

# Service Unit Update

April 2025



## Updates for Service Unit Teams

This section provides information and updates for Service Unit Directors and other Service Unit Team members.

- **Service Unit Event Coordinator and Program Director Meetups**

We are hosting meetups in all areas of our council. These sessions will provide an opportunity to share your insights on resources for Program Directors and Event Coordinators—such as training, guides, event registration platforms, and more. You will have the opportunity to collaborate with other area Service Units, discuss council event plans for the upcoming year, and discuss resources to support service unit planning. Registration links coming soon!

## What's Ahead

This section provides information and updates for ALL volunteers. Please share the information below through email and social media and add it to your leader meeting agenda. If your leader meeting is later in the month, please share this info on Facebook or email beforehand.

- **Happy Volunteer Appreciation Month!**

Girl Scout volunteers inspire and empower young leaders every day. Your dedication, time, and passion create life-changing experiences that shape the future for countless girls. Thank you for being the driving force behind adventures, growth, and meaningful connections. You make a difference that lasts a lifetime!

- **Renew Memberships 4/1**

[Membership renewal](#) launches on April 1, 2025! As your troop starts wrapping up the Cookie Program, they're probably eager to begin planning next year's adventures with the funds earned. Will you go camping at Liberty, Little Cloud, or L-Kee-Ta, take a field trip to a museum, attend events and programs, give back to your community, or try something new? The possibilities are unlimited!

Thank you for leading your troop and creating unique experiences for your Girl Scouts! Together, we're creating a safe and supportive environment so all girls can become courageous and confident.

As a thank you for renewing early, we are giving girls and volunteers who renew FREE troop shirts! They will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Add a popular patch to your vest to celebrate your year in Girl Scouts! Our retail team is taking pre-orders for “Together, we’re unlimited” patches. [Order by April 30, 2025.](#)

As you plan ahead, it’s helpful for our council and your troop leadership to know who plans to continue next school year. As your troop decides which expenses are covered by the troop and which are covered by the family, the 2025-2026 Girl Scout membership fee will be \$45, and the adult membership fee will be \$30 for an entire year.

Please email [Info@GirlScoutsToday.org](mailto:Info@GirlScoutsToday.org) or call 563-823-9940 if you have any questions as you begin planning for next year!

- **Cookie Program**

- Rewards will begin to arrive to Service Units in late April. Please distribute rewards right away to girls and celebrate your success!
- Super Seller rewards will be distributed through the council. A member of the Product Program staff will reach out to those Girl Scout families with more information.
- Program Credit emails will be sent in early April to caregivers. [Program Credit](#) earned during the 2025 Cookie Program expires on May 1, 2026.
- If you have a Girl Scout in your troop with a Problem Collection Form (PCF) on file with the council, please hold on to her rewards or turn them into the Service Unit Product Manager or council until payment is received.

- **Annual Meeting, Celebrating Girl Scouts and Journey the World – Cedar Rapids, IA – April 5, [Register Here](#) or at the door!**

It’s not too late to join us at the Annual Meeting, Celebrating Girl Scouts, and Journey the World! We will kick the day off at the Prairie High School auditorium for the Annual Meeting and Celebrating Girl Scouts. Members can participate in Girl Scout governance to make sure their voice is heard, then cheer for their fellow Girl Scouts as we celebrate the amazing accomplishments of our youth and volunteers. Then we will head over to Hawkeye Downs for an epic adventure at Journey the World!

- **Courage, Confidence, and Campfires, May 3, Camp Liberty, [Register by April 23](#)**

- A fun way to get required outdoor training or challenge yourself is by becoming a facilitator for Archery or the Low Zip Line and Climbing Wall to support your troop, service unit campouts, and our council events.
- Add to your skills with the Next Step Camping session.

- Meet other leaders, learn and share great tips and tricks, and enjoy the outdoors.
- Add on the overnight for Saturday! Choose indoor or outdoor sleeping accommodations and enjoy an evening of songs, games, and group Q&A sessions.
- Bonus! All volunteers completing a Saturday training session will receive a \$20 discount on their next camp rental.
- If you attend [CPR/First Aid training on Friday night](#), you can stay at camp that night free of charge if you're attending Saturday training.

**Exciting news!** This event will be a pick-up location for the Girl Scout Shop! Place an order online for badges, patches, uniforms, apparel, and more. Save on shipping or an extra trip and have your shop order ready for pick up at the event. Please place your order by May 1, at [www.GSEIWIShop.com](http://www.GSEIWIShop.com).

## • **Camp Rental**

Did you know you can stay at camp any time of the year? Camp Little Cloud (near Dubuque), Camp Liberty (near the Quad Cities), and Camp L-Kee-Ta (near Burlington) all have modern, climate-controlled cabins available. Troops and Service Units can rent units at any of our three Girl Scout camp properties at a huge discount by using the special rate code GS50 (case sensitive). Start your next Girl Scout adventure by following this link: <https://secure.thinkreservations.com/girlscoutstoday/reservations>. Email [Info@GirlScoutsToday.org](mailto:Info@GirlScoutsToday.org) using the subject line "Camp Rental" for more information.

