

GSPW E-News

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Special Requests from around our council

This section is for all of our e-news members to share information. Do you have a great idea you can share with others? Do you have a question about your troop? Need a new craft or game? How about the words to a song? Are you traveling to another Service Area – get tips from the local Girl Scouts before you go. This is your section! When asking for ideas please specify the age levels you are working with.

Send your questions and suggestions to: kdelong@gspw.org for inclusion in the next newsletter. Please make sure to include your name and email. If you are responding to a question you can email the person directly, but make sure to copy the group at the above address so everyone can share.

Volunteers from a number of areas have asked this question. "How do I get more volunteers interested in attending the service area monthly meeting?"

Please email your ideas and best practices! What has your Service Area done to encourage volunteers to attend monthly meetings? Send replies to: kdelong@gspw.org to be included in the next issue of enews

Membership

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Where are the Girl Scouts? Our current membership is at 81% of last year's total.

Many factors affect our membership from year to year, primarily the commitment of adults in any community to provide Girl Scouting. If your troop has not yet registered or you have girl registrations in hand, please send them to us promptly.

Adult membership is at a low not seen in many years in Peninsula Waters. It is easy to excuse ourselves from involvement in volunteer activities considering the demands of our families and jobs, but what will we say to these girls in 10, 15 or 20 years?

Girl Scouting provides a depth of character and values development for girls that they will not find by doing more homework, or spending an hour on myspace. Fun and friendship are qualities that bring fullness to our lives and are the number one reason girls choose Girl Scouting.

We have a number of adult registrations that have not been processed because they were received without an attached application. When adults spend time mentoring girls we want to assure that we have done our best to safeguard the girls and use the application to help provide background screening. Please be sure to give every adult you ask to join Girl Scouts an application as well as a membership form. These forms can be found on our website or requested from the service center. It is not too late to form a troop or join a troop.

Is there a gap in your school? Help us identify volunteers to fill the gap and give all girls across the U.P. the opportunity to have fun and grow in the Girl Scout program.

Realigning Troop Numbers

With councils from Northern Wisconsin realigning with us, duplicate troop numbers would occur. To solve this issue it has been determined that all troop numbers will be four numerals. Each of the aligning councils has been assigned one number to add to the troop numbers they already have issued. The number assigned to Girl Scouts of Peninsula Waters is # 5. As an example troop #300 will become troop #5300 and troop # 10 will become troop # 5010. We will be implementing this change next membership year (Oct 1, 2008).

Programs

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Hey everyone, I am jumping in with both feet in the Program Director duties. I am also enjoying getting to know the talented individuals who bring the Girl Scout programs to the girls, both in the office and in the field! Here are a few updates for Peninsula Waters events and activities in the near horizon:

Wow, to date there are 54 participants for the NMU *Tidal Wave* event this Saturday (and over 80 participants in the Sault)! This is the first time we've offered this event at NMU, and their staff have really rolled out the red carpet for the Girl Scouts-not only for this program, but for future events as well!

Winterfest! Speaking of NMU, you won't believe the great event they are hosting with Winterfest! If you have not received a copy of the registration through your area, go to www.gspw.org, and you can download them there. Please look them over carefully as most of your questions may be

answered. Notice, there is an extra waiver that NMU requires, and these must be attached with your roster. If you are attending Saturday only, make sure to be there no later than 8:30 as the activities start promptly at 9:00 a.m. Girls and adults who participate must be registered, and pay the listed registration fee. NMU is providing many of the instructors/facilitators for this event, and all of the food, pool, ice rink, climbing wall, etc., etc., so the cost of \$35/girl (overnight) is very reasonable(adults pay only \$7!). The sleeping area for such a large group will be one of the gymnasiums, so a comfortable mat is a must! Cadettes and Seniors may have a different area for sleeping, but will still need a mat. Brownies will probably want to stick together for most activities, but older girls may split up depending on their interests. Adults attending with these older girls should keep this in mind for adult/child ratios. The DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS FEBRUARY 15th! If you have additional questions, don't hesitate to call.

Program Aide Trainings: There are 18 girls registered to take the PA Training in the Crystal Falls area! Thanks Missy Shafer for getting the girls this valuable material! We will be working on another PA Training in the spring sometime in the Escanaba area, so if you have girls that are age appropriate and interested, let us know and we'll keep you posted on dates/times/details.

