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Highest Awards Website Updated



Your Guide to the New Highest Awards – Live Now!

Visit the [GSNENY website](#) for
more information

Discover New Guides for Girls &
Adults Leadership Awards Deadlines
& More

Want a private Troop or Service Unit
workshop? E-mail Linda at
highestawards@girlscoutsneny.org.

Upcoming Girl Scout Programs

Have more fun learning, doing, and growing with these events, activities, and opportunities designed just for Girl Scouts, like you!

Last Chance

Engine Nation

Nov 14, 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM
Albany

G. S. Engineering Day with RPI Society of Women Engineers

Nov 15, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Troy

Outdoor Skills Spectacular: Knives, Knots & Navigation
Nov 15, 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM
Lake George

Take a Hike Day: Moreau State Park

Nov 16, 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Weird Science
Nov 19, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Albany

Upcoming Programs

Bronze Award Workshop
Dec 01, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Virtual

The Nutcracker: Magical Christmas Ballet
Dec 03, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Albany

Holiday Cookie Decorating
Dec 04, 6:30 PM- 8:00 PM
Albany

Model Car Design with RPI Society of Women Engineers
Dec 05, 6:30 PM- 7:30 PM
Troy

Looking Ahead

Gingerbread Houses
Dec 06, 10:00 AM- 11:30 AM
Plattsburgh

Holiday Cookie Decorating
Dec 08, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Albany

Silver & Gold Award Workshop
Dec 11, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Virtual

Outdoor Skills Spectacular: First Aid & Animal Tracking
Dec 13, 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Lake George

Find MORE programs here!

[Program Guide](#) or [Calendar of Events](#)

Did you know? You can use your Cookie Dough or S'mores Club to pay for camps and programs! Contact Customer Care to check or apply your balance, or with any other questions 518.489.8110, customercare@girlscoutsneny.org

Financial Assistance is available for year-round programs in our Council.

To learn more or apply, click [HERE](#)

Represent Your Service Unit!



It's your time to make a difference!

Between 10/1/25 and 11/30/25, Service Units are voting on delegates and alternates to represent the members of the Service Unit.

Contact your Service Unit Manager for more information.

Are you interested in participating in the governance of our Council?

Service Units can hold their elections between 10/1 and 11/30 to elect delegate(s) and alternate(s) to represent your Service Unit. This is a great opportunity for girls and adult volunteers to represent the other members in their Service Unit on policy-related topics. Contact your Service Unit Manager for details!

National Board Recruitment Update

The Girl Scouts of the USA's (GSUSA's) National Board Development Committee (NBDC) is seeking a highly qualified pool of candidates for the National Board of Directors and National Board Development Committee for the 2026-2029 triennium. The NBDC sets recruitment priorities based on the opportunities and challenges facing GSUSA over the next triennium, focusing on those skills and experience our board will need to serve the Movement.

Candidates of various skills, perspectives, and experiences are needed to assemble a National Board that can effectively lead the Movement. The NBDC is looking for volunteer leaders who bring:

- high-level experience in business, government, academia, nonprofits, and/or philanthropy
- Experience overseeing organizations that are as large and complex as GSUSA
 - Prior Board service, with strong understanding of governance
- A deep commitment to the Girl Scout Movement that includes the perspectives of families who are already within our Movement, and those who are yet to join us.

Contact [Liz Black](#) for a copy of the position description or for more information.

Flag Retirement Ceremony



GSNENY is hosting a flag retirement ceremony at Hidden Lake Camp in Lake George to commemorate Veteran's Day and remember all those who have sacrificed for our country.

Each registered Girl Scout will receive campfire ashes from this ceremony approximately 1 week after the event to remember their participation. These will be available for pickup at your local Service Center.

Fun Patch available for each registered participant. Families are welcome to attend.

Register for the ceremony [HERE](#)

Troop Leader Training



This free training provides a general overview of Girl Scouting, covering specific policies, standards, and guidelines GSNENY holds to each troop. This training is required for all new Troop Leaders, but all volunteers are encouraged to attend and are always welcome. We recommend all leaders take training every 3 years to ensure they receive the latest information and access to the newest resources! Multiple trainings are offered monthly, both in-person and virtually. Additional classes available upon request.

Register [HERE](#)

S'more Learning

Join us in the last part of the 8-part camping S'More Learning. This is part 8 - Ensuring Safety Measures.