Help us spread the word, our camps are also open to non-members! From beautiful weddings to a quiet weekend away, we can assist in planning the perfect event!

## • **Spring and Fall Horseback Riding**

Saddle up for an adventure at the Camp Liberty Equestrian Center! The Spring and Fall riding program allows Girl Scouts of all ages to experience a horseback riding adventure. Girl Scouts who participate can choose from various activities based on their comfort zone to ensure a positive riding experience at the Camp Liberty Equestrian Center. Whether you are just starting out and learning the basics of riding or ready to hit the trail with your friends, visit your favorite horse friends at the Camp Liberty Equestrian Center! Spring 2025 riding dates are now open for registration at [Event Calendar | Girl Scouts](#).

## Upcoming Events

**April 5, All Ages, Annual Meeting, Celebrating Girl Scouts, and Journey the World-Cedar Rapids, [Pre-register by April 2](#)**

April 9, Senior-Ambassador, Road to Gold: Gold Award Training-Online, [Register by April 8](#)

April 12, Brownie-Junior, Growing Up In The Gilded Age-Monmouth, [Register by April 2](#)

April 12, All Ages, SU855 Every Bunny Loves Spring-Camp Liberty, [Register by April 8](#)

April 12, Daisy-Junior, Spy Scouts: Operation Adventure-Bettendorf, [Register by April 9](#)

April 12, Cadette-Ambassador, Solar Sisters Space Science Badge Overnight-Ely, [Register by March 31](#)

April 15, All Ages, Geology Days with Winneshiek County Conservation-Decorah, [Register by April 9](#)

April 17, Cadette-Ambassador, Self Portrait Painting-Waterloo, [Register by April 9](#)

April 19, Junior, Geocaching Workshop with Indian Creek Nature Center-Cedar Rapids, [Register by April 16](#)

April 19, Daisy, Nature Senses and Art with Indian Creek Nature Center-Cedar Rapids, [Register by April 16](#)

April 25, Brownie-Junior, Girl Scout Day At The Capitol-Des Moines, [Register by April 11](#)

April 25, Daisy-Junior, Spy Scouts: Operation Adventure-Camp Little Cloud, [Register by April 23](#)

April 26, Cadette-Ambassador, High Ropes Challenge (Morning Session)-Camp Liberty, [Register by April 16](#)

April 26, Cadette-Ambassador, High Ropes Challenge (Afternoon Session)-Camp Liberty, [Register by April 16](#)

April 26, Cadette, Program Aide Training-Camp Liberty, [Register by April 16](#)

April 26, Daisy-Junior, Citizen Science with Indian Creek Nature Center-Cedar Rapids, [Register by April 23](#)

April 26, Daisy-Junior, Spy Scouts: Operation Adventure-Waterloo, [Register by April 23](#)

April 26, Daisy-Junior, Spy Scouts: Operation Adventure-Davenport, [Register by April 23](#)

April 26, Daisy-Junior, Spy Scouts: Operation Adventure-Decorah, [Register by April 23](#)

April 26, All Ages, Celebrate Arbor Day-Dubuque, [Register by April 9](#)

April 26-27, Brownie, Brownie Overnight at the Mississippi River Museum, [Register by April 16](#)

April 27, Daisy-Junior, Spy Scouts: Operation Adventure-Cedar Rapids, [Register by April 23](#)

May 2, Daisy-Junior, Spy Scouts: Operation Adventure-Galesburg, [Register by April 30](#)

May 3, Daisy-Junior, Create The Spark: Spring-Camp L-Kee-Ta, [Register by April 23](#)

May 4, Daisy-Junior, Spy Scouts: Operation Adventure-Camp L-Kee-Ta, [Register by April 30](#)

May 9, Daisy-Junior, Spy Scouts: Operation Adventure-Fairfield, [Register by May 7](#)

May 10, Daisy-Junior, Spy Scouts: Operation Adventure-Moline, [Register by May 7](#)

May 17, Daisy-Junior, SU810 Overnight At The Iowa Children's Museum-Coralville, [Register by May 10](#)

**May 18, Daisy-Junior, Travel (Day Trip): Wildlife Prairie Park-Hanna City, [Register by May 10](#)**

**June 6-8, Cadette-Ambassador, Raise Your Voice-Iowa City, [Register by April 30](#)**

**June 7-8, Junior, Raise Your Voice Junior-Iowa City, [Register by April 30](#)**

June 8, All Ages, SU625 Family Fun Day At Palmer's-Waterloo, [Register at the door](#)

## Upcoming Training

May 2, Volunteers, Red Cross CPR, First Aid, AED Training-Camp Liberty, [Register by April 25](#)

May 3, CSA-Volunteers, Red Cross CPR, First Aid, AED Training-Bettendorf, [Register by April 25](#)  
May 16, CSA-Volunteers, Red Cross CPR, First Aid, AED Training-Waterloo, [Register by May 9](#)  
May 31, Volunteers, Small Craft Training-Camp Liberty, [Register by May 21](#)  
June 13, CSA-Volunteers, Red Cross CPR, First Aid, AED Training-Cedar Rapids, [Register by June 6](#)

**Find more upcoming events at [www.GirlScoutsToday.org/events](http://www.GirlScoutsToday.org/events)**