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# CONNECT to Summer 2024!

The end of the school year and the Girl Scout year is always a busy and exciting time. School is out and summer fun is in! Getting outdoors has proven physical and mental benefits, as one of our own Girl Scouts discovered while researching her Gold Award project. (Read about the Gold Award journey on page 14.)

GSSEM is thrilled to offer a summer full of traditional week-long camps, mini-camps, and dozens of day programs to keep girls active and outside all summer long.

Make it an unforgettable summer for your Girl Scouts and send them on a GSSEM camping adventure. Girls will recharge and refresh during a week filled with fresh air, nature-based projects, and making new friends.

This year's overnight summer camp highlights:

- Hollywood comes to Camp Hawthorn Hollow during Lights, Camera, Action! week.
- Mermaids, fairies, and dragons will have a fanciful week in the Enchanted Forest.
- Chefs of all skills will enjoy the fruit (tarts) of their Master Chef week at their own Bake Off.

The full summer camp schedule can be found on page 16. Register today at [www.gssem.org/summercamp](http://www.gssem.org/summercamp) because bunk spaces will fill up fast!

Not ready for overnight camp just yet? GSSEM offers a summer season filled with more locally based adventures and experiences designed to increase girls' awareness and appreciation of the natural world. These include single-day activities like working alongside a fisheries biologist, a Bees in the D active hive visit, and a cactus/succulent garden class. Be sure to visit [www.gssem.org/calendar](http://www.gssem.org/calendar) often to stay up to date on the latest events and programs.

Connecting girls to the outdoors is an important part of what defines Girl Scouts, and especially GSSEM. We also recognize Girl Scouts have varied interests and we offer additional entrepreneurship, STEM, and sports activities to encourage those passions. All GSSEM program offerings are thoughtfully curated, based on interests expressed by the girls themselves, and communications with troop leaders and volunteers.

The Girl Scout mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make this world a better place begins with them engaging in the world around them. You'll discover many opportunities to do just that in these the pages of *Connect Magazine*.

Here's to a summer doing what Girl Scouts do best—becoming leaders and having a blast doing it!



Monica Woodson  
CEO, GSSEM



GSSEM CEO Monica Woodson

# Girl Scouts Shout-Outs

Girl Scouts do so much good in their communities, and we love to let people know all about those achievements!

Is your Girl Scout or troop doing something truly newsworthy and deserving recognition? Let us know! Send your story to [communications@gssem.org](mailto:communications@gssem.org) and we might use it on Girl Talk blog.

If it's *really* cool news, we may let the media know, like we did for GSSEM's Gear Box Girls robotic team.



Scan to read  
their story!



[www.gssem.org/gearboxgirls](http://www.gssem.org/gearboxgirls)

Things to keep in mind when sending GSSEM Communications a story:

- **Give us time.** The more time the better, but a minimum of two weeks in advance of the project or event if you think it is worth a pitch to the media.
- **We like details.** Again, the more the better, but at a minimum provide the basic who, what, where, when, and why. Contact information is required.
- **Photo finish.** Clear, focused, properly lit photos will help sell a story to the media—or be a wonderful accompaniment to a blog post.



## Doing what LEADERS do best

Our bi-weekly newsletter gives troop leaders essential information on troop management and a schedule of various helpful training courses. Keep up to date on important events and activities, delivered to your inbox twice a month. If you don't already get the Leaders newsletter in your inbox, let us know at [customercare@gssem.org](mailto:customercare@gssem.org).



## Stay CONNECTED

Have you seen the Girl Talk blog yet?

[www.gssem.org/girltalk](http://www.gssem.org/girltalk)

Or “Liked” GSSEM on Facebook?

We're always being social, so make sure to check us out! @GSSEM





# Get Outside with GSSEM

Check out all the exciting ways you can enjoy the outdoors this summer.



## Community Events [www.gssem.org/go](http://www.gssem.org/go)

Check out our event list for upcoming Outdoor Education programs and Badge Workshops in your community.

## Summer Camp [www.gssem.org/summercamp](http://www.gssem.org/summercamp)

Overnight summer camp is a long-cherished tradition at GSSEM. Campers will go on adventures, try various traditional camp activities, and embark on badge-earning opportunities.

## Troop Camping [www.gssem.org/troopcamping](http://www.gssem.org/troopcamping)

Troops plan an entire weekend at camp, including activities and meals at both Camp Hawthorn Hollow and Camp Playfair.

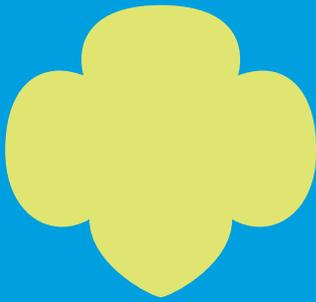
## Badge Workshops [www.gssem.org/events](http://www.gssem.org/events)

Girl Scouts will have plenty of opportunities to add to their outdoor badge collection over the summer.



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# Your Year of Friendship

- ✓ Cheer on your squad's successes.
- ✓ Bond during a troop sleepover.
- ✓ Find new ways to spread joy.

Celebrate the big moments and look ahead to even more extraordinary ones with your crew. Join us for another exciting year in Girl Scouts!

Renew from now until June 15, 2024!

- If 85% of troop girl members and two adult members (including Lifetime Members) renew, your troop will earn an additional \$.10 per package on initial orders for the 2025 Cookie Program!

