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February 2009

A Wilderness Trip Story



Taken from quotes and excerpts from the [Boundary Waters Canoe Adventure](#) group at Camp Northwoods, Summer 2008:

The experience of getting out and trying something new is great, and it's what Girl Scouts is about. But when you're really getting out...like when you're so far out that all you see are trees and hills and bald eagles that fly overhead... that's when you know you are truly having a life-changing experience.

Waking up every morning to the sound of a loon calling in the background or watching the sunrise from behind the evergreens and knowing that the only thing that matters at this very second are the people you're with and the day ahead of you. There's no cell phone, no TV, no electricity, no noise, and nothing to get in your way and distract you from your friends and the challenges that lay ahead. A wilderness tripping experience teaches you about friendship, trust, courage, and fun. There is no one telling you that you can't, that you aren't good enough—no one to impress. Just you, your group, and your gear. You make the most out of every moment given to you because you never

know when you will have a chance like this again.

For more information about wilderness trips being offered through the River Valleys Girl Scout camp program visit the [camp sessions page](#) and search "Trip/Out of Camp."

Cookie Program Activity

1,000+ Club

Get ready for a **1,000+ Club** event filled with adventure! Each girl who sells 1,000 or more packages of Girl Scout cookies will be invited to our 1,000+ Club event May 15 - May 16. Join your other River Valleys Girl Scouts as we trek to the Niabi Zoo in Coal Valley, Illinois to enjoy breakfast with an elephant (just like our 2009 Imagine If mascot, Eco Ellie). We'll hop on the bus Friday for an overnight stay at Camp Abe Lincoln. Next, we rise and shine for breakfast with the elephant and the chance to see exhibits before the zoo is open to the general public. Reach for your goals, and we may be seeing you at the 1,000+ Club event in May!



500+ Club

Join us for a wild and fun day at camp during our 500+ Club events! Each girl who sells 500 or more packages of cookies will be invited to participate in one of the 500+ Club events coming in June. Choose the June 20 event at Camp Singing Hills in Waterville, MN or the June 27 event at Camp Elk River in Zimmerman, MN. Each event will be packed with fun, and we'll give away a large Eco Ellie stuffed animal at each 500+ Club celebration. Every girl that attends will be entered into the drawing.



Cookie Booths

The local coffee shop, right before the big hockey game, the grocery store...the list of places your Troop can hold a Cookie Booth are endless! Have your leader sign up for a time at a Council Arranged Cookie Booth or contact a local business to hold a Troop Arranged Cookie Booth. Cookie Booths are a fun and fresh way to build your business skills and help your Troop get closer to their goal. When you and your Troop participate in a Cookie Booth, remember the following:

- Wear your Girl Scout uniform or shirt.
- Be polite and friendly.
- Keep the table and sales area neat.
- Do not leave the Cookie Booth area.
- Know your Troop Goals and be prepared to share those goals with customers.
- Let customers know about Cookie Care & Share.
- Say "Thank You" even if someone does not buy any cookies.
- Remember the Girl Scout tradition of always leaving a site cleaner than you found it.

Cookie safety

To achieve success in your [Cookie Program Activity](#), be sure to learn and follow the safety rules listed below both when you are selling and delivering cookies:

- Always wear your Girl Scout identification (membership pin, vest, or sash).
- Be familiar with the neighborhoods where you sell/deliver cookies.
- Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors must have an adult along when selling and delivering cookies.
- Older girls must sell/deliver cookies with a buddy and adult supervision.
- Adults must be present at all times when Girl Scouts operate a Cookie Booth.
- Sell and deliver cookies door to door only in daylight hours.
- Never enter a customer's home.
- Never approach cars or get into anyone's car who is not an approved Girl Scout adult.
- Have a plan for safeguarding money and cookies while delivering cookies and participating in Cookie Booths.
- Never give out your full name, address or telephone number to customers.
- Girl Scout Daisies are to sell only to friends and family; they may use the telephone with direct adult supervision. Girl Scout Daisies can not participate in Cookie Booths.
- Always use the buddy system, it's not just safe...it's more fun!

Girls with goals go far

Goal setting is one of the most valuable life skills you can have. River Valleys Girl Scouts are encouraged to set two types of goals this year: a goal for fun and a goal for learning. Share your goals with customers and keep track of your personal goal and troop goals.

