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## National Slime Day

Excited for National Slime Day on December 7, 2025? Check out the Slime toolkit we've created with a new Slime recipe for this year! Download it [HERE!](#)



# 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

### 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

### OSS: First Aid & Animal Tracking

Dec 13, 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM  
Lake George

## Upcoming Programs

### Gingerbread Houses

Dec 14, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Albany

### Girl Scout Silver Award Workshop

Jan 09, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Virtual

### Slothing Around Teen Leader

Jan 10, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
Queensbury

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Jan 10, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Queensbury

## Looking Ahead

### Girl Scout Gold Award Workshop

Jan 12, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Virtual

### Girls CAN Do: Celebration

Jan 17, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Albany

### Water Filtration with the RPI Society of Women Engineers

Jan 21, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
Troy

### Winter She & Me

Jan 23, 6:00 PM - Jan 24,  
3:00 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](mailto:customercare@girlscoutsneny.org)

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

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

# Girl Scout Program Spotlight

## THE NUTCRACKER: MAGICAL CHRISTMAS BALLET



Experience the magic of the holidays with The Nutcracker: Magical Christmas Ballet! Watch dazzling dancers, acrobatics, and beautiful handcrafted sets bring this classic tale to life. Girl Scouts enjoy a special pre-show meet-and-greet with the performers and receive an exclusive Nutcracker patch!

[Click here for more information](#)

## Model Car Design with RPI Society of Women Engineers

Start your engines! Join the RPI Society of Women Engineers to design, decorate, and race your own model car. It's a fun, hands-on way to explore science, engineering, and creativity—all while earning a badge!

[Click here for more information](#)



**Questions? Message the team at**  
**[customercare@girlscoutsneny.org](mailto:customercare@girlscoutsneny.org)**

# Thanksgiving Office Closure

All GSNENY council offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday - November 26<sup>th</sup> - November 28<sup>th</sup>. Please plan accordingly!



**GSNENY**  
**closed for the**  
**Thanksgiving Holiday**  
**November 26th - 28th**

# 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? Election time is now until the end of November to elect delegate(s) and alternate(s) to represent your Service Unit.

Attention girls and adult volunteers: Don't miss this opportunity to represent the other members in your 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.

# Resilient. Ready. Strong.

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

## Thanksgiving Expectations vs. Reality

We've all seen the commercials of parents calmly and happily sitting around the perfectly-laid Thanksgiving table with their equally calm and happy children and extended family. The mashed potatoes are being passed from one end of the table to the other as guests laugh and reminisce. So sweet, so nostalgic, so unlike what goes on in most homes across the country!

Truth? Thanksgiving should be a time to take a (probably much needed!) pause to celebrate all the wonderful things in our lives, and to teach our children the value of thankfulness. But who has time to really reflect when you're too busy cooking and cleaning to even sit down and eat with the family? [READ 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 [naminyes.org](http://naminyes.org)

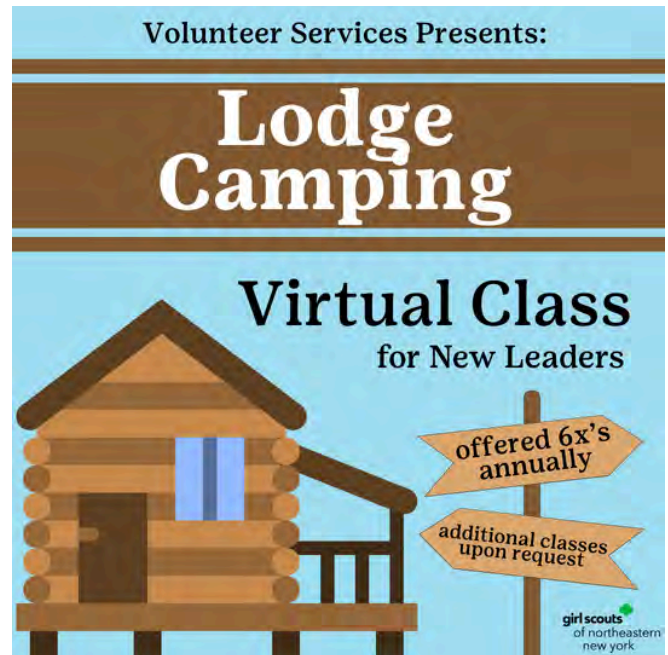
# Lodge Camping

Planning an overnight trip or going camping but don't know where to start? If you are planning on staying in a lodge and not using a fire, come and join us as we talk you through the experience. This training is recommended for all Daisy and Brownie Leaders.