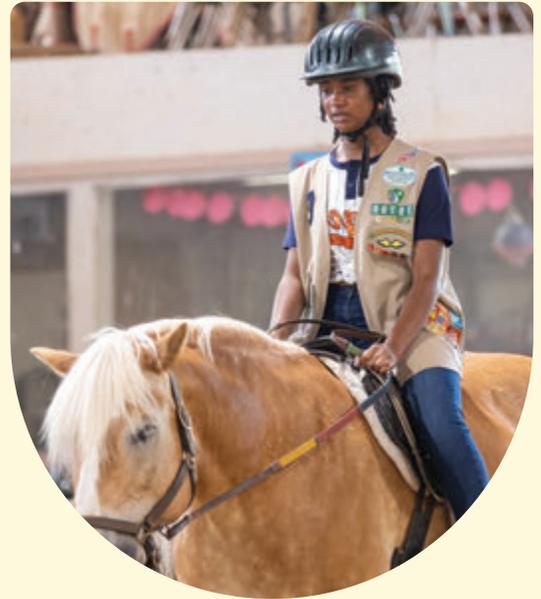


**Renew Today**

[www.gssem.org/renew](http://www.gssem.org/renew)

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# Summer Fun by the Month





Summer is busy season with GSSEM. We are delighted to offer a range of events and activities that will keep Girl Scouts and their families outdoors, growing and learning, all season long.

Things are added all the time to [www.gssem.org/events](http://www.gssem.org/events) so make sure to check back often! Or, scan the QR Code for more information.

## May

### **313 Presents: Annie**

**May 3, 2024**

**7:30 PM – 10:00 PM**

#### **All Levels**

Girl Scouts of all ages are invited to Detroit to see Annie! Annie has reminded generations of theatergoers that sunshine is always right around the corner, and now the best-loved musical of all time is set to return in a new production just as you remember it.

### **Kaleidoscope of Science Fun**

**May 4, 2024**

**6:00 PM – 9:30 PM**

#### **All Levels**

Girl Scouts and their families are invited to an exclusive Girl Scout event at Michigan Science Center with fun-filled, hands-on activities. Each ticket includes entry to the Michigan Science Center, one theatre show, and additional activities throughout the center!

### **FIRST Lego League Robotics Expo**

**May 4, 2024**

**10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

#### **All Levels**

Girl Scouts Robotics teams develop unique solutions to a challenge given to them by FIRST Robotics. They will showcase their efforts at this year's GSSEM FIRST Robotics Expo in Troy. Come see what your fellow Girl Scouts have been doing in the field of Robotics!



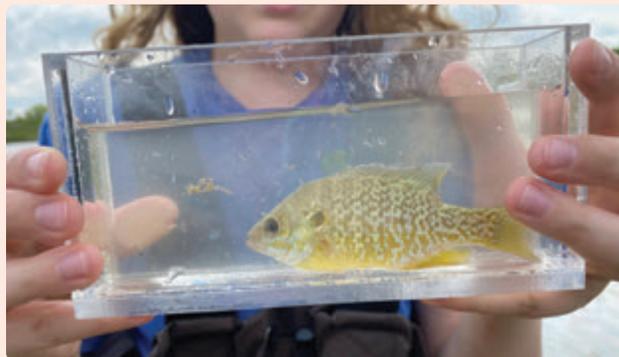
### **Program Aide Training at Camp Hawthorn Hollow**

**May 11, 2024**

**10:00 AM – 6:00 PM**

#### **Cadettes**

This training will guide Girl Scout Cadettes through activities to understand the three keys of leadership, learn about different leadership styles, and explore how they can serve as leaders for younger Girl Scouts.



### **A Day in the Life of a Fisheries Biologist**

**May 19, 2024**

**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

#### **Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors**

Girls will be able to become a Great Lakes Fisheries Biologist for the day at the USFWS Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge! Spend time on the water learning how to identify Great Lakes fish species!

### **Banker for a Day & Identity Protection**

**May 25, 2024**

**10:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

#### **Brownies**

It's never too early to start learning about finances and keeping personal information private. This workshop will introduce those concepts in a fun and unique learning experience.

## **Daisy Camp Sampler at Camp Hawthorn Hollow June 1, 2024**

**3:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

Daisies and parents are invited to come to experience a day at Camp Hawthorn Hollow. We will do badge work and traditional camp activities all at the Daisy level. Parents and girls will be guided through camp with staff and go home with a badge, patch, tie-dye, and SWAPS.

## **Operation Comet**

**June 8, 2024**

**10:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Daisies, Brownies, Juniors**

In this fully immersive simulated space mission, you will play a unique role as the team completes assignments, manipulates hands on labs, and copes with simulated space emergencies.

## **Lunar Quest**

**June 8, 2024**

**1:00 PM – 3:30 PM**

**Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors**

NASA recently launched a Rover to the Moon. However, the Rover lost power before any of the findings were sent back to Earth. A faster, more reliable process is needed. Which is why YOU will return to the Moon!

## **Walking Stick Nature Journal & Eco Hike**

**June 15 – June 16, 2024**

**2:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

**All Levels**

Join the Outdoor Education team and Naturalists at Belle Isle Nature Center for an afternoon "Eco Hike." On the hike you will create a unique, one of a kind, "walking stick nature journal" to take home.

## **Cactus/Succulent Garden Building**

**June 26, 2024**

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**All Levels**

Join the horticulturists at Goldner Walsh Home & Garden and learn about the fascinating life cycles of succulents and cacti! Participants will get to choose between creating a succulent garden OR a cacti garden to take home at the end of the event.



## 313 Presents: Kidz Bop

July 6, 2024

6:00 PM – 9:30 PM

All Levels

KIDZ BOP LIVE 2024 is taking over your city this summer! Bring your troop out to sing and dance to your favorite songs!

## Girl Scout Night at Detroit City FC

July 13, 2024

7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

All Levels

Girl Scouts are invited out to Keyworth Stadium to watch the Detroit City FC take on Memphis 901 FC for an exciting game of soccer!

