

June 2017 Checklist for Success

Need a refresher from last month? Check out the [May Checklist on the Bridge](#).

June At-a-Glance

- June: Summer of Service is in full swing!
- June 2: Summer Leadership Center hours start.
- June 30:
 - Early Bird Renewal ends!
 - Troop Finance Reports due.

Upcoming – For Girls, Troops, and Families

Summer Events

Troops and Girl Scout families can view and register for events around the council from the [Events Calendar](#) on our website. You can also find [program kits](#) and [field trips](#) online!

Be sure to check out upcoming programs near you:

- **Camp Open Houses** – From meeting the counselors to exploring the outdoors, to making a craft, there’s something for everyone at these great come-and-go events at each of our unique camps!
 - Camp Tanglefoot Open House: Saturday, June 10 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 - Camp Sacajawea Open House: Sunday, June 18 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- **Zombie Events – Be Sure to Renew During Early Bird!**
 - All girls who renew during Early Bird get FREE admission to one of our Zombie Bashes happening across the council! After girls renew, they can register for the event nearest them [on our website](#).
- **Summer Camp Registration is Open!**
 - Now that Cookie Dough has been sent, it’s the perfect time for families to [register their Girl Scout](#) for their best summer ever at camp!

Volunteer Resources

Early Bird

Early Bird Renewal ends on June 30! With new incentives – from a free exclusive event and patches, to "discounts" on adult registrations and a service unit reward – Early Bird Renewal is more exciting than ever! Renew your troop before June 30 for an awesome head start on the 2017-18 year. Learn more at gsgibridge.com/earlybird.

Circle of Success – Registration is Open Now!

Circle of Success events across the council are great opportunities to kick start the excitement for the new Girl Scout year, connect with other volunteers in your region, and share best practices & resources in the Girl Scout movement. Register now for the event near you on our website Event List!

Le Mars – July 24	Denison – July 25	Fort Dodge – July 27
Emmetsburg – August 1	Council Bluffs – August 3	Indianola – August 7
Clear Lake – July 31	Lenox – August 8	

Mud Run Volunteers Needed!

We need your help at the Gimme S’more Mud Run on September 23! We couldn’t put on this exciting event without the help of our awesome volunteers. From staffing the registration tables, to helping runners stay hydrated and find their way, we have volunteer positions for everyone. Interested? Fill out our simple form at smoremudrun.com under “Get Involved.”

Troop Finance Reports

Don't forget, Troop Finance Reports are due June 30! We've simplified the form to make it easy for you to complete. And remember, the \$5 adult membership discount for Early Bird will only take effect once your Troop Finance Report is complete! Head to girlscoutsiowa.org/troopfinance to fill out your troop's report.

Troop Catalog Update Forms

The new year is approaching! Be sure to fill out the Troop Catalog Update Form [on our website](#) to let us know about your troop this year, like your meeting details or a description of the activities your troop loves to do!

G.I.R.L. 2017 – National Convention

You're invited to a one-of-a-kind gathering of girls and women from around the world. Come experience National Convention like you've never seen it before. From October 6-8, 2017, Girl Scouts will dominate Columbus, Ohio, and we want you to be a part of it! Unlike previous National Conventions, this year's three day event is all about inspiring speakers, enlightening educational opportunities and the Hall of Experience. The business is taken care of earlier in the week. See all National Convention options in our [Bridge post](#).

Summer Leadership Center Hours

From **June 2 - September 1**, all Leadership Centers will close at 3:00 p.m. on Fridays. For updates on hours and closings, be sure to check our [Hours and Locations page](#).

Outdoor Exploration Training for Volunteers!

We're thrilled to offer awesome outdoor training opportunities at 4 different locations in the next year! Topics covered in the trainings will include: campfire basics, fire-building, outdoor cooking, campout first-aid (not a certification), camping 101, and so much more! Save the date for the training near you – registration will open later this summer:

Camp Joy Hollow (Westfield) Saturday, October 14, 2017	Camp Juliette (Marshalltown) Saturday, May 5, 2018
Camp Sacajawea (Boone) Friday, October 20 – Saturday, October 21, 2017	Camp Tanglefoot (Clear Lake) Friday, May 11 – Saturday, May 12, 2018

Girl Scout Q&A

Q: My troop plans to complete the Summer of Service hours. Do I need to fill anything out? How will they get their patch?

A: All troops completing their Summer of Service project hours should complete the [Summer of Service Form](#) located on our website. If your troop donated at least 10 hours of your time, you qualify for cool Summer of Service patches, and can designate on the form whether you will be picking your patches up, or if you would like them to be mailed.

Q: Our troop earned a camp overnight during the Cookie Program – how do we book this?

A: To reserve your free overnight, please e-mail the following information to info@gsiowa.org:

1. Troop Leader's name and troop number.
2. Preferred overnight dates and camp location of choice.
3. Total number of people attending (girls and adults).
4. Preferred building to rent (if you have a preference).

Please note our camp directors will be providing the programming for your outdoor badge. We can't wait to see you at camp!