Cookie Rallies: Get ready to "Make it a Hit" in your area at your scheduled Cookie Rally event. Events have been scheduled in Iron Mtn., Marquette, Escanaba, Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Ironwood, Mackinac Island, and Hancock. If you do not see your area listed, or are planning your own rally, please let me know ASAP so we can make sure you have the materials you need.

Snowsisters event activities can be attended in February, but will need to be accessed by troops on their own. Go to their website to see possible activity options at www.snowsisters.com

April Showers: There are two April Showers events in the planning stages, one in Iron Mountain and one in Manistique. Stay tuned for updates!

Summer Thing Resident Camp will be at Camp Nesbit this year on the dates listed in the Council Calendar, week 1, July 13-19 and week 2, July 20-26.

Also this summer, you need to save the date of June 28th for the **Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes' Kick-Off event at Lambeau Field.** This will be an awesome and historic FREE event that will kick-off the new council with a bang! There will be music, and aerial photo of attendees, and a special appearance by Teresa-featured song writer for Girl Scouts, and Patricia Diaz Dennis, the National Board Chair. You can find registration details at www.gsnwgl.org. See you then!

Girl Leadership Institutes 2008

These Leadership Institutes offer girls rich leadership learning opportunities. The institutes will take place at the Edith Macy Conference Center in New York. All travel and board expenses are paid by GSUSA. If accepted into the program, girl's participation fee is \$100. The applications are attached to the website description on our Studio 2B website in our destinations/getaway section. Deadline dates vary and are posted on the application and website listings.

Challenge and Change Leadership Institute

June 26, 2008 until July 1, 2008

Through the Challenge and Change Leadership Institute girls learn an innovative approach to leadership. Through this week-long event, girls absorb valuable lessons about social entrepreneurship and their own role in community action. Challenge and Change has demonstrated itself as an effective and easy way for girls to become leaders in their communities, schools, and the world.
http://www.studio2b.org/escape/destinations/event_details.asp?eventid=437

College Bound Leadership Institute

July 24, 2008 until July 29, 2008

Discover what it takes to be college bound, the stress-free way! What college is right for you and what entices college recruiters? Find out what college life is really like! Prepare to find a college that's right for you and de-mystify the financial aid process. Connect with college students and find out what college life is really like!

http://www.studio2b.org/escape/destinations/event_details.asp?eventid=435

Get Down to Business Leadership Institute

July 31, 2008 until August 5, 2008

Learn how to start your own business and be successful at it! Girls will participate in various learning sessions on entrepreneurship and develop their own business plan. You will explore the world of business, network with professional women entrepreneurs and visit the financial district of Wall Street.

http://www.studio2b.org/escape/destinations/event_details.asp?eventid=438

Global Climate Change Leadership Institute

August 9, 2008 until August 14, 2008

Come together with experts and 40 other curious girls from around the country to explore the issue of global climate change. Understand the evidence and form your own opinions on whether current solutions to the problem are working. Work together with fellow participants to come up with action plans to return home and make a difference in your own community.

http://www.studio2b.org/escape/destinations/event_details.asp?eventid=436

Communications

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Happy New Year! I have started the new year as you new Communications Specialist. One of my New Year's resolutions is to help Service Areas promote Girl Scouting. Publicity can strengthen Girl Scouting in your community.

If you or someone you know would like to help with publicity, please contact me.

Here is my New Year's challenge for each Service Area: Promote your local events to non-Girl Scouts, and encourage them to join. By doing this, we can provide the Girl Scouting experience to those who may not have the opportunity to be in a troop.

Peninsula Waters Celebration

After 39 years as Girl Scouts of Peninsula Waters, it is important for us to celebrate and honor our council before realignment. We are in the early stages of planning an event for this purpose. The celebration will take place in Marquette on the weekend of April 19 (to coincide with the annual meeting). We encourage Girl Scout volunteers of past and present, and council alumni to join in the festivities. Stay tuned to enews, and the upcoming Penlines for more information

Adult Education

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JOIN US ON JUNE 28, 2008

10:00 am – 5:pm

The scene is Lambeau Field, Green Bay, Wi. The event is the kick-off of Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes. You won't want to miss this "once in a lifetime" opportunity. Join the fun for:

- * Music and performance by Pink Confusion – a teenage rock band and the Israeli Scout Caravan * A special appearance by Teresa – a featured song writer for Girl Scouts who wrote " I Love Being a Girl Scout" and " Cool to be Me"
- * Patricia Diaz Dennis – National Board Chair
- * Optional tour of Lambeau Field
- * Optional Tailgate Lunch
- * The retiring of the legacy council flags and raising of the flag of Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Girl Scouts
- * Many booths and activities still being planned

All this and much more is being organized for this event. Every legacy council has participants on the committee to plan this event. Representatives from Peninsula Waters include Stan and Carol Wright from Negaunee, Mary Vertanen from Marquette and Linda Beauchamp from Escanaba. They are hard at work planning for an outstanding event.