Use the "Reach your cookie goal" poster provided in the Troop Meeting Kit booklet and mark your progress at every Troop meeting. [Little Brownie Bakers](#) has created an exciting, password-protected website where you can learn firsthand about the power of goal setting. Ask

your troop leader about the Cookie Club and how you can join! An adult volunteer is needed to get you and your Troop started in the Cookie Club.

Celebrations calendar

February

National Black History Month (United States)

2 Groundhog Day (United States)

4 Rosa Parks Birth Anniversary

5 Constitution Day (Mexico)

9 Tu b'Shvat or Tu B'Shevat* (Jewish)

11 National Foundation Day (Japan)

12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday (United States)

12 NAACP Founded

14 Race Relations Day

14 Valentine's Day (United States)

16 President's Day (United States)

17 League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Founded

20-24 Carnival (Brazil)

22 George Washington's Birthday (United States)

24 Flag Day (Mexico)

24 Mardi Gras (United States)

25 Ash Wednesday (Protestant, Roman Catholic)

**Holy days usually begin at sundown the day before this date.*

More to explore at Girl Scout Camp



Summer camp is just around the corner. Check out the [2009 summer camp sessions](#) prepared especially for you. Make new friends, swim, act, climb, boat, dance, paint, ride a horse, catch a fish....the possibilities are endless! Camp information is posted online. Camp Elk River, Greenwood, Lakamaga, Northwoods, Sanderson, Singing Hills, Whispering Hills and Edith Mayo Day Camps are the places to be.

The start of a sweet season

The days become sunny and the thermometer creeps above the freezing mark. Though the evenings are still cold, a few buds are just starting to appear on the trees. It must be maple syrup season!

Maple syruping lasts only few weeks in the late winter or early spring, and takes just a few supplies and a little patience. Just follow these steps:

- First is finding a maple tree, in the winter, with no leaves on the trees to help. Look at the branching of the twigs and smaller branches. They should stick out in pairs, right across from each other on each side of the branch. This is called opposite branching, and only a few trees grow this way. Next check for smooth grey bark on the younger, upper branches. Your last clue is the dark grey to black upside-down "V" shapes that develop where a large branch grows out of the main trunk.
- Any maple tree in good health and at least 10 inches in diameter can be tapped; big productions use plastic tubing and big collection types, but a pail and metal spout, or spile, are more traditional. Drill a hole about one and a half to two inches deep and push the spile into the hole, firm enough to stay but that you can still pull out when the season's over. Once the sap starts running, your tree may produce anywhere from one to ten gallons of sap. This is where the patience first comes in – this will take weeks to do, and in the meantime you have to keep the sap refrigerated or frozen so it doesn't spoil.
- Now you have to get rid of the water. Traditional maple syrup operations have a fire or stove outside for cooking down the syrup, for better ventilation. This also takes a long, long time, and if you get antsy you'll burn the bottom of your cooking pot. Use a candy thermometer, and cook to syrup stage, which is about 219 degrees Fahrenheit at sea level. It will take anywhere from thirty to fifty gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup. If you put about a quarter cup of syrup on your morning pancakes, that syrup used to be two and a half quarts of sap!



It takes weeks for maple trees to produce enough sap and for sap to cook down enough to be syrup, but you can get a "taste" of the process

by trying one of these program sessions. Go to the [Program Events Search page](#) and enter "maple" as a Keyword, or click one of these options:

- [Maple Syruping at Camp Lakamaga, 1 p.m. March 7](#)
- [Maple Syruping at Camp Lakamaga, 3:30 p.m. March 7](#)
- [Maple Syruping at Camp Lakamaga, 9:30 a.m. March 14](#)
- [Maple Syruping at Camp Lakamaga, 1 p.m. March 14](#)
- [Maple Syruping at Camp Lakamaga, 3:30 p.m. March 14](#)

Green Challenge

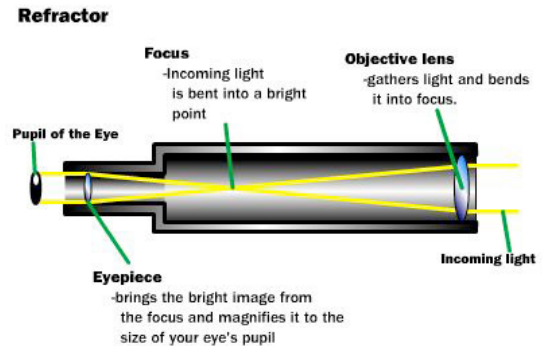
Activity

How do I build a telescope at home?