## Art with Alpacas

July 20, 2024

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Daisies, Brownies;

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

Learn all about life on an Alpaca from the experts at Oasis Alpaca Farm. We will start with a hands-on, in-depth farm tour and end with an Alpaca fiber craft to take home.

## Girl Scout Night at Jimmy John's Field

July 20 – July 21, 2024

4:30 PM – 8:00 AM

All Levels

Girl Scouts are invited out to Jimmy John's Field for fun at the ballpark. Come out to see a USPBL double header game, parade around the field between games, run the bases after the game, and camp out on the field with a movie on the scoreboard!



# August

## **New Moon Overnight at Camp Playfair**

**August 3 – August 4, 2024**

**6:00 PM – 10:00 AM**

### **Daisies, Brownies, Juniors**

Learn about the different constellations and the stories behind them while making your own take home constellation viewer. Join us at Camp Playfair, on the shores of beautiful Lake Huron, for an overnight filled with nocturnal animal and astronomy adventures!

## **Girl Scout Day with Detroit Tigers**

**August 6, 2024**

**1:30 PM – 4:00 PM**

Take your troop out to the ball game! Join the Detroit Tigers for an exciting baseball game as they take on the Kansas City Royals.

## **Overnight Daisy Camp Sampler**

**at Camp Hawthorn Hollow**

**August 17 – August 18, 2024**

**6:00 PM – 12:00 PM**

Daisies and parents are invited to come experience a night at Camp Hawthorn Hollow! We will do badge work and traditional camp activities all at the Daisy level. Parents and girls will be guided through camp with staff and go home with a badge, patch, tie-dye, and SWAPS.



# September

## The Curious Case of Sasquatch

September 10, 2024

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

### All Levels

Sasquatch has been spotted and we need your help to document this rare sighting into existence! Participants will learn orienteering skills to follow a map and clues to try and find Sasquatch while he is visiting southeast Michigan.

## Bees in the D Active Hive Visit – Armada

September 14, 2024

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

### All Levels

Have you ever wondered what it is like to put on a beekeeper suit and learn how to take care of an active beehive? Come on out and join us at the hives at Blake Farms in Armada, MI with Bees in the D to learn about bee conservation!



Go to [www.gssem.org/events](http://www.gssem.org/events) to register for these programs and more!

# Empowering Programs

GSSEM's Programs team works hard to develop girl-centric events that encourage leadership and empowerment, non-traditional career paths and fun challenges for Girl Scouts.

Visit [www.gssem.org/events](http://www.gssem.org/events) for more information about programs and events like the GSSEM Chess Team and the Democracy & Me Day.

## Mastering the Game

GSSEM is excited to have the first-ever Girl Scout Chess team. The 12 girls of the inaugural team began learning the sport through in-person and virtual training sessions.

At the Cincinnati Queen City Chess Classic—the GSSEM's teams first chess tournament—the Girl Scouts had the chance to meet and learn from chess royalty including Grandmaster Irina Krush, 8-time U.S. Female chess champion, and Maurice Ashley, the first African American Grandmaster.

GSSEM Girl Scout Juliette Windsor Polk tied for 7th place out of 59 players in her section, grades 4 - 6! Onika Ryan, Troop 77284, helped her assigned team take 1st place in the grade 5 section.

For more information about the GSSEM Chess Team, contact Chess Coach Kevin Fite at [kfite@gssem.org](mailto:kfite@gssem.org).



## Learning Civic Duty

Girl Scouts of all ages were able to meet, talk to and learn from women in government and leadership positions during a Democracy & Me Day.

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson addressed 100 Girl Scouts in January 2024 as the keynote speaker for Democracy & Me day hosted by GSSEM and the Michigan Women's Commission. This special experience, at Newlab in Detroit, gave our girls a view into the current role of women in government and politics. They left feeling empowered to pursue leadership opportunities in ways that are meaningful for girls and women and society.

When you renew your membership today, your Girl Scout will have many more opportunities like these to keep their personal journey going forward.  
[www.gssem.org/renew](http://www.gssem.org/renew)

Scan here to hear a WDET interview featuring participating Girl Scouts and speakers along with photos from the event.  
[www.gssem.org/wdet2024](http://www.gssem.org/wdet2024)



# GSSEM Honor Awards Ceremony

The accomplishment of our Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awardees, and recipients of the Tammie Murray and Jennifer Barnum Spirit Awards will be celebrated at the annual Honors Celebration in June. Each Gold Award recipient will be awarded a \$500 scholarship, and the GSSEM Young Woman of Distinction will be granted a \$3,000 scholarship to further her education.

This special event is by invitation only.



*GSSEM's 2023 Gold Award Girl Scouts*

Here's what some of our 2023 Gold Award Girls Scouts have to say about earning their Gold:

## **Isabella Vesprini**

*The Noble Elementary  
Music Program*



Isabella says her Gold Award project taught her that with grit, passion, and perseverance, she can accomplish any goal.

## **Abigail Rowe**

*Abigail's Pride*



Through going for her Gold Award, Abigail discovered her passion for helping others and decided to pursue her project—Abigail's Pride—as a career.

## **Nisha Singh, 2023 YWOD**

*The Balloon Project*



Nisha learned that being persistent and hard-working can eventually make big changes.

When you become a Gold Award Girl Scout, you delve deep into your passions, flex your problem-solving muscle, stand up for what you believe in, inspire others, and make a difference. It's an opportunity to do something more and to set your sights on true leadership.

# The Road to Gold

Before the Gold Award—the highest recognition in Girl Scouting—there are the Bronze and Silver Awards. For more information about Highest Awards, contact [highestawards@gssem.org](mailto:highestawards@gssem.org), or visit [www.gssem.org/highestawards](http://www.gssem.org/highestawards).