Put the date on your calendar, talk to your troop or friends and plan your trip to Green Bay. What a great way to spend your cookie profits! Look for more information about registration in the upcoming Summer Opportunities flyer and on the website: www.gsnwgl.org.

See you there!

Outdoor Seminar

Our first ever Outdoor Seminar in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of Hiawathaland Council will take place at Boy Scout Camp Hiawatha on May 2-3, 2008. You don't want to miss this opportunity to

participate in outdoor training needed for your volunteering with either Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts. Look for a registration form to be available in the next month.

International Activities Training

Explore the world of WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) and discover games and activities from around the world. This is a hands-on training session where you explore each country.

Training is scheduled for the following locations. If your service area would like to change the date of the training in your area, contact Ann at the service center.

January 28	Escanaba	630-830
January 23	Sault Ste. Marie	7-9
	Houghton	7-9
January 24	Iron Mountain	7-9 CT
	Marquette	7-9

Fund Development & Product Sales

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Product Sales

Did you attend the 2008 Cookie training? If weren't able to join us, you missed out on the fun! We tasted the new Sugar Free Chocolate Chips and the new Lemon Chalet Crème cookie, learned the ins and outs of the paperwork, and took a peek at the new girl recognitions. Make sure to attend your February area meeting to learn about this year's sale and pick up your paperwork.

Spaghetti Feed

GSPW will be sponsoring the Noqueanon Spaghetti Feed on Friday, January 25. It will be held at St. Michael Parish Hall in Marquette. Join us for an all-you-can-eat plate of pasta! Tickets are available to purchase at the council office or at the door. Dinner prices are: \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for youth ages 6-12, and children under age 5 eat free. A family meal package is available for \$20.00. The menu includes: spaghetti with meat or meatless sauce, tossed salad, breadstick, beverage and Girl Scout cookies. Mark your calendars now and invite your friends and family to join you. Thank you to all of the troops that have volunteered to help out. See you on the 25th!

Annual Meeting

The 2008 Girl Scouts of Peninsula Waters Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 19 at Upfront & Co. in Marquette. Service Areas are invited to contribute a basket of items from their area for the silent auction to raise funds for the Opportunity Fund. This is a voluntary contribution and a great way to highlight some of the unique items from your area of the Upper Peninsula. If your area would like to contribute a basket, please contact Liz Carr by March 28.

Fund Development

Congratulations to the following areas for meeting their 2007 Annual Giving Goals: Between the Bridges, Delta Bay, Manistique, St. Ignace, Tahquamenon and Trillium. A sincere thank you for all of

your hard work and efforts! Service Area Managers will be mailed a letter with the 2007 goal this month. Make your plans now for a successful event.

Tidbits from The Girl Scout Shop...

Do your Valentine shopping at *The Girl Scout Shop!*



Have a Heart Sale

February 1-14

**Browse your Girl Scout catalog!
Any item having a heart on it is**

10% off

Take an additional 10% off all markdown items.



Don't forget to order your Thinking Day patches! Cost is \$1.06 (inc tax)

It's Cookie Time!

This is a great time to pick up the Girl Scout cookie jar with matching mugs and serving plate. You'll have it ready to fill with Girl Scout cookies in the spring!

Check out the related awards, badges, and fun patches, etc.

Brownie	Try-It Cookies Count	#59140	\$1.25
Brownie	Try-it Smart Cookie	#59200	\$1.25

Junior	Cookie Biz	#09723	\$.95
Junior	Cookie Connection	#09260	\$.95
CA/SR	Cookies & Dough	#095581	\$1.05
Iron-on Patch	Cookie Volunteer	#58113	\$1.80
Iron-on Patch	I Love GS Cookies	#58203	\$1.95
Sew-on Patch	GS Cookie Lover	#18771	\$1.10
Band bracelet	Smart Cookie-orange	#45821	\$.75
Band bracelet	Smart Cookie-purple	#45255	\$.75
Trefoil Cookie Cutter		#90001	\$2.49

2008 brings new troops and events!