Watch “Ensuring Safety Measures” - Camping Part 8: [HERE](#)



Watch S'more Learning - Winter Holidays: [HERE](#)



Volunteer Conference Cancelled

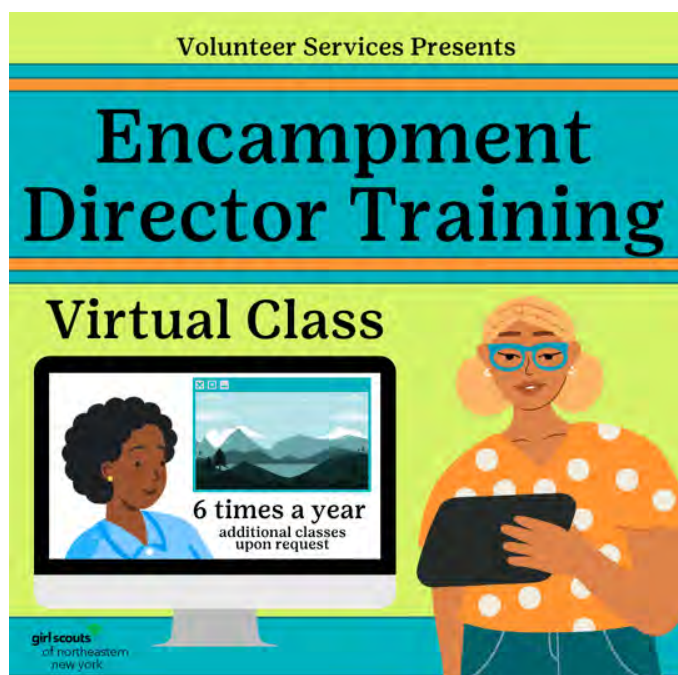


We want to thank all of our amazing volunteers for your continued support and interest in learning opportunities. Unfortunately, due to low registration, we will not be holding our 2025 Volunteer Conference. If you registered, you'll receive a separate message and refund.

We know how valuable connection and development are to our volunteers, and we'll be reimagining this event for the future. In the meantime, we're excited to offer ongoing trainings and workshops throughout the year—please visit our [events calendar](#) to see what's coming up!

Encampment Director Training

Encampment Director: Virtual Class: November 17 In this training you will learn how to coordinate a multi-level troop overnight camping trip or Service Unit encampment. We will share things you should plan for and how to plan this type of event.



During this class you will:

- Discuss the value of the outdoor experience
- Review progression as related to Girl Scout experiences
- Discuss how to create a team to plan & carry out the overnight
- Review policies and safety guidelines related to an encampment
- Discuss the importance of evaluating the process & experience

Register [HERE](#)

Resilient. Ready. Strong.

GSNENY's Commitment to Mental Health for all our members.

Should Your Girl Come With You to Vote?

Some parents think voting is way over kids' heads—that politics has nothing to do with their world and something they will be bored by, but that couldn't be farther from the truth. Voting is about using your voice to stand up for what you believe in. It's an amazing opportunity to reinforce the idea that your girl's thoughts and opinions matter. Plus, the candidates who are voted into office will be shaping your girl's future—from her educational options today to her financial realities as she becomes an adult.

Whether you're completing a mail-in ballot, voting early, or showing up to the polls on Election Day, find a way to involve your kids. Follow these easy suggestions to help your girl become an excited, engaged citizen—even before she's old enough to cast her own ballot! [LEARN MORE](#)



GSNENY's Mental Wellness Page [CLICK HERE](#)

Resilient, Ready, Strong Patch Giveaway!



Thanks to GSUSA and a generous donor, GSNENY is excited to offer the Resilient Ready Strong patch to Girl Scouts in our Council who complete the requirements for FREE!

To get your patch, complete the requirements for your Girl Scout level (you can find those [HERE](#)) then fill out the form [HERE](#) to claim your patch.

Patches can be picked up at the GSNENY service center of your choice. Available while supplies last. Patch recipients must be current GSNENY members.

Please join us in thanking our Mental Wellness partners.



Contact the NAMI-NYS Helpline: (518) 245 – 9160 (M-F 8-3) or visit naminy.org

Give to Girl Scouts!

Daisy's Legacy Lives Through You

This month, we celebrate the birthday of our founder—the visionary whose dedication made Girl Scouting possible. Honor Juliette Gordon Low's legacy with a gift today, and help ensure her vision continues to build girls of courage, confidence and character for years to come.



[Click here to give to Girl Scouts](#)

2026 Cookie Rally

2026 COOKIE RALLY

Registration Now
Open on gsEvents!

Join us this January to *Explore more* about cookies, and learn how to be Brave. Fierce. Fun!

ALBANY

January 17, 2026 at Empire State Plaza,
Check in times begin at 10am.

[Learn more here](#)

INTRODUCING PLATTSBURGH!

January 24, 2026, Church of the Nazarene
Check in times begin at 12 noon.

[Learn more here](#)



BRAVE.
FIERCE. **FUN!**



GSNENY Service Center Hours

9 am – 3 pm, Monday – Friday

All in person meetings should be made by appointment to ensure the person you wish to see will be available at the location you intend to see them.

Appointments are required any time outside of normal business hours.

Email customercare@girlscoutsneny.org to set up appointments with the staff member you need to meet with if you are not sure how to contact that person directly.



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world a better place.**

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