Juniors who have completed a Junior Journey, team up with their troop to plan and execute a group project that makes a difference in the community. Bronze Award final reports are approved by the troop leader and submitted to GSSEM for review. Find out more at [www.gssem.org/bronze](http://www.gssem.org/bronze).



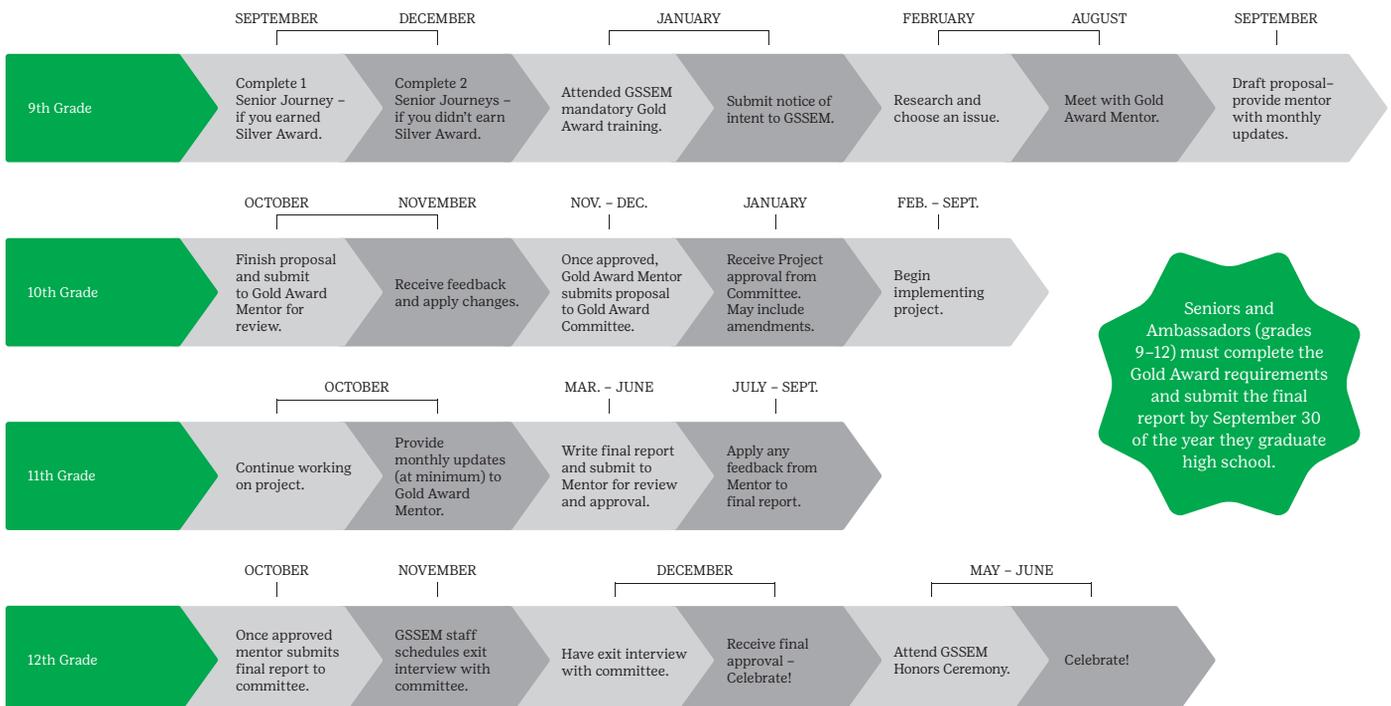
Cadettes who have completed a Cadette Journey team up or go solo to take finding solutions to community issues to the next level. They make a sustainable plan and put it into action. Silver Award proposals and final reports are approved by GSSEM. Find out more at [www.gssem.org/silver](http://www.gssem.org/silver).



Gold Award Girl Scouts are the rock stars of creating sustainable, lasting changes in the community. They team up with trusted adults and leaders in their community who guide them through triumphs and challenges as they see their way through attaining the unparalleled and coveted Gold Award. Find out more at [www.gssem.org/gold](http://www.gssem.org/gold).

## Suggested Gold Award Timeline

Seniors and Ambassadors are invited to our virtual trainings to learn all about what it takes to earn the Gold Award: [www.gssem.org/goldtraining](http://www.gssem.org/goldtraining).



Seniors and Ambassadors (grades 9–12) must complete the Gold Award requirements and submit the final report by September 30 of the year they graduate high school.





Special Camp  
Guide Section!

# Who goes to camp?

## Summer Camp is for girls going into 2nd grade to 12th grade in the fall!

Girl Scout Summer Camp is all about trying new things, meeting new friends, and having fun! Whether campers are interested in archery, the challenge course, swimming, hiking, art, or all of the above, it's going to be a great summer at Camp Hawthorn Hollow!

## Outdoor life = skill building and happiness

Studies show that girls today are not spending nearly enough time outdoors. Technology and structured activities leave less time for girls to get outside and enjoy nature. But as a Girl Scout, they'll have plenty of opportunities to create their own outdoor adventures and develop a lifelong appreciation for nature and the out-of-doors—whether with a troop, at camp, or with friends and family.

And that's great news—because when Girl Scouts get outside, they:

- Discover that they can better solve problems and overcome challenges
- Develop leadership skills, build social bonds, and are happier overall
- Become team players and care more about protecting our environment

GSSEM camps are licensed by the State of Michigan.



# Daily Camp Schedule

Every day at CHH truly is a new adventure. No two days at camp are ever the same. Each week, campers will experience a variety of activities while exploring the weekly camp theme. While weekly themes are used to differentiate the sessions, all campers enjoy traditional camp activities each week like swimming, hiking, target sports, arts and crafts, and much more! Weekly themes influence decorations, music, skits, crafts, costumes, and all-camp activities. Whatever the adventure holds, campers are sure to have an adventure to remember at Camp Hawthorn Hollow.