Leaders...please pass the word to all your Girl Scout families: the council shop is located in the Service Center in Marquette. Parents, grandparents, and friends may shop at ***The Girl Scout Shop***. ***All the basic uniform pieces and insignia are available, along with most of the items from the national Girl Scout catalog.*** Other items can be special ordered. The shop carries a wide variety of items from other Girl Scout licensed vendors. They can also telephone, fax, or e-mail their orders to ***The Girl Scout Shop***.

Place your order for the **2008 World Thinking Day patch #26630 \$1.00 each** (plus sales tax = \$1.06).

***If you are from Delta Bay Area, please check with Linda Beauchamp before you order. She has placed an order for your World Thinking Day event.

Are you attending the Tidal Wave events in either Marquette (January 19th) or Sault St. Marie (January 26th)? The ***Girl Scout Shop*** has swim caps (blue, green, or red) for \$1.33 each (includes sales tax). If you need to have swim caps for your troop, please call in an order. They can be sent to the Marquette event for pick-up. If you are attending the Sault St. Marie Tidal Wave, they would need to be mailed to you. If you are attending Winterfest on March 7-8, you can place an order for delivery to the event.

Italian Charms

Trefoil "faces"	#45785	\$4.99
Trefoil—solid green	#45784	\$4.99
I (heart) Girl Scouts	#45786	\$4.99
"Girl Scouts"	#45787	\$4.99

Did you know...

If you are attending an event or training, please call in your troop order for delivery to these events (you can save the shipping and handling). Please try to call a day or two in advance of the event.

If you're passing through Marquette, be sure to stop in. The office and shop are open regular hours:

Monday – Thursday	8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Friday	8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

The most recent G.S.P.W. store order forms can be found on our website gspw@gspw.org under the topic **GS Shop**. *Check out this website for the latest news from The Girl Scout Shop.*

Thank you!

Your purchase through the Girl Scouts of Peninsula Waters Council retail shop, located in Marquette, helps provide programs for girls, technical assistance, communications and training services to the membership of our local council.

Places to Go

Norway Mountain

N2090 Brier Mountain Rd
Norway, MI 49870
906-563-9700

Norway Mountain is pleased to announce that **Scout Day, 2008** will be held on Sunday, February 3. The event is open to all boy scouts and girl scouts age ten or above.

Weekday group rates will be offered on Sunday for all scouts and their advisors:

Junior lift ticket only - \$18.00
Junior Package (lift, rental, beginner lesson) - \$25.00
Adult lift ticket only - \$26.00
Adult Package (lift, rental, beginner lesson) - \$37.00

Please be aware of the following:
All members should identify themselves as part of the scout group
One payment for the entire troop would be appreciated
Lessons are scheduled at 9:30, 10:30, and 11:30 AM
Arrive one hour before scheduled lesson times for beginner lessons
NASTAR races for upper level skiers will be held at 12:30 PM
Lifts operate from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Please call in advance with the number of lessons needed so that we can schedule instructors. Troop leaders also need to be sure to travel with all girl health form, have a first aider (adult) in your group, and complete all GSPW permission forms before travelling.

2008 National Girl Scout Leadership Institute

Live HEALTHY
Lead HEALTHY

October 29-30, 2008

The 2008 Girl Scout Leadership Institute (GSLI) (formerly Girl Congress) is part of the leadership experience for girls in grades 6 -12, designed to develop and hone their leadership skills, provide an opportunity to discuss key health issues relevant to them and engage in a fun and interactive learning environment with peers and adults. Sponsored by Girl Scouts of the USA and Girl Scouts of Central Indiana, Inc., the GSLI will be held on **October 29-30, 2008**, in Indianapolis, Indiana, prior to the national council session.

Over 2000 girls from across the country and the world will have the opportunity to participate in this unique and exciting event. The 2008 GSLI will serve as a model for future national, regional and local GSLIs to be implemented throughout Girl Scouting. As part of this leadership experience, girls will have the opportunity to engage in myriad workshops in an environment that fosters inclusion and pluralism. Workshops will focus on key health issues identified by girls (e.g. eating disorders, stress management, etc.). With experts from these fields leading group sessions, girls will be provided a safe space to discuss ideas and issues that are important to them. Through participation in these workshops girls will identify ways the information is personally relevant, as well as strategies to take action back in their communities.

