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Official Newsletter of Spring Lake Park Girl Scouts

Welcome!

BY ANGELA DEMARAIS

Welcome to the First Edition of the Spring Lake Park Community monthly Newsletter. In this newsletter, you will find information on upcoming events and opportunities as well as other tidbits on troop updates,

During the new year we will be changing the direction of our monthly Community Volunteer meeting to be more about team building and "fun". Our meetings are on the 3rd Monday of the month from 7-8pm starting in October, if you would like to join we would love to have you, please reach out to anyone on the Community Leadership team for more information.

As we transition to the new year, I will be shifting from SU Manager to Community Treasurer. Thank you to everyone for making this a great experience. I have enjoyed my time in this role and the opportunity to connect with so many troop leaders, girl scouts and families. I have had the opportunity to gain insights from Volunteers both past and present.

Please join me in welcoming Julie Kosbab as SLP Community Leader for the new year.

Have a fantastic 2024/2025 Girl Scout Adventure!!



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What is a Community?

BY JULIE KOSBAB

Girl Scouts River Valley has changed how local regions do business. Where once we were a Service Unit, we are now a Community.

Some regions are just taking the name change and operating business as usual. However, in Spring Lake Park we're treating this as an opportunity. An opportunity to look at how we've all changed these last 4 years. An opportunity to ask if local traditions need update. An opportunity to change how we support leaders and girls.

This newsletter is one of the changes. We are working to let all of our Spring Lake Park families, leaders and volunteers know what we have going on at the Community level, including not just events but other changes we are trying this year.

Will every change we make work? Probably not! And we're certainly not changing things just for the sake of change. But we're working in the Girl Scout spirit — trying to improve every day, evaluating what we do and moving forward.

We look forward to this journey with you.

“Right is right, even if no one else does it.”

JULIETTE GORDON LOW





Bridging

SEPTEMBER 7, 2024 - 1PM

Join our Bridging Girl Scouts at Springbrook Nature Center on Saturday, September 7.

Non-bridging Scouts needed for Flag Ceremony. If your Girl Scout(s) are interested in helping with the flag ceremony, please reach out to Angie DeMarais.

GS ♥ State Parks

SEPTEMBER 14, 2024 - ALL DAY

Join Spring Lake Park Girl Scouts at Interstate State Park (Wisconsin) for Girl Scouts Love State Parks day!

We will be at the Beach Shelter. Spring Lake Park troops can use this as their “home base” for the day. BYO lunches/picnic (coolers welcome, there is also a grill). At 11:30 we’ll have lunch together, followed by campfire cooking of s’mores, doughboys and pudgy pies! There will be field games available.

Park entry permit is the responsibility of each troop/family attending. See site info at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/admission>.

Please RSVP at <https://www.slpgirlscouts.org/state-parks-rsvp>

Badge opportunities include:

- Daisy: Trail Adventure, Eco Learner, Shapes in Nature, Numbers in Nature, Design with Nature, Outdoor Art Maker
- Brownie: Trail Adventure, Bugs, Eco Friend, Hiker, Shapes in Nature, Numbers in Nature, Design with Nature, Outdoor Adventurer, Outdoor Art Creator
- Junior: Animal Habitat, Geocacher, Trail Adventure, Shapes in Nature, Numbers in Nature, Design with Nature, Outdoor Art Explorer
- Cadette: Outdoor Art Apprentice, Trees
- Senior: Outdoor Art Expert, Sky