Check out the schedule for a typical camp day:

- 7:00 AM Wake up
- 8:00 AM Breakfast/flag ceremony/kapers (chores)
- 9:30 AM Morning activities
- 12:00 PM Lunch and rest time
- 2:00 PM Afternoon activities/unit time
- 5:00 PM Dinner/flag ceremony
- 7:15 PM All-camp activity
- 9:30 PM Shower time and lights out



## Important Dates

Information about all upcoming events and sessions can be found at [www.gssem.org/events](http://www.gssem.org/events)

- Registration is open from now until 2 weeks prior to Camp Session
- May 1: Look for your Camp Confirmation Packets in your email inbox
- May 22: Prepare Camper for Summer Overnight Camp! \*Virtual\* Training
- June 2: CampDoc Forms due

*Final balances are due two weeks prior to a camp session.*



# Camp Activities

Campers at Camp Hawthorn Hollow will participate in a variety of activities. Below is a list of activities that are offered during Overnight Camp. Depending on the session, campers may get to participate in other activities that are not listed below, such as night hikes, or tent camping.

Campers will get to participate in evening activities which will range from all camps to kickball, or even flashlight tag! The evening activities will change daily and will depend on the session week chosen.

## Archery

Girl Scouts will develop skills based on proper form, handling the bow and arrow, using the right stance, sighting, while observing safety procedures.

### Age Levels:

Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors



## Arts & Crafts

While at camp, Girl Scouts may try a variety of art projects for them to take home! These may include painting, beading, sewing, etc.

### Age Levels:

Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors



## Axe Throwing

Girl Scouts will learn how to take aim with an axe and hatchet! They will learn proper safety techniques and how to aim for the target with accuracy.

### Age Levels:

Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors



## Badge Earning

Each Girl Scout will earn one badge during their time at camp. Each badge will correlate with the theme of the week. For example, if there is a Space Adventure week, Girl Scouts would earn a STEM-based badge from their program level.

### Age Levels:

Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors



## Sling Shots

Girl Scouts will learn coordination during this centuries-old activity.

### Age Levels:

Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors



## BB Guns

NEW!

Girl Scouts interested in trying BB gun shooting will learn proper BB gun handling and build marksmanship skills.

### Age Levels:

Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors



## High Ropes Course, Zip Line, and Climbing Tower

Campers will reach new heights as they explore obstacles while suspended in the air.

### Age Levels:

Juniors\*, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors *\*climbing tower only*



## Low Ropes Course (Team Building Initiatives)

Girl Scouts will work together to accomplish mental and physical challenges.

### Age Levels:

Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors



## Music Garden

Campers can create a musical masterpiece at the outdoor Music Garden.

### Age Levels:

Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors



## Swimming

Camp Hawthorn Hollow has a pool on the property that goes to 5 feet in depth. All campers will be required to take the swimming challenge to categorize their swimming ability level.

### Age Levels:

Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors



# Leadership Opportunities

## Counselor in Training (CIT I)

**Levels: For girls entering 9th – 12th grades**

Love camp and enjoy working with younger children? Want to become a camp staff member some day? Our Counselor-in-Training I (CIT I) program is a great first step toward that goal. This program provides a hands-on experience that gives campers an opportunity to learn leadership techniques, outdoor skills, age characteristics and more. During this session, CIT I's will focus on training and developing individual skills in an area of interest.

**Session Dates:** July 14-19 and July 21-26

**Cost:** \$495



## Counselor in Training II (CIT II)

**Levels: For girls entering 10th-12th Grades**

Keep it going! CIT II allows campers to continue on their journey of becoming camp staff members in the future. CIT II's will receive training that focuses on age characteristics, camper supervision and behavior management, then be assigned a mentor counselor. They will work with their mentor counselor to lead a cabin group in activities and develop the leadership skills that are required to become a great counselor.

**Session Dates:** June 23-28 and July 7-12

**Cost:** \$495



# Mini Camps

Girls in grades 2-5 can experience independence and enjoy the benefits of overnight camp without staying the entire length of time with Mini Camps. Each overnight Mini Camp runs for three days starting on Sunday and ending on Wednesday. **This is great for first-time campers who would like to experience camp on their own but might not be ready for a full week away from home.** Mini Camps will follow the same theme as the full-week sessions.

## Brownie Bites

**Level:** Brownies (Entering grades 2nd-3rd)

**Cost:** \$250

Take a Bite of Camp at our Brownie Bite Mini Camp session! Campers will have a taste of camp with all the fun that goes with it. By attending this session, campers will earn the *Cabin Camper* badge.

## Slice of Camp

**Level:** Juniors (Entering grades 4th-5th)

**Cost:** \$250

Have a slice of camp at Camp Hawthorn Hollow with all the fun that goes with it. By attending this session, campers will earn the *Camper* badge.

### Mini Camp Dates

June 23-26

July 7-10

July 14-17

July 21-24



# Overnight Summer Camp

Overnight Summer Camp runs for six days, five nights: Sunday-Friday.

## SuperSHERos | June 23-June 28

### Bionic Brownies

**Level:** Entering grades 2nd-3rd

**Cost:** \$495

Brownies will learn what it takes to be a fierce SuperSHERo, earning the *Brownie Quest Journey*. Campers will learn how to take care of themselves, their family, and their community by working together and problem solving.

### Junior Legends

**Level:** Entering grades 4th-5th

**Cost:** \$495

Explore the power of a community at Camp Hawthorn Hollow! During this week of camp, campers will earn their *Agent of Change Journey*, and learn how they can change the world for the better.

