional \$.10 per box on initial order cookies for the MY24 Cookie Program.	
Service Unit Renewal	Service Units that renew 50% of its members (girls and adults), Service Unit will receive a Service Unit Party/ Recruitment Box.	Service Units that renew 65% of its members (girls and adults), Service Unit Dinner – A member of the Senior Leadership Team will bring dinner to the October 2023 Leader’s Meeting. (8 selected)	Service Units will receive 25 cents for each girl and adult registered by June 12.



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Spring Renewal Incentives

First Two Months (April 1 – May 31)

- “Super Troop Cookie Entrepreneurs” – Troops that renew 90% of girls by May 31 and participate in the MY24 Fall Product Program with a minimum of 100 items sold will receive an additional \$.10 per box on initial order cookies for the MY24 Cookie Program.
- Service Units that renew 65% of its members (girls and adults) will receive a Service Unit Dinner at their October 2023 Leader’s Meeting (8 selected).

Early Bird Renewal 2023-2024			
Renewal Incentives			
	First Month (April 1-31)	First Two Months (April 1- May 31)	Early Renewal (April 1- March 31)
Girl/Adult Renewal	Girls and adults who renew by April 30 will receive a \$10 credit (valid through 12/31/23).		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$1000 (Troop) or \$100 (Girl/Adult) Credit on General Dues (2 girls and 1 adult) every January through April 30, 2024.• All girls renewed will receive a \$100 credit that expires 12/31/23.• All girls and adults are invited to the Fall Product Program (Fall 2023) (September-December 2023).
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Spring Renewal Incentives

Entire Campaign (April 1 – June 12)



- **Weekly drawing of \$25 Council Shop Gift Card (2 girls and 1 adult) every Monday April 10 – June 12**
- **All girls renewed will receive a GSoFSI Early Bird Patch.**
- **All girls and adults are invited to the Girl Scouts Take Over Water Park Events in August 2023 (REG. Deadline is July 31st)**
- **Service Units will receive \$.25 for each girl and adult registered by June 12.**



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Spring Renewal Reminders:

- Order Early Bird T-Shirts by May 2 (those who renewed by 4/30)
- New girls are registered by the caregiver. Leaders are not able to add/register new girls, only renewing girls/adults.

New Troop Number Request

- Service Unit Managers or Service Unit Registers request troop numbers using the below form.
- New Troop Number Request Form - -
<https://gsofsi.jotform.com/230026406506950>

Fall Council-Wide Recruitment

- Saturday - 8/26/23
- Each Service Unit's local recruitment event



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

MY23 Membership Goals and Update

Traditional Troop Girls = **5200**; Adults – **2800**

- Girls = 4,980 girls or 96% to MY23 goal

- Adults = 3,105 adults or 111% to MY23 goal

Girl Scouts of Southern Hills
Traditional Girls and Adults
Progress to MY23 Goals

Area - Service Unit Name	New Members	Total Members	Traditional Girls	Adults	Total Members	% to Goal
Area01 - SU101 - Stone Mountain County	11	53	41	12	53	96%
Area01 - SU102 - Granite City/Madison/Venice	40	112	94	18	112	96%
Area01 - SU106 - Bethalto	17	103	86	17	103	96%
Area01 - SU109 - Troy/St. Jacob	14	103	89	14	103	96%
Area01 - SU209 - Columbia/Millstadt/Dupo/Smithton	14	214	182	32	214	96%
Area01 - SU511 - Effingham County	60	744	684	60	744	96%
Area01 - SU521 - Western Coles/Cumberland County	14	74	60	14	74	96%
Area01 - SU522 - Eastern Coles County	10	74	64	10	74	96%
Area01 - SU531 - Edgar/Clark County	10	74	64	10	74	96%
Area02 - SU101 - Stone Mountain County	11	53	41	12	53	96%
Area02 - SU102 - Granite City/Madison/Venice	40	112	94	18	112	96%
Area02 - SU106 - Bethalto	17	103	86	17	103	96%
Area02 - SU109 - Troy/St. Jacob	14	103	89	14	103	96%
Area02 - SU209 - Columbia/Millstadt/Dupo/Smithton	14	214	182	32	214	96%
Area02 - SU511 - Effingham County	60	744	684	60	744	96%
Area02 - SU521 - Western Coles/Cumberland County	14	74	60	14	74	96%
Area02 - SU522 - Eastern Coles County	10	74	64	10	74	96%
Area02 - SU531 - Edgar/Clark County	10	74	64	10	74	96%
Area03 - SU101 - Stone Mountain County	11	53	41	12	53	96%
Area03 - SU102 - Granite City/Madison/Venice	40	112	94	18	112	96%
Area03 - SU106 - Bethalto	17	103	86	17	103	96%
Area03 - SU109 - Troy/St. Jacob	14	103	89	14	103	96%
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GRAND TOTAL		1,110	1,000	1,110	1,110	96%

