Service Unit Update

June 2025



Updates for Service Unit Teams

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

Save the Date – Service Unit Retreat, Camp Liberty, August 8-9, 2025

The Service Unit Retreat will be held at Camp Liberty this year. Be on the lookout for an invitation to the retreat! This is an opportunity for Service Unit Team members to come together to participate in training, work with each other, and prepare for the year ahead.

Service Unit Event Coordinator and Program Director Meetups

Get ready to kick off the Girl Scout year with energy and inspiration! These fun, casual meetups are a great way for service unit volunteers to connect, share ideas, and get equipped with tools and updates to support your events. Join us for tips for organizing events, strategies for collaborative planning, plenty of idea-sharing, and, of course, pizza! **Registration is required** to attend.

Choose the session that works best for you:

- Waterloo June 2, 6:00–7:30 PM
- Coralville June 3, 5:00–6:30 PM
- Bettendorf June 10, 6:00–7:30 PM
- Dubuque June 16, 6:00–7:30 PM
- West Burlington June 17, 6:00–7:30 PM

Register here!

Service Unit Renewal Incentive

Service Units that meet their membership renewal goal by July 31 will receive a \$50 incentive. In total, units can earn up to \$250 by achieving goals in the areas of renewal, membership growth, cookie sales, service unit events, and the President's Award. If you have not yet done so, please get in touch with your Community Engagement Manager to schedule a review of your 2024–2025 Plan of Work.

Extended Year Membership for New Girl Scouts!

New members are now eligible for Extended Year Membership at a cost of \$63. This membership covers the remainder of the current membership year and the entire next membership year. This is an excellent opportunity to welcome new families to Girl Scouts.

Now is a great time to partner with your Community Engagement Manager to schedule recruitment events for incoming Daisy troops. Let's work together to grow our Girl Scout community and ensure every girl has the chance to experience friendship, leadership, and exciting opportunities.

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Head Start partnership with Girl Scouts

Our partnership with Head Start is live! This new national partnership to drive participation in the Get Ready with Girl ScoutsTM Program launched on Thursday, May 15. The dedicated lead form is now available at www.girlscouts.org/headstart. All girls enrolled in Head Start and entering kindergarten or first grade in the fall will be offered a FREE membership starting now through September 30, 2026, paid for by GSUSA. They will also receive three activity books shipped directly to their home this summer, filled with fun activities to get ready for the new school year, E-newsletters with more activities for the whole family, and a surprise welcome gift! Head Start families must sign up at www.girlscouts.org/headstart by June 30, 2025.

With summer break quickly approaching, Community Engagement Managers are distributing flyers to as many Head Start locations as possible to promote this opportunity before the programs wrap up for the season.

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.

Renew your Girl Scout Membership!

Supplies are running low on "Together, We're Unlimited" shirts! You can easily go online with the troop ACH Form if you haven't already renewed. <u>Start planning your next year in Girl Scouts!</u>

The 2025-2026 Girl Scout membership is \$45, and the adult membership fee is \$30. If you need any help renewing your troop or have questions, please email <u>Info@GirlScoutsToday.org</u> or call 563-823-9940.

Halloweekend – Host a Tent-n-Treat Station

Halloweekend is October 18 at Camp Liberty. Get ready to make Halloweekend the most magical, spooktacular event of the season! Transform a cabin into a Halloween wonderland with your troop.

To join the Tent-N-Treat fun, choose a theme—Fun, Light Fright, or Full Fright—and <u>register your</u> <u>troop to host a station</u>. Bring decorations and candy to match your theme. On event day, set up, hand out treats, and enjoy the event!

Hosting has its Perks! When you host a tent, you get:

- FREE Admission for up to 10 Girl Scouts and two adults!
- Overnight Option! Stay near your Tent-N-Treat setup on Friday, October 17th (first come, first served).
- Early Cabin Choice! Register to host by July 15th and get first dibs on Saturday night cabin rentals (October 18th).

Cookie Program wrap-up

We are so thankful for all that you do to support your Girl Scouts! You will soon receive a Cookie Program survey by email. Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey—we value your input!

John Deere Classic Youth Day Volunteer - Silvis

Girl Scouts, Families, and Friends are invited to volunteer for the John Deere Classic Youth Day. Volunteers will prepare the Youth Day bags and distribute them at the event.

Volunteers get perks, including a free lunch, a John Deere Classic Clear Stadium Bag, access to Concerts on the Course, and access to the tournament grounds.

This is a two-day volunteer opportunity, and all volunteers are expected to attend both days.

- Day 1 (6/29 5:30-6:30 p.m.): Youth Day Bag Prep
- Day 2 (7/2 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.): Distribute Bags at John Deere Classic Youth Day

Get your troop, a group of friends, or your family together and volunteer for the John Deere Classic Youth Day! Register by June 18.

Girl Scout Experience Box for New Daisy or Brownie Troops

The Girl Scout Experience Box is a new program that provides an amazing resource to leaders of first-year Girl Scout Daisy (grades K–1 in the 2025/2026 school year) and first-year Brownie (grades 2-3 in the 2025/2026 school year) troops. This includes troops that are bridging from Daisy to Brownie!