### Wonder Cadettes

**Level:** Entering grades 6th-8th

**Cost:** \$495

Wonder Cadettes ASSEMBLE!! Campers earn their *aMAZE!* Journey as they learn what it takes to develop true friendships, navigate cliques, and how to find peace within interpersonal relationships.



## Master Chef | July 7-July 12

### Brownie Bakers

**Level:** Entering grades 2nd-3rd

**Cost:** \$495

Brownies will spend time learning about different types of snacks to earn their *Snacks* badge, while still enjoying the usual camp activities. At the end of the week, campers will participate in a camp-wide bake off!

### Pastry Chefs

**Level:** Entering grades 4th-5th

**Cost:** \$495

Juniors will learn to prep and make a delicious meal to earn their *Simple Meals* badge. At the end of the week, campers will participate in a camp-wide bake off!



# Overnight Summer Camp

## Culinary Cadettes

**Level:** Entering grades 6th-8th

**Cost:** \$495

Cadettes will bake and try new food from different regions to earn the *New Cuisines* badge. At the end of the week, campers will participate in a camp wide bake off!

## Sous Chef Seniors and Ambassadors

**Level:** Entering grades 9th-12th

**Cost:** \$495

Seniors and Ambassadors will practice cooking with local ingredients and planning a dinner party. Seniors will earn their *Locavore* badge while Ambassadors earn their *Dinner Party* badge. At the end of the week, campers will participate in a camp wide bake off!

## Enchanted Forest | July 14-July 19

### Mystical Mermaids

**Level:** Entering grades 2nd-3rd

**Cost:** \$495

Brownies will have the opportunity to use their imagination to create something that helps others or the planet! During the Enchanted Forest week, campers will earn their *Create and Innovate* badge.

### Fantastical Fairies

**Level:** Entering grades 4th-5th

**Cost:** \$495

Junior will earn their *Playing the Past* badge while exploring the magic of camp.

### Daring Dragons

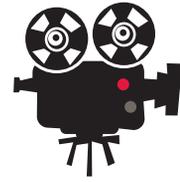
**Level:** Entering grades 6th-8th

**Cost:** \$495

Cadettes will put their engineering skills to the test by constructing a catapult to fight the dragon on camp and earn their *Field Day* badge!



## Lights, Camera, Action! | July 21-26



### Move to the Music

**Level:** Entering grades 2nd-3rd

**Cost:** \$495

Time to get moving, Brownies! During this week, campers will learn about different kinds of dance genres, find their rhythm through music, and even choreograph their own dance to earn their *Dancer* badge. At the end of the week, they will perform in front of the entire camp and their families.

### Center Stage

**Level:** Entering grades 4th-5th

**Cost:** \$495

It's time to take Center Stage for our Junior campers! They will explore different roles that they can play through acting and dancing! During this week of camp, they will work together to earn their *aMuse* Journey, and put on a performance in front of the entire camp and their families at the end of the week!



### Storytellers

**Level:** Entering grades 6th-8th

**Cost:** \$495

Dive into the performance arts with acting, singing, dancing, and more to learn what it takes to create a script! Cadettes will earn their *Screenwriter* badge.

### Superstar

**Level:** Entering grades 9th-12th

**Cost:** \$495

Figure out what goes into putting on the show of a lifetime! During this week of camp, Seniors will learn how to organize a troupe to put together a performance to showcase in front of their families and camp! Seniors will earn their *Troupe Performer* badge.

# Troop Camping

## Time to Try Troop Camping

Come spend an exciting weekend at Camp Hawthorn Hollow and Camp Playfair. Girl Scout troops plan their entire weekend, including activities, meals, and any other camp-related programming. Take a nature hike, try your hands on the rope course, learn how to use a bow and arrow, or relax in a summer breeze.

At Camp Hawthorn Hollow you can add staff-led activities including high adventure, s'mores, night hikes, team building, and so much more! This is only available at Camp Hawthorn Hollow.



## Lodging Details

### CAMP HAWTHORN HOLLOW

#### Lodge: Maple View - \$385

Maple View sleeps 25 people and has an updated kitchen and common room separate from the sleeping areas. The kitchen is stocked with pots, pans, and dishware—however, we still encourage every camper to bring a mess kit. The lodge also has a full bathroom.

#### Lodges: Ash Grove, Beech Tree, Birch Tree, Linden, Shady Oak, White Pine, and Witch Hazel - \$375

Each cabin sleeps 32 people and has a kitchen stocked with pots, pans, and dishware—however, we still encourage every camper to bring a mess kit. The cabin has a full bathroom.

#### Villages: Fairwinds, Otsikita, Metro, and Waterways - \$200

All Villages sleep 20 people and are comprised of five rustic cabins—each of which sleeps four people in each and has a multipurpose space and refrigerator. Bathrooms are located at Old Faithful, and showers are located at the Shower House.

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

#### Self-led Backpack Activities

Backpacks cover a variety of camp activities and are available for \$10 each. These are available at both camps.

#### Staff-led Activities (Camp Hawthorn Hollow ONLY)

- High Adventure (BB guns, pool, high ropes and climbing tower) - \$15/person
- Regular camp programming - \$5/person
- Both High Adventure and regular camp activities - \$20/person

### CAMP PLAYFAIR

#### Ringler - \$400

Sleeps up to 22 people. This lodge was at one point the old dining hall. Inside there is an industrial kitchen stocked with pots, pans, and dishware. We suggest each camper bring a mess kit. It has a large living room/multipurpose area. The bathroom is located in the lodge, with showers located in the Bath House.

#### Trillium - \$200

Sleeps up to 12 people in a cottage like atmosphere. Inside there is a small kitchen stocked with pots, pans, and dishware. We suggest each camper bring a mess kit. There is a bathroom located in the lodge, with showers located in the Bath House.

