

The VINE



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Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois

Volunteer Information and News Email

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The VINE is sent monthly to Girl Scout volunteers and friends.

Vote On-line for the New GSEIWI Council Patch

Vote now

through the end of April for the new GSEIWI council patch. Girls who participate in Spring Registration will receive the patch free.

Open House at Dubuque Service Center

Join us on May 2 from 8 AM to 6 PM for an Open House at the Dubuque Service Center to celebrate our first year as Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois.

Visitors can enjoy tours of the newly remodeled office, craft activities for

New Scarves Available

As of October 1, 2008, the new adult Girl Scout uniform will be a navy suit of the wearer's choice along with one of two Girl Scout scarves or a Girl Scout tie. The scarves and tie are now available at the Girl Scout Shops. The silk scarf designed by Marisol Deluna is shown.



Opportunities for Girls

Troop Tours-Bring your troop to your local service center for Troop Tours! Meet the staff at GSEIWI, get a glimpse behind the scenes and even have your troop meeting at your local service center. Troop Tours patches will be available for purchase in your local Girl Scout Shop. Register [here](#).

2008 Trip to Chicago-Girls currently in grades 6-7 will have an opportunity to travel by charter bus to Chicago, Illinois, on **July 7-9, 2008**. Stopping points include: Brookfield Zoo, Hancock Building,



Medieval Times, Navy Pier, Shedd Aquarium, Sear's Tower, Six Flags Great America, and more! Cost is \$350 per person and includes all transportation, hotel lodging, meals and admission fees. [Register](#) by May 1, 2008.

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children and a special lunch in honor of Audrey Hammer, who has been involved with Girl Scouts for more than 60 years, serving as a staff member, leader, trainer and day camp counselor.

Visitors will also be able to purchase raffle tickets for the Girl Scout Camp Quilt, which will be on display in the office during the entire month of May. Visitors will receive 10% off their entire purchase made at the Dubuque Girl Scout Shop during the Open House.

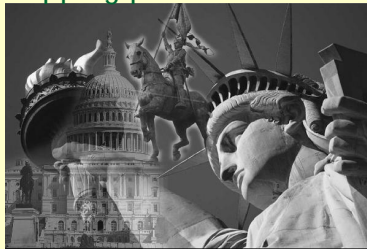
If you have questions about this event, please contact Stacy Conforti at stacyc@gseiwi.org or 563-583-9169.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program Drawing Winners

Melina Chidester (Waterloo) won a 5-foot stuffed "Dash the Dog." She completed the "Catch Goals" program on-line.

Troops #1087 (Clinton), #2021 (Deep River), #2263 (Ely), #7138 (Dubuque) and #8642 (Davenport) won tickets their choice of to an indoor water park and a hotel stay or a \$100 gift card for the Girl Scout Shops. These troops had a troop average of 123 boxes sold per girl.

2009 Trip to New York City, Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia-Girls currently in 6-11 grades (*must be at least 13 years old on July 25, 2009*) will have an opportunity to travel by charter bus to New York City, Washington D.C., and Philadelphia on **July 25 - August 1, 2009**. Stopping points include: Arlington National Cemetery, Broadway Show,



Capital Building, CBS Morning Show, Ellis Island- Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building, Independence Hall, Liberty Bell, Monument Twilight Tours, Radio City Music Hall, Smithsonian Museums, NBC Studio tour, New York City tour, Planet Hollywood, Washington Monument, and more! Cost is

\$1,275 per person and includes all transportation, hotel lodging, meals and admission fees. [Register](#) by June 1, 2008. *Cookie Program Credit accepted; Grants for Girls available. For more information about either trip, please call Tammy Allison at (319)752-3639.*

Volunteer Update

Service Area Meeting Evaluations

Volunteers, your input is valued! Share your thoughts about the April service area meetings. How valuable was the service area meeting to you, the volunteer? What activities would you like to see happening? What ideas do you have for future meetings? If you didn't complete an evaluation at your service area meeting, please complete it now [on-line](#).

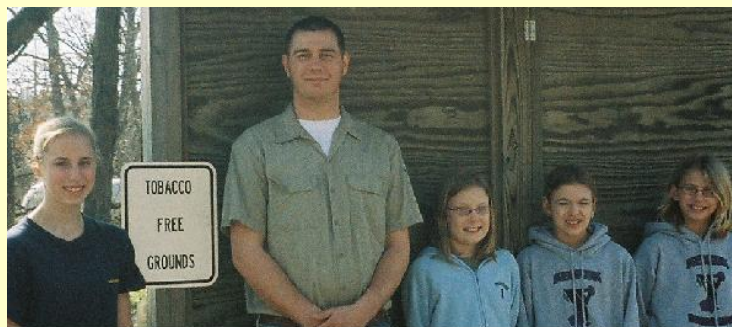
Annual Leader Review

It's time for troop volunteers to complete a Leader Review. Found in each troop's spring registration packet, this form can be turned in with spring registration, turned into your Regional Membership Manager (RMM) or completed [on-line](#). The form is also available to be [downloaded](#).

Explore Your Girl Scout Camps

Girl Scout Camps Now Smoke-Free

GSEIWI is proud to have adopted a "No Smoking" policy on all council properties. Please be aware of this as you plan your next visit and please enjoy your smoke-free environment!



Girl Scout Shop Update

Upcoming Shop Promotions:

Month of April:

10% off all "Girl Scouts Go Green" items

Leader's Day-April 22: 25% off one in-stock item (one day only)

Shop Closing:

The Girl Scout Shops will be closed on May 26 for Memorial Day.

Summer Hours:

The Girl Scout Shops will observe the following hours from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Monday - Thursday:

7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday:

7:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Quick Links

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Spring Troop Camping

Spring is the perfect time for your girls to plan a troop camp out at one of your four Girl Scout camps. The camp rangers are available to help you book your reservation and plan a fun-filled outing to meet your girls' needs and interests.

Troop Horseback Riding

Troop horseback riding programs for girls in grades 1-12 are available at Camp Conestoga. There are openings through June 1 and starting August 23. For questions about the riding program, contact Joanne Dumar at 563-349-6149 or joanned@gseiwi.org and contact

Kim Kirby at 800-798-0833 or kimk@gseiwi.org to register.

Girl Scout Day Camps

Information regarding all volunteer-led day camps is available [on-line](#) and included in the Summer Event Guide that has been mailed to girls and leaders in April.

It's not too late to plan a day camp for your service area. Attend your April Service Area meeting to get information on "Camp in a Can"--a pre-packaged day camp that you can implement in your service area.



Ready. Set. Camp! at Girl Scout Resident Camp

Girl Scout camp is an awesome way for girls to try new things and meet new friends. GSEIWI has four great camps to choose from, offering a wide variety of sessions, so there is something for everyone. From going to camp the first time with their mom or dad to exploring the Boundary Waters, it's guaranteed to be fun for every girl. *The 2008 Camp Guide is available [on-line](#) or contact your local Girl Scout office. Registrations are accepted. [Open sessions](#) are updated weekly.*

Girl Scout Resident Camp Staff Needed

Here's an opportunity that will make your summer worthwhile. Girl Scout camp is not only fun for girls but it makes a great summer job. At Girl Scout camp, you can help shape the lives of young girls and young women while having fun in an outdoor setting. We have four great camps to choose from with lots of different employment opportunities. Available positions are listed [on-line](#).

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