www.howstuffworks.com

In its essence, a telescope is an instrument that makes a far away object look closer. To do this, a telescope has a device that collects light from a distant object (objective lens or primary mirror) and brings that light (image) to a focus where a second device (eyepiece lens) magnifies the image and brings it to your eye. To make a simple telescope at home, you will need the following:

- **two magnifying glasses** - perhaps 1 - 1.5 inches (2.5-3 cm) diameter (it works best if one is larger than the other)
- **a cardboard tube** - paper towel roll or gift-wrapping paper roll (it helps if it is long)
- **duct tape**
- **scissors**
- **a ruler, yard stick, or tape measurer**
- **sheet of printed paper** - newspaper or magazine will do



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To assemble your telescope:

1. Get the two magnifying glasses and a sheet of printed paper.
2. Hold one magnifying glass (the bigger one) between you and the paper. The image of the print will look blurry.
3. Place the second magnifying glass between your eye and the first magnifying glass.
4. Move the second glass forward or backward until the print comes into sharp focus. You will notice that the print appears larger and upside down.
5. Have a friend measure the distance between the two magnifying glasses and write the distance down.
6. Cut a slot in the cardboard tube near the front opening about an inch (2.5 cm) away. Do not cut all the way through the tube. The slot should be able to hold the large magnifying glass.
7. Cut a second slot in the tube the same distance from the first slot as your friend wrote down. This is where the second magnifying glass will go.
8. Place the two magnifying glasses in their slots (big one at front, little one at back) and tape them in with the duct tape
9. Leave about 0.5 - 1 inch (1 - 2 cm) of tube behind the small magnifying glass and cut off any excess tube remaining.
10. Check to see that it works by looking at the printed page. You may have to play slightly to get the exact distances between the two glasses right so that the image comes to a focus.

You have just built a simple [refracting telescope](#)! With your telescope, you should be able to see the moon and some star clusters as well as terrestrial objects (i.e. birds).

Challenge

In 2005, used or unwanted electronics amounted to approximately 1.9 to 2.2 million tons of waste. Of that, a whopping 1.5 to 1.9 million tons were chucked into landfills, meaning that only 345,000 to 379,000 tons were recycled, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). But it doesn't have to be that way.

Opportunities and resources for electronics recycling are often closer than you think. Most big box stores, for example, where many of us get our electronics in the first place, have some recycling initiatives, and several are even quite extensive. [Here's the scoop on five of the biggest.](#)



Leadership opportunities

Global Citizen Essay Contest

Third annual Girl Scout Global Citizen Essay Contest. The contest has two goals: to challenge girls to consider their roles as Girl Scouts in the world and to allow them to put their experiences into words. For the winners, the prize of an educational tour will not simply be a reward for a job well done—it will also serve as a vehicle for developing ambassadors for global action and provide them an opportunity to impact

their community. Download the [contest rules](#) and [application](#) to learn more.

Be a role model

Be a role model to younger girls. Share your unique skills and talents. Volunteer for Girl Scouts.

River Valleys' program department is continually looking for older Girl Scouts and adult volunteers to assist with council-sponsored program events and other activities. If you're interested in volunteering for programs in any capacity, please contact Program Specialist Nicole Huebner at nicole.huebner@girlscoutsrv.org to see where your help is desired and much appreciated!

Travel opportunities

Wyoming's Wildlife Wonders *destination* still accepting applications

Wyoming's Wildlife Wonders is a travel opportunity (*destination*) where Girl Scouts ages 13-15 travel to Wyoming to study the ecology and natural history of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Girl Scouts hike, canoe, and trek through the Grand Teton, Yellowstone National Parks and Bridger-Teton National Forest.

Observe wildlife, participate in a national bird-banding effort, explore environmental careers, and take action by developing an environmental project to implement back home in their community.

Thirty girls across the nation will come together for a week at the Teton Science School to learn in an amazing environment about nature, each other, and themselves. This program takes place from July 24-31.

Visit studio2b.org for a complete description of the event, costs, and application procedures, or contact Megan Stanek at mstanek@gswestok.org or 405-528-3535.



Girl Scout Gold and Silver Awards deadlines

March 1

March 1 is the last day for you to submit your Girl Scout Gold and Silver Award Final Reports if you wish to participate in the spring 2009 recognition ceremony. Details for this spring's recognition ceremonies will be available soon. Please check the [awards website](#) for ceremony information and final report documents.

