

Service Unit Update

August 2025



Updates for Service Unit Teams

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

Service Unit Finance Report

Now is the time to submit your year-end finance report! Finance reports for Service Units are due on August 31st. Service Units submit their information by email to info@girlscoutstoday.org – see the gsLearn [Money Management for Service Units training](#) or [the report template](#) for more details.

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.

Halloween weekend registration is LIVE!

Get ready for a spook-tacular day of fall fun! Everyone is invited to Camp Liberty—just north of the I-80 World's Largest Truck Stop—for a Halloween celebration like no other. Join us for outdoor adventures, silly scares, and festive crafts all for just **\$5 per person** when you register in advance!

- Trick-or-Treating at decorated cabins
- Hands on Halloween Crafts and Activities
- Halloween themed Geocaching
- Spooky trail walk
- Hayrack Rides
- Giant Slide and Laser Tag Inflatables
- Glitter Tattoos

[Cost: \\$5 youth/adult pre-event registration by 10/15/25](#)

After 10/15/25 and Walk-in at event cost \$10 youth/adult

Location: Camp Liberty, 415 295th St, New Liberty, IA 52765

Consider making it a weekend event for your Service Unit or Troops. We have opportunities to stay overnight Saturday in outdoor cabins, climate-controlled cabins, and tents!
Saturday Night Movie in lodge with popcorn bar.

[Host a Tent n Treat and receive a free Friday night stay in outdoor cabins!](#)

Complete your troop finance report for a chance to win!

You could be selected for 1 of 3 Starbucks gift cards! We will draw from the finance reports received by August 15, September 5, and September 26.

Reminder to troops to submit their finance report before September 30. The Finance tab in the Volunteer Toolkit is the place to record troop income and expenses from the troop year and submit your troop finance report. Get your troop's finance report submitted to be included in a prize drawing. Yours could be selected from the finance reports received by August 15, September 5, and September 26.

All troops need to submit their finance report before September 30, 2025.

Journey Retirement and New Highest Award Prerequisites

You heard right! On July 14, Girl Scouts of the USA announced new Leadership Awards for Juniors through Ambassadors. [You can view all the new content on GSUSA's Leadership Award page](#) – including the guides with instructions on earning the new awards.

As part of this update, National Leadership Journeys will be retired over a one-year transition period. Importantly, there will be no impact on Girl Scouts who plan to or have already earned Journeys—if a Girl Scout has earned a Journey to be used as a prerequisite, it will never expire.

Explore Adult-Centered Digital Well-Being Resources on VTK

Meta and Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) have partnered to provide volunteers, parents, and caregivers with four practical resources to help girls build positive digital habits. These tools offer guidance on fostering teens' digital well-being, including tips for starting open conversations about social media, managing screen time in an intentional and balanced way, and supporting youth through negative online experiences. The resources also highlight the importance of modeling positive digital behavior and using technology with intention.

Action needed: Find the digital well-being resources now available as supplemental tools to the Senior and Ambassador Digital Leadership badges at Girl Scout Volunteer Toolkit (VTK).

Teen travel with Girl Scouts

NEW DESTINATION travel opportunities go live today!

Girl Scout Destinations are the ultimate adventure for girls ages 11 and older! With different trips every year, there's something amazing for everyone.

Our council is hosting 2 Destinations, [GS Across States Explore Washinton DC](#) and [Belize Beyond the Beach: A Conservation Journey](#)

Do you have a Girl Scout interested in earning extra funds for these travel opportunities? GSUSA has awarded our council grant money to assist individual GS in affording Destination Experiences. Our council has a fundraising opportunity at Halloweekend too! Need more information: reach out to Aimeew@girlscoutstoday.org

Activity Accident Insurance Going Fully Automatic, Effective October 1, 2025

Effective October 1, 2025, Activity Accident Insurance will be completely automatic with no additional cost. In addition to accident/injury coverage for day events, the new policy will automatically include sickness coverage for all overnight stays (including camp) and international travel. This change, effective for trips occurring on and after October 1, 2025, eliminates the need for manual individual insurance requests entirely.

Camp Adventures Await—All Year Long!

Guess what? Camping isn't just for summer anymore—start planning now to enjoy the magic of camp this fall and winter!

Camp Liberty (near the Quad Cities), Camp Little Cloud (near Dubuque), and Camp L-Kee-Ta (near Burlington) are open year-round—and yes, they've got cozy, climate-controlled cabins ready for your next adventure!

Whether you're planning a troop sleepover or a full-on Service Unit bash, Girl Scout groups get an **awesome discount** with the code **GS50** (yep, it's case sensitive)!

[Reserve Your Spot Now!](#)

Got questions? We've got answers! Just send an email to Info@GirlScoutsToday.org with the subject line "Camp Rental."

Bonus: Our camps aren't just for Girl Scouts! Non-members are welcome too! From dreamy weddings to peaceful weekend getaways, we're here to help you plan something unforgettable.

Let's make some memories—see you at camp!

Upcoming Events

August 6, Senior-Ambassador, [Road To Gold: Gold Award Training-Online](#), Register by August 5

August 10, Brownie, [Cybersecurity Basics For Brownies Badge Workshop-Online](#), Register by August 6

August 20, All ages, [SU810 Empower Girl Scouts Day Camp at Eastern Iowa Arts Academy-Cedar Rapids](#), Register by August 15

August 22, All ages, friends & families, [Wickedly Good Watch Party-Decorah](#), Register by August 13

September 13, All ages, friends & families, [Girl Scout Day With Iowa Hawkeyes Football-Iowa City](#), Register by September 10

Upcoming Training

August 15, CSA-Volunteers, [Red Cross CPR, First Aid, AED Training-Waterloo](#), Register by Aug 8

September 19, CSA-Volunteers, [Red Cross CPR, First Aid, AED Training-Cedar Rapids](#), Register by Sept 11

November 21, CSA-Volunteers, [Red Cross CPR, First Aid, AED Training-Waterloo](#), Register by Nov 14

December 19, CSA-Volunteers, [Red Cross CPR, First Aid, AED Training-Cedar Rapids](#), Register by Dec 11

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