#### A-Frames Fern Dust, Birches, and Aspen - \$175

Sleep up to 12 people each. Refrigerator available for use in the Clam Shell. Shower and bathrooms located in the Bath House on property. No kitchen available.

#### Tent Sites 1, 2, & 3

Comfortably fit up to 14 people between all three and overlook Lake Huron. A shower and bathrooms are in the Bath House on the property. No kitchen is available; this is a great rustic camping experience!

All lodging options have fire rings and dry firewood at both camps.

# Volunteers – Real Heroes to Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts could not do all the wonderful things we do without the skills, talent, and hard work of our valued volunteers and partners. No matter what role, their generosity is essential to providing amazing experiences for girls.

GSSEM celebrated National Volunteer Month by congratulating 78 of our volunteers for earning prestigious Volunteer National Awards. We were also honored to present the Friend of Girl Scouting Award to 22 community and business partners who support the mission of Girl Scouts.

Thank you to the thousands of volunteers who allow GSSEM to encourage girls of courage, confidence and character who will make the world a better place. You make a huge difference to Girl Scouts all year long.

Ready to volunteer? We'd love to have you! Find out how sharing yourself make a positive influence on so many people in your community. [www.gssem.org/volunteer](http://www.gssem.org/volunteer)



Ever wonder how GSSEM distributes nearly 3 million boxes of cookies? Check out how our amazing volunteers get the job done!



# Troop Development Resources

## Troop Leaders Doing What They Do Best

Being a Girl Scout troop leader is a challenging volunteer job, but it is easily one of the most rewarding as you help change girls' lives for the better.

Here is important information and resource links designed to help you be the best troop leader you can be.



*Remember: we're here for you every step of the way! If you need help, reach out to your Member Support Specialist. If you don't know who your Specialist is, email [troopsupport@gsssem.org](mailto:troopsupport@gsssem.org) or call (800) 482-6734, and select the option for Member Support. We'll get you connected!*

## Year-End Wrap Up

We hope you had a fantastic year of Girl Scouts! As the school year draws to a close, make sure your troop is ready to go for another fun year:

- Register girls and adult volunteers returning to the troop during now through June 15.
- Celebrate the troop's accomplishments with a court of awards ceremony. Consider combining it with a bridging ceremony. Find out more at [www.gsssem.org/bridging](http://www.gsssem.org/bridging).
- Complete a Grade Level Essentials training on gsLearn to learn how to lead girls in an age-appropriate ways for the next program.
- Expand your Girl Scout knowledge with training from our Short & Snappy library at [www.gsssem.org/learning](http://www.gsssem.org/learning), or a live webinar.
- Complete the annual report by June 21 and share the final report with caregivers.
- Plan a mid-summer meet-up with your troop for a day of fun and friendship if your troop doesn't hold regular meetings during the summer.
- Discuss meeting dates and times, field trips, and events your troop will attend and place them on your troop's Rallyhood calendar at [www.gsssem.org/rallyhood](http://www.gsssem.org/rallyhood).
- Get ready for the 2025 Membership Year Kickoff in October!



# Live Training Lessons

GSSEM offers a variety of live trainings to help you have a successful Girl Scout year. Check out the training offerings at [www.gssem.org/calendar](http://www.gssem.org/calendar).

- NEW! Managing Troop Finances
- Engaging Girl Scout Families
- Difficult Conversations
- Key Policies
- Managing Girl Scout Behavior
- Preparing Your Troop to Travel



## Bridging: Take It to the Next Level

Bridging is one of Girl Scouts' most time-honored traditions. This ceremony marks the transition from one program level to another, like Daisies to Brownies or Juniors to Cadettes. Celebrating this change should be fun, personalized, and memorable for everyone involved. Most of all, it should be designed by the girls in true partnership with adults.

Here's some tips to make sure your bridging Girl Scouts have a memorable experience:

- **Connect with other Girl Scouts to earn bridging awards.** The rainbow bridging awards are earned, not given! Work with your Service Unit Manager or Member Support Specialist to find troops in your area so your troop can pass on their knowledge and explore what's to come at the next level.
- **Keep it girl-led.** Ask the troop how they would like to celebrate their bridging and allow enough time for them to plan out pieces of their bridging experience.
- **Invite family and friends.** Bridging is a significant moment in a Girl Scout's life, so make sure their loved ones are invited to witness it. Consider having girls create their own invitations to your troops bridging ceremony.

Looking for more bridging tips? Check out the Girl Scout Guide to Bridging at [www.gssem.org/bridgingguide](http://www.gssem.org/bridgingguide).

## Rally On!

Every volunteer benefits from Rallyhood, the one-stop-shop for Girl Scouts! Rallyhood is a communication and collaboration tool that helps you stay connected to your troop, your service unit, and our council. Download the app or visit [www.rallyhood.com](http://www.rallyhood.com) to:

- **Access** helpful resources like meeting activity plans and Girl Scout forms.
- **Link** program and event information to your own customized calendar.
- **Create** a space to share information with caregivers.
- **Engage** with other volunteers in your service unit and beyond.

Need help accessing Rallyhood? Contact the GSSEM Volunteer Experience team at [volunteerexp@gssem.org](mailto:volunteerexp@gssem.org).



# Valuable Volunteer Resources

Visit [www.gssem.org/newleaders](http://www.gssem.org/newleaders) for a complete at-a-glance web page for new troop leaders.

**Helpful hint:** even our returning leaders can find useful information on this page.

**Volunteer Essentials:** This valuable guide includes information about engaging girls, safety requirements, managing finances and policies. There's even a glossary of Girl Scout terms! Check it out at [www.gssem.org/ve](http://www.gssem.org/ve).