Girl Scout Week

Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys joins other Girl Scouts across the country to make the world a better place and celebrate the power of Girl Scouting during Girl Scout Week, March 9-15. The week honors the 97th anniversary, March 12, of Girl Scouts in the United States.

For more information, visit the [Volunteer Resources page](#).

Girl Scouts announces a new initiative!

What is LMK?

LMK ("let me know") is an online safety campaign created in partnership with Girl Scouts of the USA and Microsoft. The campaign includes an interactive website for girls, as well as an e-newsletter and website for adults. Each month, an all-girl editorial board explores a different internet safety topic online and then shares what they learned in the e-newsletter, which is distributed to adults the following month.

What can girls expect to find on the girls' website?

Girls can anticipate learning more about internet safety through a fun and interactive website, which includes forums, video features, articles, quizzes, polls, games, and a question & answer column from internet safety expert, Parry Aftab.

Why is LMK important?

With the escalating popularity, increasing access to the internet and online technologies, it is important for teens and parents to be aware of the dangers that exist in cyberspace. The LMK ("let me know") campaign not only creates a space for internet safety experts and teen peer advisors, it also provides guidance about topics like cyberbullying and online sexual predators. The adult components of the campaign help teens to bridge the digital generation gap between themselves and their parents.

What is LMK teaching me that I don't already know?

While many young people are aware of the issues of cyberbullying and online predators, not many people know how to keep themselves safe. The LMK campaign shows teenagers how to stay safe online by:

- Surprising girls with what they can learn about online safety;
 - Inspiring girls to pass their learning on to their friends;
 - Including their parents in a dialogue about online safety;
 - Empowering girls to become thought leaders who advocate safe and responsible use of technology.
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Scholarships, grants, and awards

Below are some possible funding opportunities for girls working on the Girl Scout Gold, Silver, or Bronze Award. These offerings are intended to be a resource to help support your project.

River Valleys is not responsible for content or any procedures or guidelines required by these grants.

Community Improvement Project Assistance from Lowe's

Deadline: ongoing

The Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF) funds community improvement projects and home safety initiatives, including building repair and renovation, community clean-up, landscaping and painting projects, construction and trades related initiatives, and playground enhancements. Applications are awarded on an ongoing basis. For more information, visit <http://www.lowes.com/lowes/kn?action=pg&p=AboutLoves/Community>.

Ben & Jerry's Foundation Social Change Projects

Deadline: ongoing

[Ben & Jerry's Foundation](#) provides support to nonprofit, grassroots organizations throughout the United States that facilitate progressive social change. Grant applicants need to demonstrate that their projects will lead to societal, institutional, and/or environmental change; address the root causes of social or environmental problems; and lead to new ways of thinking and acting. Projects must facilitate leadership development and strengthen the self-empowerment efforts of those who have traditionally been disenfranchised in our society. The Foundation does not make grants to support basic or direct social service programs. Letters of inquiry may be submitted at any time. Visit the [Ben & Jerry's Foundation](#) website listed above to review the funding guidelines and download the application form.

2009 CIPE Youth Essay Competition (US and International Applicants)

Deadline: March 1

The competition is an opportunity for youth around the world to get involved in a global civic discussion on issues that concern them. The contest is open to young people ages 18-30 and has three general topics: Citizenship in a Democratic Society, Educational Reform and Employment Opportunities, and Entrepreneurship and Leadership. Essays should be 2,000-4,000 words in length. There is a \$1,000 honorarium for the winners, and will publish the top three winning essays via its Economic Reform Feature Service, which is distributed to more than 3,000 subscribers. Deadline: March 1. Please visit www.cipe.org/essay for more information. Questions? Contact essay@cipe.org.

2009 Do Something Awards

Deadline: March 1

The Do Something Awards (formerly the BR!CK Awards) identify exceptional young social entrepreneurs, activists, and community leaders who have significantly changed the world for the better. We celebrate young world-changers who are the pivotal "do-ers" in their cause, issue, or field and empower their work through community grants, knowledge, and support. For 2009, five winners will be selected. Each will receive a minimum of \$10,000. One of those five will be selected to win the Grand Prize total of \$100,000. Applicants must be age 25 and under and citizens or residents of the U.S. or Canada. Application closes March 1. Go to the [Do Something Awards website](#) for more information and to apply now.