Congratulations – MY23 Goal Achievements

- SU 12 – Clay County
- SU 102 – Granite City/Madison/Venice
- SU 15 – Clinton/Washington County
- SU 106 - Bethalto
- SU 45 – Massac County
- SU 109 – Troy/St. Jacob
- SU 51 – North Franklin County
- SU 209 – Columbia/Millstadt/Dupo/Smithton
- SU 54 – Perry County
- SU 511 – Effingham County
- SU 57 – North Randolph County
- SU 521 – Western Coles/Cumberland County
- SU 60 – South Randolph County
- SU 522 – Eastern Coles County
- SU 72 – Union/Pulaski/Alexander County
- SU 531 – Edgar/Clark County



DEVELOPMENT

Women's Weekend at Camp

- May 20 – 21, 2023
- Brunch
- Hiking
- Archery
- \$40 day only - - \$50 overnight
- Deadline: May 8th



May 20-21, 2023
Women's Weekend at
Camp
Sponsored by GS Network

Welcome spring with a wonderful adults-only weekend at camp!
The day will begin with brunch, followed by opportunities for hiking, archery, and volunteerism in the great outdoors.

Come alone or attend with friends - we're sure to have a great time during this getaway!

\$40 day only | \$50 overnight
Space is limited to 60 individuals. **Register by May 8th to reserve your spot!**

Arrival on Saturday, May 20 begins at 10:00 a.m.
Camp Torqua: 4725 Girl Scout Rd. Edwardsville, Illinois 62025





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Program Reminders

STEM Exploration with the US Navy – 5/12, deadline 5/8. Daisies – Adults, SWIC Belleville, \$4.

Under the Stars, Diamond Edition – 7/14-15, deadline 7/3. Daisies – Adults, Grizzly Stadium, \$30.

MY24 Early Bird Take Over the Water Parks: Exclusive for MY24 members and their tagalongs private swim party events – deadline 6/12 – price increases after June 12th (until July 31 deadline)

8/3 – Raging Rivers in Grafton - \$19 (\$25 for tags)

8/5 – Aquatic Zoo in Mt Vernon – \$7 adults; \$5 girls (\$10 tags)

Summer Camp



The following Day Camps are full/closed: SU 110 Highland, SU 201 O'Fallon. All GSoFSI resident camps and STEM Camp XI deadline tonight at 11:59 pm.

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Council-Sponsored Travel

NEW! Space Camp Council Trip to US Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL.

Dates: Friday, Nov 10, 2023 5:30 am – Sunday, Nov 12, 2023 8:00 pm

Age Levels: 4th – 8th grade in Fall 2023

Cost: \$750 (\$375 due with registration)

Registration deadline: **May 29, 2023**

Join us for an adventure filled three-day, two night program. Girls will build a model rocket, train like an astronaut and work in mission control or launch as part of the flight crew on a simulated space mission, including the 1/6th Gravity Chair, the Five Degrees of Freedom simulator and the Multi-Axis trainer.

Includes: transportation to and from Space Camp, T-shirt, fun patch, group photo, program completion certificates, meals at Space Camp and lunch on the drive home, lodging, and all activities.

Adults: Our mission is to provide programs that are girl led and girl focused. With that, we are seeking 7 adults to be Travel Advisors for this trip who will participate in pre-trip meetings, chaperone the trip, and participate in Space Camp activities. The cost to be a Travel Advisor for this trip is \$700. Registration information and payment will be collected upon acceptance. The deadline to apply is May 29th. To apply go to

<https://gsfsi.jotform.com/230534720281044>.

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Preferred
Partnership

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Girl Scouts in the Summer

Looking for locations for your troop or family to visit this summer? Don't forget to check out our list of vetted, preferred partners:

<https://www.gsosi.org/en/discover/activities/preferred-program-partners.html>

New partners are being added monthly. We already have obtained COIs and in-person vetted the location (if needed).

Watch for the 2023 Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge to be announced in June. The patch program runs until the Girl Scouts Love State Parks weekend in September. You can order patches directly from the GSUSA online shop.

For Service Unit Teams:

Included in your post-Council Connections email will be a list of TENTATIVE GSofSI MY24 programs. Service Unit teams are invited to refer to this list when planning their Service Unit level events. Know that details have not been firmed up for all dates/locations and are subject to change. Please do not share with your troops.

QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!

Next Meeting: August 7, 2023

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!