GSLI will offer two workshop tracks for girl participants: a middle school track (grades 6-8) and a high school track (grades 9-12). Girls will attend workshops they have selected from five different categories:

- physical health
- emotional health
- diversity/global issues
- advocacy
- physical activity

In addition, workshops will be provided for adult advisors/mentors who accompany girls to GSLI. They will mirror some of the topics offered to girls, in order to further the connectedness of the learning by all participants. In addition, adults will have an opportunity to learn about the new Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

As councils determine the number of girls to send to GSLI, it is recommended that the number of adults not exceed the Safety Wise ratio.

GSLI is scheduled to start Wednesday, **October 29 at 1:00 p.m. and end Thursday, October 30 at 5:00 p.m.** and is located at the Indianapolis Convention Center and Westin Hotel.

Registration info:

Registration opens January 31, 2008

Fee is \$125 per participant.

Registration deadline is July 31, 2008

For more information check out www.girlscoutsindiana.org

Spend the night on a Navy submarine! <http://www.silversides.org/silversides.html>
Click on the overnight program tab for all the details. Troops that have participated in this event have returned with glowing reports!

Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City: Annual Scout Days June 6-22-2008
Contact: Ann Hettig 866-478-9653, ask for the Scout rate

Zehnder's Frankenmuth Indoor Waterpark: 3rd annual Girl Scout Weekend May 9-11-2008
800-863-7999

Websites to visit: Have you found an interesting site online? Please share with us!

World Thinking Day 2008: February 22

Each year on February 22, girls participate in activities, games and projects with global themes to honor their sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in other countries.

Water is the WAGGGS World Thinking day theme for 2008. See the 2008 World Thinking Day Activities downloadable below to take action locally and globally around water issues.

This year, girls voted and selected Australia, Brazil, Egypt, Italy and Madagascar to represent the five regions of World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) — Asia/Pacific, Western Hemisphere, Arab region, Europe, and Africa. World Thinking Day not only gives girls a chance to celebrate international friendships, but it is also a reminder that Girl Scouts of the USA is part of a global community—one of 144 countries with Girl Guides and Girl Scouts organizations. See the *Resources* section of the **World Thinking Day Guide 2008** for information about each country.

For more information on World Thinking Day, visit the WAGGGS' [World Thinking Day Web site](#).

100 years of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting

From 2010 to 2012, 10 million girls and young women are invited to join in the celebrations of the birth of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting.

So why are we celebrating for three years? These years mark the 100th birthday of Girl Guiding, which was founded in the UK in 1910, and the 100th birthday of Girls Scouting, which was founded in the USA in 1912. Many more countries founded Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting between 1910 and 1912:

Founded in 1910: Canada, Denmark, Finland, New Zealand, Poland, South Africa, Sweden, United Kingdom

Founded in 1911: Australia, Bangladesh (then part of India), India, Ireland, Netherlands, Pakistan (then part of India)

Founded in 1912: Cyprus, Italy, Norway, United States of America, Zimbabwe

During the three year period from 2010-2012, all of WAGGGS' activities will come under the banner of the centenary theme.

Tell us what you think!

As we plan for the centenary celebrations, we would like to hear from you about
What you think really matters for girls and young women worldwide?
What will be the most important thing in their lives in 2010?
What will girls and young women hope for?
What will influence choices they make about their careers?

Send us your photo

What photograph symbolizes Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting for you? Send your favourite Guiding picture to bernadette@wagggsworld.org . This is a [selection of the pictures](#) we received so far.

What one word describes Guiding?

Decide what word or phrase best sums up 100 years of Girl Guiding or Girl Scouting for you? Use the poll on the left hand side to tell us your opinion.

Have you got other ideas about words which sum up the centenary of Girl Guiding? Tell us your favourite words by leaving a comment below.

How will you celebrate?

We would like you to share with us how you would like to celebrate the centenary of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting in your country.

You can post your comments at:
<http://www.wagggsworld.org/en/about/100years>

Worldwide survey on volunteering

WAGGGS is undertaking a worldwide survey on volunteering with funding from UPS on its website. The survey seeks to find out about girls' and young women's understanding of volunteerism, and what motivates young people to join organizations and what inspires a young person to become a young leader.

The survey is aimed at 11 to 24 year olds and can be filled in online. Please encourage your Girl Scouts to take part. The survey will be of value to WAGGGS and Member Organizations as WAGGGS looks at ways to engage and retain girls and young women in our programs.

http://www.wagggsworld.org/en/volunteering_survey

The survey will close at the end of February 2008, and results will be announced at the July 2008 World Conference.

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That's it for this issue. Was it helpful to you? Is there something you would like to see on the newsletter in future issues? Send your ideas to: kdelong@gspw.org