ABC Local American Dream Contest

YOU can help make a dream come true! ABC 6 News is thrilled to announce participation in the exciting Extreme Makeover Local American Dream Contest. Nominations are open February 9 - 23 for hometown heroes who continue to volunteer in their communities even though they are going through personal hardships due to no fault of their own.

One local winner will be selected from the ABC 6 News viewing area in southern Minnesota and northern Iowa. The Local American Dream Edition winner will receive \$5,000 toward the fulfillment of his or her American dream plus the nonprofit organization to which the person donates time will receive \$5,000 for the completion of a project that will benefit the community (selected organization must be a designated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization). And for the grand finale, ABC 6 News, Home Solutions Midwest and 102.5 The Fox will coordinate a fund raising event in partnership with the nonprofit group to support a special project.

Examples of local American dreams might be making mortgage payments, paying off credit card or medical bills, replacing a broken down car, or making home repairs, like a new roof or other needed improvements. Nominations for deserving volunteers are easy to submit via the ABC 6 News website. Go to www.kaaltv.com and click on the Local American Dream Contest. It will link you directly to the contest rules and nomination form. Find more information about ABC 6 News by visiting our website at www.kaaltv.com.

Community events and programs

Community events are events sponsored by other organizations, which are planned especially for Girl Scouts, are available only to Girl Scouts, or offer special fees for Girl Scouts. River Valleys has screened and approved these events because they have proven to be great additions to the Girl Scout Program and supportive of the council's program emphasis. However, River Valleys is not responsible for these events or for information about them that is subject to change. Be sure to check out the [program section](#) of the website to learn about the latest and greatest [Community Events and Program Opportunities](#).

Save the date!

Join Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts from all around the state of Minnesota at StarFun '09 hosted by the Northern Star Boy Scout Council. This exciting event is at Valleyfair and is open to only Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, family, and friends. Choose to attend on Saturday, May 16 or Sunday, May 17 and order tickets starting the week of March 2.

Ticket prices range from \$17 - \$20; children two years old and younger are free.

Visit [Northern Star Boy Scout Council](#) for more information.

Girls Going Places Entrepreneurship Conference

The Girls Going Places® Entrepreneurship Conference is being held on Tuesday, April 21 at the University of St. Thomas in downtown Minneapolis, MN for girls in grades 7-12.

The conference is part of Foster Klima's mission to champion community initiatives and programs that promote the importance of planning to maximize wealth and reach financial aspirations. Foster Klima is proud to be a leader in a movement that supports and mentors tomorrow's generation of entrepreneurs and business leaders — and educates today's youth about the advantages of business ownership and financial independence.

The Girls Going Places® Program was created in 1999 by The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America (Guardian) to educate young women about the financial and entrepreneurial opportunities available to them. Girls Going Places® Entrepreneurship Conferences are designed to encourage financial literacy and educate teen girls about starting businesses, managing personal finances, and the advantages of business ownership, entrepreneurship, and financial independence.

Sponsored nationally by Guardian, this first Minneapolis Girls Going Places® Conference is planned and hosted by Foster Klima & Company, in partnership with the University of St. Thomas.

To register, visit www.GirlsGoingPlaces.com/minneapolis.

Community service opportunities

Don't forget to identify yourself as a Girl Scout when doing community service by wearing your Girl Scout pin or sash/vest.

February is International Friendship Month

Adopt a local nursing home or assisted living facility and make new friends. Make friendship bracelets, have a snack, or if you are near the Brooklyn Center or St. Paul Service Centers, check out the Fit For Each Other kit for more amazing ideas you can do with your new friends.

Trees for the 21st Century

As you know, it is more important than ever for Girl Scouts to Discover, Connect, and Take Action to protect our planet. There is a new GSUSA endorsed patch program. Perfect for the spring or leading up to Earth Day, our program gives girls and leaders all they need to know to engage in rewarding "green" activities. Cost-effective at \$3.50 per girl, the program provides tree seedlings and a unique patch for Girl Scouts to earn after completing the activities. Visit <http://www.earthnext.org/programs/trees21.html> for more information.

Caps Off with Girl Scouts

In April, more than 45,000 Girl Scouts from River Valleys can participate in the council-wide community service project "Caps Off With Girl Scouts." The project partners Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys with AVEDA to collect plastic bottle caps that cannot be recycled in traditional plastic recycling methods. AVEDA gives a second life to the caps by making tops for future products. Girl Scouts in your area will collect plastic caps April 20-26.

