

Service Unit Update

May 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

You're invited to join us for a relaxed, engaging meetup where Service Unit volunteers can come together to connect, collaborate, and gear up for an exciting Girl Scout year! This is a great chance to learn something new, connect with fellow volunteers, and set the stage for another impactful year in Girl Scouting.

Each session will include:

- Updates and tools to support service unit events
- Idea sharing and collaborative problem-solving
- Opportunities for questions and feedback
- Pizza will be served

Choose the session that works best for your schedule:

Date	Location	Address	Time
May 27	Decorah Lutheran Church (Social Hall)	309 Winnebago St, Decorah, IA 52101	6:00–7:30 PM
June 2	Waterloo Public Library (2nd Floor Conference Room)	415 Commercial St, Waterloo, IA 50701	6:00–7:30 PM
June 3	Coralville Library (Schwab Auditorium)	1401 5th St, Coralville, IA 52241	5:00–6:30 PM
June 10	GS Quad Cities Office (Large Conference Room)	940 Golden Valley Dr, Bettendorf, IA 52722	6:00–7:30 PM
June 16	Dubuque Multicultural Family Center (Room 2)	1157 Central Ave, Dubuque, IA 52001	6:00–7:30 PM
June 17	Girl Scout Burlington Office (Conference Room)	1308 Broadway St, West Burlington, IA 52655	6:00–7:30 PM

[RSVP for the session that works best for your schedule!](#)

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 contact 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, which covers the remainder of the current membership year as well as 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!

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!

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. You can contact your Community Engagement Manager or info@girlscoutstoday.org for shirt availability.

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 or call 563-823-9940 if you have any questions as you begin planning for next year!

Badge booklets now FREE to download in the Volunteer Toolkit!

Leaders now have access to all the badge booklets digitally in the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK). This content is found on each meeting page, directly under the steps and purpose of the badge. Due to digital licensing limitations for older badges, some content is presented in a plain text PDF.

Access the VTK in the "My Account" menu when you visit GirlScoutstoday.org and log in under myGS.

Girl Scout Experience Box for New Daisy or Brownie Troops

The Girl Scout Experience Box is a new program to provide 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 with an amazing resource. 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 [Daisy First Year Troop Plan](#) and the [Brownie First Year Troop Plan](#) 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
 - [Daisy Form](#)
 - [Brownie Form](#)

[We have a helpful FAQ page to answer additional questions](#) or contact us at info@girlscoutstoday.org.

Cookie Program wrap-up

Thank you to the amazing volunteers who make the Girl Scout Cookie Program possible! Through your dedication and guidance, you help Girl Scouts develop the skills that will shape their futures. Whether it's teaching them how to set achievable goals, manage their troop funds, or navigate their Cookie business with integrity, your impact is important!

You empower Girl Scouts to think creatively, act responsibly, and become confident leaders who are ready to make the world a better place. Your time, energy, and support are helping to build a brighter future for Girl Scouts!

Rewards and Finances

- Rewards will begin to arrive in May to service units. Please distribute rewards right away to girls and celebrate your success!
- 2025 Program Credit emails were sent to caregivers on April 4. Please remember that Program Credit issued from the 2023 Fall and 2024 Cookie Programs will expire on May 1, 2025 – no exceptions. [Click here](#) for more information about Program Credit.
- If you have a Girl Scout in your troop with a PCF (Problem Collection Form) on file with council, please hold on to her rewards (or turn them into the Service Unit Product Manager or council) until payment is received.

Camp and Outdoor Program

Summer Camp at Camp Liberty!

There are still spots available for overnight summer camp for kids going into grades 2-12 in fall 2025 including mini and full week options. Campers can come alone or with a buddy and we offer tiered pricing with financial aid available. Campers make friends, try new things, gain independence, and create memories to last a lifetime in a fun and supportive environment!

- See the full camp guide [here](#).
- [Register now!](#)

High Ropes Challenge

Cadette, Seniors, Ambassadors, and adults can test their courage and build confidence in a safe, supportive environment through team challenges and trying the 30ft. obstacle course and zipline over the treetops of Camp Liberty.

May 17th at Camp Liberty (Deadline to register 5/7)- \$30/person

- [Morning Session- 9am- 12pm](#)
- [Afternoon Session – 1-4pm](#)

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 here.](#)

Email 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 gives Girl Scouts of all ages an opportunity to experience a horseback riding adventure. Girls who participate can choose from various activities based on their comfort zones 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 are ready to hit the trail with your friends, come 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](#).

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

May is Mental Health Month! You can learn how to better support the mental health of adolescents and teens in your life with Youth Mental Health First Aid! This skills-based training teaches adults how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health or substance use challenge.

Learn more and register on [our event calendar](#). More training dates will be available soon!

Upcoming Events

- May 2, Daisy-Junior, Spy Scouts: Operation Adventure-Galesburg, [Register by April 30](#)
- 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](#)
- June 10-12, All Ages, SU819 JoCo Day Camp At Hickory Hills Park-Iowa City, [Register by June 3](#)
- June 15, Cadette, Learn Chess With STEM The Gap Academy-Online, [Register by June 11](#)
- June 22, Daisy, Mechanical Engineering: Board Games For Daisies -Online, [Register by June 18](#)
- 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, Brownie, Making Games: Learning Chess-Online, [Register by June 25](#)
- 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 31- August 3, Brownie-Ambassador, Camp Echo – Camp Little Cloud, [Register by July 16](#)

Upcoming Training

- 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 4-5, Volunteers, Youth Mental Health First Aid-Online, Register by May 30.
- 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](#).

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