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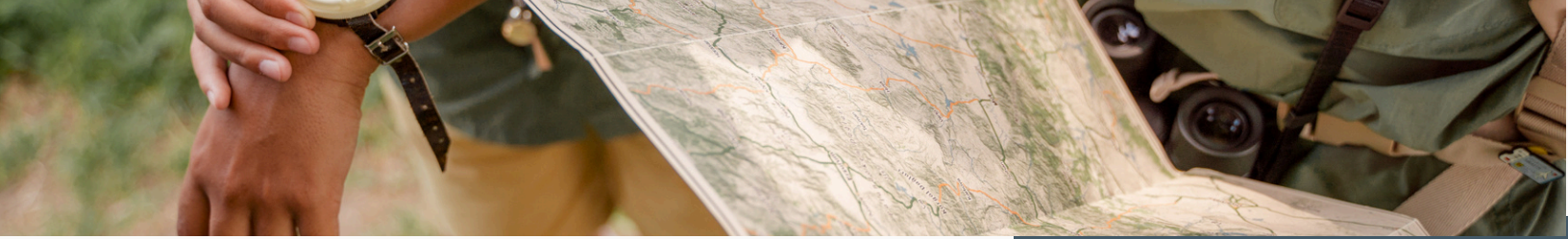
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 26

First fundraiser of the year. Watch for details and materials coming soon! Exciting new Bark Boxes and new treats.

"The work of today is the history of tomorrow, and we are its makers."

JULIETTE GORDON LOW





Spring Lake Park Girl Scouts Activity Survey

BY JULIE KOSBAB

In June, the community team launched a survey intended for families, volunteers and troop leaders to provide input on our community-based events and communications.

To date, we've seen some clear trends from responses:

- There is a desire for more outdoor based events.
- Badge connections are highly valued when we can offer them.
- We need to find new ways to communicate many of these events to members.

Our team is looking at ways to incorporate this feedback.

We've started by creating a new website to be a public-facing calendar and information source for all in our community. We are also changing our monthly Leader/Volunteer meetings to be less oriented to minor admin details and more oriented to networking and support within the community.

We'd love to hear from you! The survey will remain open through August 31st at

<https://www.slpgirlscouts.org/2024survey>.

“The Girl Scouts is where I became acquainted with the idea that a woman can do anything. Learning that early on has a tremendous impact on the development of a young girl's personality.

LISA LING



The Girl Scout Life

As we kick off our new GS year, we are looking forward to all the activities that build and create our “Girl Scout Life.” Those troop meetings that turn into a giggle fest, that camping trip after months of planning, the trip to MOA after reaching a fundraising goal, the donation drive that impacted those in need - - we want to hear and see it all!

Please share your memorable moments and events so we can high-light them here in our newsletter. If you’d like your troop activities to be featured on this page, please email Nikki Aune (nkaune@gmail.com)

By sharing your experience, you may inspire other troops to do that one activity they thought might be impossible OR connect with another troop who shares a special interest with your troop!

Cheers to a new year of GS memories and building our Girl Scout Life!



“Have fun,
because
that's what
life is all
about.”

RYAN LOCHTE



Who to Contact

COMMUNITY 180 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Community Leader - Julie Kosbab - snapdragon@gmail.com

Community Treasurer - Angela DeMarais - acdemarais@gmail.com

Community Product Leader (Fall) - Kyria Tarnowski - tim_kyria@yahoo.com

Community Product Leader (Cookies) - Julie Kosbab - snapdragon@gmail.com

Community Program Leader - Nikki Aune - nkaune@gmail.com

Community Outdoor Leaders -

- Tim Tarnowski - tim_kyria@yahoo.com

- Gena Mickley - genashawnone@comcast.net

Community Membership Leader - OPEN

Community Troop Support Leader - OPEN

Community Team Members - OPEN

Interest in an OPEN role?

Volunteering with the community is EASY and FUN! If you are interested in learning more about our open roles, please reach out to any one on the Community 180 Leadership Team.

Up Coming Troop Leader Meeting

MONDAY SEPT. 16TH

Monthly Troop Leader Meetings are held every third Monday of the month starting in September through June. All meetings are virtual. You can find the meeting link in Rallyhood or email Julie Kosbab.

“I think the most enduring lesson I was taught through my experiences of being a Girl Scout was that I was a member of a larger community.”

NATALIE MERCHANT