Please begin collecting caps at home and in the office and give them to a local troop. Acceptable plastic caps include ones from water bottles, soda bottles, facial cleanser, laundry detergent, ketchup, shampoo/conditioner, etc. Caps that are NOT included are any metal caps and any "snap fit" plastic caps, such as margarine or cottage cheese caps.

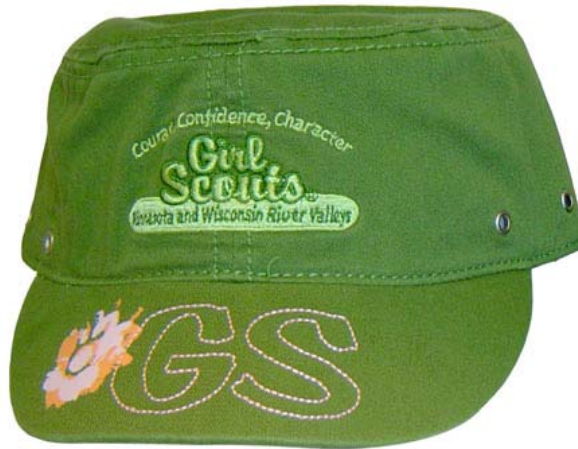
Girl Scouts who participate in the council-wide service project are eligible to earn a special patch for their efforts. Requirements to earn the patch can be found on the [Program page](#).

Girl Scout Shop

Look what's new in the [Girl Scout Shop](#).



Embroidered with faux fur Valentine heart patch, \$2.



River Valleys cap. Velcro closure in the back, green and pink embroidery, \$6.



"Respect Today for a Better Tomorrow" long sleeve T-shirt. Dark brown with blue screen print. Small – X-Large \$16, 2X \$18.



2009 Thinking Day patches are still available, \$1.

Stop in any one of River Valleys Girl Scout Shops and look around. We carry a variety of scrapbook paper, stickers, and scrapbook kits, Groovy Girls, greeting cards, much more than what you see in the GSUSA catalog! Visit the [Girl Scout Shop online](#) for more great River Valleys items.

Council-sponsored program events

Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys is offering hundreds of fun and unique programs for girls of all ages. Here are a few that we would like to highlight. For information on how to register for programs [click here](#).

Pool Party!