**Safety Activity Checkpoints:** This document contains everything you need to know to keep girls safe while having fun. You can access the Safety Activity Checkpoints at [www.gssem.org/safety](http://www.gssem.org/safety).

**GSSEM Online Directory:** Have a question and need to contact us? Visit [www.gssem.org/staff](http://www.gssem.org/staff).

**Case Management System:** Anytime you submit

a form via [www.gssem.org/contact](http://www.gssem.org/contact), a case is created. It will then be viewed by multiple staff members to ensure your inquiry is resolved quickly resolved.

**Short & Snappy:** Short & Snappy videos are online volunteer learning opportunities in the form of short videos and interactive modules that help you better understand a process or procedure. These interactive tools help with everything from managing your member profile to demystifying the volunteer relations process. Check them out on gsLearn. New to gsLearn? Visit [www.gssem.org/learning](http://www.gssem.org/learning) to view a Short & Snappy on how to use gsLearn!

**Training Catalog:** GSSEM's training catalog has information on live and on-demand trainings, including descriptions and run times. Find it at [www.gssem.org/learning](http://www.gssem.org/learning).

## What Volunteers Need to Know about Troop Finances

**Bank Account:** All troops need to establish a bank account with two unrelated, background checked adult signers for collection of payments of troop supplies and activities. Check out the Troop Banking Information at [www.gssem.org/bankaccount](http://www.gssem.org/bankaccount).

**Financial Assistance:** Financial assistance is provided to make sure ALL girls and adults can participate in Girl Scouting. Any member needing financial assistance for membership can request it during the online registration process. Other financial assistance exists for books, badges, uniforms, and programs. The Financial Assistance application can be found at [www.gssem.org/fa](http://www.gssem.org/fa).

**Money-Earning Activities:** The Cookie Program is the primary money-earning activity for a troop. You can also request a limited number of additional fundraising activities. The Money-Earning Project Request form can be found at [www.gssem.org/moneyearning](http://www.gssem.org/moneyearning).

**Reporting and Receipts:** Every troop should report out the troop finances to parents at least three times a year. Volunteers also submit a financial report to GSSEM every year by June 21.



*Remember: the Short & Snappy videos at [www.gssem.org/learning](http://www.gssem.org/learning) are there to help you with the financial process! The troop finances learning path will help you through every aspect of troop financial management.*

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# GSSEM Locations

GSSEM is the provider of premier leadership experiences for girls all over southeast Michigan. We serve more than 21,000 girls and adults in Oakland, Macomb, Genesee, Lapeer, St. Clair, Sanilac, and parts of Wayne, Monroe, and Livingston Counties. For the most up-to-date information about what's happening at GSSEM, visit [www.gssem.org](http://www.gssem.org).

## Service Centers, Council Shops & Camps

### ● Clinton Township Service Center/Council Shop

42800 Garfield  
Clinton Twp., MI 48038  
P: 800-482-6734  
F: 586-263-6320

### ● Detroit Service Center

1333 Brewery Park Blvd.  
Suite 500  
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Flint, MI 48507  
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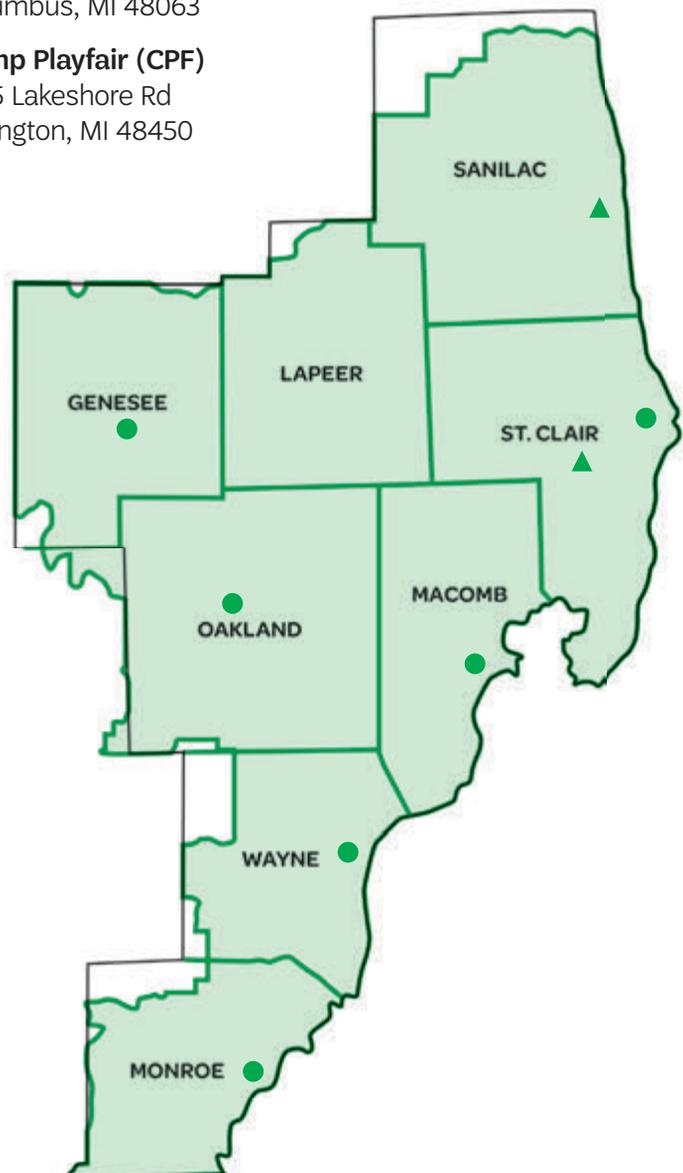
### GSSEM CAMPGROUNDS

#### ▲ Camp Hawthorn Hollow (CHH)

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