Starting in August 2025, qualifying Daisy and Brownie troop leaders will receive a monthly supply box filled with step-by-step instructions, supplies, and thoughtful script suggestions. This complimentary resource will follow the <u>Daisy First Year Troop Plan</u> and the <u>Brownie First Year Troop Plan</u> and be delivered directly to troop leaders.

Each troop receives one box that contains enough ready-to-go supplies to serve all Girl Scouts in a troop and will help you build a stash of reusable items, such as child scissors. We'll update the number of Girl Scouts in your troop ahead of each shipment, so all you need to do is unbox the fun!

To receive your first box, each new Daisy and Brownie troop must:

- Register at least four new Daisy OR four new (or bridging) Brownie Girl Scouts
- Register at least one adult volunteer
- Complete the required order form
- o Daisy Form
- o Brownie Form

We have a helpful FAQ page to answer additional questions, or contact us at info@girlscoutstoday.org.

Summer Camp at Camp Liberty!

There is still time to sign up for summer camp! Campers are able to grow in confidence and independence in a supportive environment while trying new things, exploring the world around them and making new friends and memories that will last a lifetime at summer camp! 2-, 3- and 5-night sessions are available in a variety of living units from traditional rustic cabins to modern units with air conditioning and electricity. See the sessions that are still available below and <u>register here.</u>

Brownie (Going into 2-3rd grade in Fall 2025)

- Dr. Zoolittle (June 22-27)- The Woodlands
- Ooey Gooey Fun (July 6-11)- Clover
- Super Spy (July 6-11)- Clover
- Splish Splash (July 20-25)- Clover
- Ready, Set, Camp (Jul 27- Aug 1)- Clover

Junior (Going into 4-5th grade in Fall 2025)

- Artist's Palette (June 15-20)- Clover
- Happy Camper (June 15-20)- Violet
- Horsin' Around- (June 15-20)- Horseshoe Bend
- Game On! (June 22-27) Clover
- Up, Up and Away (Jun 29- Jul 2) Prairie's Edge
- Gadgets & Gizmos (July 6-11)- Violet
- Zip Away! (July 6-11)- The Woodlands
- Afloat (July 13-18)- Clover
- Hero's Quest (July 13-18) The Woodlands
- Homestead Horizons (July 20-25) The Woodlands
- Goo & Slime (July 27- August 1) -Violet
- Broadway Bound (Jul 27- Aug 1) -Horseshoe Bend

Cadette (Going into 6-8th grade in Fall 2025)

- Camp Adventures (Jun 15-20 and Jul 27- Aug 1) Sunflower
- Voyageurs (June 22-27) -North Star
- Boats and Belays (June 29- July 2) -North Star
- Thought Bubble (June 29- July 2) -Outpost
- Camp Adventures Mini (July 6-8) -Outpost
- Flint Lake Floaters (July 13-18) -North Star
- Zombie Survival Squad (July 13-18) -Prairie's Edge
- Night Owls (July 20-25) -North Star
- Create It! (July 20-25) -Prairie's Edge
- Beach Adventures Mini (July 27-29) -North Star
- Cast Iron Chef (Jul 27- Aug 1) -Sunflower

Seniors/Ambassadors (9-12th grade in Fall 2025)

- Café Forage (June 15-20) The Woodlands
- Just Camp Mini (June 29- July 2) -Sunflower
- Just Camp (July 20-25) -Sunflower
- All Aboard (July 20-25) -Sunflower

Upcoming Events

June 8, All Ages, SU625 Family Fun Day At Palmer's-Waterloo, Register at the door

June 10-12, All Ages, SU819 JoCo Day Camp At Hickory Hills Park-Iowa City, Register by June 3

June 23, Daisy-Brownie, SU915 Sunshine And Sisterhood Day Camp-Montrose, Register by June 18

June 23-27, All Ages, SU886 Creatures Of The Sea Day Camp At Cole Cabin-Geneseo, Register by June 2

June 23-26, Daisy-Cadette, SU857 Sunset Camp At Devil's Glen Park-Bettendorf, Register by May 31

June 26, Girl Scouts, Families, and Friends, Girl Scout Night At The 61 Drive-In-Delmar, Register by June 18

June 27, Junior-Ambassador, Geode Discovery Canoeing-Bentonsport, Register by June 18

June 29 and July 2, John Deere Classic Youth Day Volunteer-Silvis, Register by June 18

June 30, Pre-K-Brownie, SU836/932 Sunshine And Sisterhood Day-Wapello, Register by June 25

July 1-2, Daisy-Junior, Willow Day Camp-Camp Little Cloud, Register by June 11

July 18, Girl Scout Night With The Quad Cities River Bandits-Davenport, Register by July 16

July 31- August 3, Brownie-Ambassador, Camp Echo – Camp Little Cloud, Register by July 16

August 1-3, Junior-Ambassador, Yellow River Weekend Backpacking Trip-Harper's Ferry, Register by July 2

Upcoming Training

June 13, CSA-Volunteers, Red Cross CPR, First Aid, AED Training-Cedar Rapids, Register by June 6

June 21, Volunteers, Youth Mental Health First Aid-Online, Register by June 15

August 15, CSA-Volunteers, Red Cross CPR, First Aid, AED Training-Waterloo, Register by Aug 8

Find more upcoming events at www.GirlScoutsToday.org/events