Girl Scout Brownie through Ambassador

I'm Electric! Badge Day

Girl Scout Junior

<p>Saturday, March 7 Wise Swim School, Apple Valley, MN</p> <p>Get an early start on summer and practice your swimming skills. Grab your Girl Scout friends, swim suit, and towel for two fun-filled hours of open swimming! Lifeguards provided per <i>Safety-Wise</i>; chaperones are asked to be "watchers" for their troop. All girls must be chaperoned by an adult. Adults must register for the event, but only need to pay if they are swimming.</p> <p>View event: 12:30- 2:30 p.m. • 3 -5 p.m.</p>	<p>Saturday, March 21 The Bakken, Minneapolis, MN</p> <p>Come to The Bakken and discover electricity in the human body with hands-on activities, special presentations, and the chance to meet women in bioelectricity careers. I'm Electric badge included.</p> <p>View event: 10 a.m. -12:30 p.m. • 1:30 - 4 p.m.</p>
<p>Medieval Adventure Girl Scout Daisy through Girl Scout Junior Saturday, April 4 Brownton Community Center, Brownton, MN</p> <p>Become a medieval maiden for a day. Discover what it was like in the Middle Ages during the era of knights, fair ladies, princesses, and castles. Design medieval crafts, play medieval games, and even try some medieval food. Girls will earn and receive a Medieval participation patch, the Medieval Maidens Try-It, or the Medieval Maidens badge.</p> <p>View event</p>	<p>Medieval Adventure & Leadership Girl Scout Cadette through Girl Scout Ambassador Friday, April 3- Saturday, April 4 Brownton Community Center, Brownton, MN</p> <p>Discover what it was like in the Middle Ages during the era of knights, fair ladies, princesses, and castles. Explore the Medieval era as you learn about famous women during this time, learn about and design your own coats of arms, create a project, and build your leadership skills to lead girls throughout the activities on Saturday. Girls will earn and receive the Medieval Maidens interest project.</p> <p>View event</p>
<p>Listening to the Past Girl Scout Brownie Saturday, April 4 Minnesota History Center, St. Paul, MN</p> <p>Explore the Open House exhibit, and discover the stories of the families who lived in one house in St. Paul more than 118 years ago. Learn techniques for conducting oral history interviews of your family. Play games that the children who lived in the house played, and make your own toy to take home with you. Program fee includes admission to the Minnesota History Center. Includes Girl Scout Brownie Listening to the Past Try-It.</p> <p>View event</p>	<p>Home Improvement: The Basics Girl Scout Cadette through Girl Scout Senior Saturday, April 11 Camp Lockeslea, Fridley, MN</p> <p>Discover the basics of home improvement as you learn about tools, safety, and careers related to home repair and construction. Try using different tools and build a project to take home. Register for Home Improvement: Design, offered on the same day, and earn the Home Improvement interest project.</p> <p>View event</p>
<p>Home Improvement: Design Girl Scout Cadette through Girl Scout Senior Saturday, April 11 Camp Lockeslea, Fridley, MN</p> <p>Discover how design is used in the construction of homes and other buildings as you learn about home design, building accessibility, and careers that use design. Use different design tools and do a project to take home with you. Register for Home Improvement: The Basics, offered on the same day, and earn the Home Improvement interest project.</p> <p>View event</p>	<p>Architecture at The Works Girl Scout Junior Tuesday, April 14 The Works, Edina Community Center, Edina, MN</p> <p>Start in The Works museum exploring hands-on, minds-on exhibits. Then find out what architects do as you explore structure, scale, and design. Use real wood and saws to redesign the Sears Tower and make a small, scale model skyscraper; plus, discover cool buildings designed by female architects. Fulfills all requirements of the Architecture badge.</p> <p>View event</p>
<p>Roller Rama Girl Scout Daisy through Girl Scout Ambassador Saturday, May 9 The Rohler Rink, Austin, MN</p> <p>Meet up at The Rohler Rink in Austin for a fun day of skating, pizza, music, and games! Fee includes a participation patch, a slice of pizza, and roller skate or roller blade rental.</p> <p>View event</p>	<p>Try-It-a-Thon Girl Scout Brownie Saturday, May 16 Rochester Service Center, Rochester, MN</p> <p>Earn three Try-Its in one day at the Try-It-A-Thon! Rotate through the activity stations to earn three of the following Try-Its: Let's Pretend, Eat Right, Stay Healthy, and Plants & Animals. Fee includes Try-Its, supplies, snacks, and guaranteed fun.</p> <p>View event</p>
<p>Lock-in at "The Neighborhood" Girl Scout Brownie through Girl Scout Ambassador Friday, March 13 – Saturday March 14</p>	<p>Career Exploration in Real Estate Girl Scout Senior and Girl Scout Ambassador Saturday, April 25</p>

Rochester Athletic Club, Rochester, MN

Come out to the Rochester Athletic Club and explore the neighborhood, swim, eat pizza, watch a movie on the big screen, and participate in tons of fun activities. Here is your chance to stay up all night and play!

[View event](#)

First National Bank Building, St. Paul, MN

Explore exciting careers in commercial real estate with MN CREW professionals. From interior design to environmental engineering, enjoy hands-on activities and meet women who love what they do. Get a chance to tour an historic building in St. Paul, and create redevelopment plan to revitalize the building. This day will count towards your Girl Scout Gold Career Award. Space will be limited to the first 40 girls, so register early to be eligible for cool prizes. Program fees include transportation to the program from the SPSC, snack and lunch.

[View event](#) • [Video](#)

Cuttlebug Creations

Girl Scout Junior
Saturday, April 11
Emmaus Baptist Church, Northfield

Discover how creative you can be with a Cuttlebug! This tool lets you emboss and cut wacky designs for cards, stationery, and anything your imagination can sum up. Explore different techniques and tools to get you started on a creative project of your own.

[View event](#)

Tea for Two

Girl Scout Daisy or Girl Scout Brownie
Saturday, April 11
Emmaus Baptist Church, Northfield

Bring your favorite doll to an old-fashioned tea party. Make a special keepsake to remember the day, and learn how to host a party and how to meet new people. Top off the day by having crumpets and tea for you and your doll. Girl Scout Brownies will complete and receive the Manners Try-It. Girl Scout Daisies will receive a participation patch.

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Uniquely We: Eden Prairie

Girl Scout Daisy and Girl Scout Brownie
Saturday, April 4
Pax Christi, Eden Prairie, MN

Celebrate being a girl and all the amazing things we can do! Build friendship, fitness, beauty, and self-esteem. Explore your unique identity and discover the uniqueness in other girls so that we can all be bold and beautiful.

