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### **Girl Scouts seek members during Iowa City area back-to-school nights**

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IOWA CITY, Iowa – Families will have the opportunity to learn about Girl Scouts during back-to-school nights at Iowa City Community School District schools next week.

Booths manned by volunteers and staff of Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois at the ice cream socials and meet-the-teacher nights will help explain the programs offered by Girl Scouts in Johnson County.

Most of the back-to-school nights in the Iowa City district are in the early evening on Tuesday, Aug. 17. Parents should check with their schools for exact times and dates. Schools with Girl Scout booths during their evening events next week will be: Shimek, Horn, Grant Wood, Lemme, Hoover, Horace Mann, Lincoln, Longfellow, Mark Twain, Lucas, Roosevelt, Weber, Coralville Central, Kirkwood, Van Allen, Wickham, Penn, Garner and Hills.

At the events, families may pick up a brochure about Girl Scouts that describes various programs offered in the Iowa City area in the coming months, as well as information on an event by grade level planned for later this month at West High School. Girls will attend the Aug. 28 "Taste of Girl Scouts" event at varying times based on their age while their parents can learn more about Girl Scouts. Membership dues for Girl Scouts are only \$1 per month, or \$12 for a year.

The Girl Scout program is tied to some of Girl Scouts' 15 national outcomes for girls, as defined in the Girl Scout Leadership Model. These outcomes are integral to the three leadership keys: Discover, Connect and Take Action. Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. In Girl Scouts, girls develop leadership, discover themselves and their values, connect to others locally and globally and take action to make the world a better place.

As Girl Scouts, girls are challenged and encouraged to reach for and achieve their best. In small groups, girls work in partnership with adult leaders. Using the democratic process, girls plan and carry out their own activities. This girl-adult partnership helps girls learn lessons, build values and develop self-confidence that lasts a lifetime.

For nearly 100 years, Girl Scouts has been helping girls realize their full potential and everything that the Girl Scout Leadership Experience provides. No matter their age, girls learn the value and the fun of sharing experiences in an all-girl environment, with caring, trained adults to serve as mentors and models. Designed with girls in mind, all activities are grade-appropriate.

While the troop setting is the typical pathway into Girl Scouts for younger girls, it's not the only entry point. When a girl joins Girl Scouts, she can choose any one, all, or some of the pathways to participate in: troop, events on a local and regional level, camp, special interest groups and travel. No matter which pathway a girl chooses, she is an actual Girl Scout.

Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois serves more than 18,000 girls ages 5-17 with nearly 5,000 adult volunteers in 31 counties in Eastern Iowa and seven counties in Western Illinois.

For more information about Girl Scouts in Johnson County, visit the web at [GirlScoutsToday.com](http://GirlScoutsToday.com) or call 319-363-8335 or 800-798-0833.