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Daisy Day at Camp Edith Mayo

Girl Scout Daisy
Saturday, March 14
Camp Edith Mayo, Rochester, MN

Spend the day at Camp Edith Mayo learning about the outdoors through games, crafts, snacks, and hikes. Learn camp songs and eat a S'more.

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Science Museum of Minnesota Camp In

Girl Scout Junior
Friday, March 13 – Saturday, March 14
Saturday, April 25 – Sunday, April 26
Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN

Imagine a campground filled with a giant movie screen, high-tech exhibits, extraordinary science activities, laser beams, a live theatre production, special opportunities to work on select Girl Scout badges, and the chance to sleep next to a dinosaur. Sound thrilling? Grab your friends and Camp-In at the Science Museum of Minnesota!

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Cake-amaga! At Camp Lakamaga

Girl Scout Daisy through Girl Scout Ambassador
Saturday, March 21
Camp Lakamaga, Marine on St. Croix, MN

Learn about maple syruping at Camp Lakamaga and enjoy an all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast. Troops, families, and community members are welcome. Self-guided tours of camp and summer camp program information will be available.

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Nickelodeon Universe Overnight

Girl Scout Daisy through Girl Scout Ambassador
Friday, April 17 – Saturday, April 18
Mall of America, Bloomington, MN

Back by popular demand: join Girl Scouts for an overnight at the Mall of America, Nickelodeon Universe. Girl Scouts will have exclusive use of Nickelodeon Universe for one whole night. The rides will be open in addition to other activities throughout the night.

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Go Primitive

Girl Scout Junior
Saturday, March 28
Clearly Lake Regional Park—Prior Lake, MN

Make your own rope, start a fire without matches, and try a spear thrower! Discover the amazing outdoor survival skills that once linked all ancient people around the world. Could you have survived? http://www.girlscoutsv.org/events/event_detail.php?id=1287

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Slumber Party at Camp Lakamaga

Girl Scout Daisy through Girl Scout Brownie
 Saturday, March 28 – Sunday, March 29
 Camp Lakamaga, Marine on St. Croix, MN

Grab your sleeping bag and spend the night in true slumber party style at Camp Lakamaga. Make crafts, enjoy snacks, play some games, and spend the night in one of the troop houses or cozy cabins.

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Earth Day Celebration at Camp Edith Mayo

Girl Scout Brownie
 Saturday, April 18
 Camp Edith Mayo, Rochester, MN

Go green at this year's Earth Day celebration at Camp Edith Mayo in Rochester! Join us in preserving the Earth while you earn the Eco-Explorer Try-It.

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Spring Spa at Camp Northwoods

Girl Scout Cadette through Girl Scout Ambassador
 Friday, April 24 – Sunday, April 26
 Camp Northwoods, Mason, WI

Experience "spa time" during a weekend of relaxation and learning. Canoe, kayak, fish, or bird watch. Enjoy peaceful hikes and beautiful sunsets. At the end of the day, settle into your modern troop house. Create natural facials, homemade journals, and learn meditation or yoga techniques. Coach bus transportation to and from camp provided. Adult chaperones are required to attend with girls.

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Spring Madness - Greenwood

Girl Scout Daisy through Girl Scout Ambassador
 Saturday, April 25
 Camp Greenwood, Buffalo, MN

Enjoy the spring sunshine at Camp Greenwood with your troop or family. Go for a hike and see the flowers start to bloom, make a springtime craft, and participate in Earth Day activities. Families and troops are encouraged to attend.

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Spring thaw – Building for Birds

Girl Scout Brownie through Girl Scout Junior
 Saturday, April 25
 Flandrau State Park, New Ulm, MN

Build a birdhouse to take home. Play 'fill the bill' to learn about bird eating habits. Make a journal to record your observations of birds.

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Program Aide with Day Camp Emphasis

Girl Scout Cadette through Girl Scout Ambassador
 Saturday April 25 – Sunday April 26
 Camp Singing Hills, Waterville, MN

Share your years of Girl Scouting with others. Help with a younger troop, a day camp, service unit events, and council programs. Discover tips and tricks for working with younger girls in different settings. Learn new games and songs, as well as additional outdoor and leadership skills. You will earn your Program Aide pin. Adults need not attend.

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