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Identify the value of an overnight experience
- Understand progression as related to Girl Scout experiences
- Know how to work cooperatively with the girls to plan & carry out an overnight
- Understand policies and safety guidelines related to Girl Scout trips
- Understand the importance of evaluating the process & experience

Register [HERE!](#)



# Troop Leader Training



This free training provides a general overview of Girl Scouting, covering specific policies, standards, and guidelines GSNNY 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](#)

# Volunteer Appreciation Dinners

Save the Date for the 2026 Volunteer Appreciation Dinners! We are hosting two dinners this year, one in Plattsburg and another in Troy! Looking forward to seeing you all there! Registration information coming in January 2026



## 2026 Cookie Rally

### 2026 COOKIE RALLY

Registration Now  
Open on gsEvents!

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

#### ALBANY

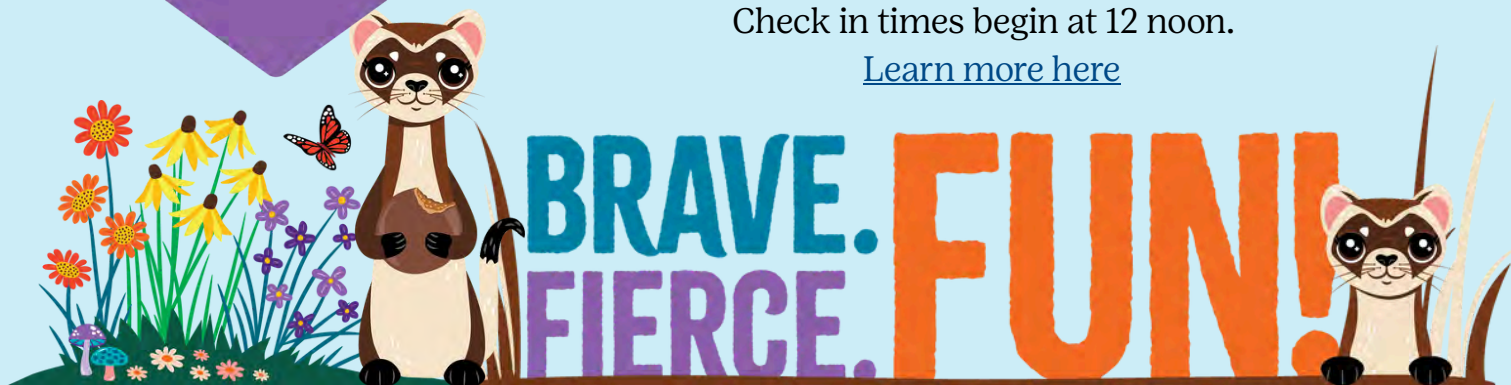
January 17, 2026 at Empire State Plaza,  
Check in times begin at 10am.

[Learn more here](#)

#### INTRODUCING PLATTSBURGH!

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

[Learn more here](#)



# Service Units - Unlock Incentives for New Girls!



 Service Unit Superstars: Unlock Incentives for New Girls!

We are so grateful for your hard work in bringing the Girl Scout experience to new girls. You're doing an amazing job!

We're kicking off an exciting New Girl Goal Incentive Program to celebrate your success and give your Service Unit a chance to win some incredible prizes!

Why aim for your goal? When your Service Unit hits key percentage goals by December 15th, you can earn:

- ✨ Exclusive Specialty Patches for every registered girl and adult!
- 🎫 Entries into our Grand Prize Raffle (Prizes include early Cookie Booth access, shop gift cards, and more!).
- 🏆 The Service Unit with the highest percentage gets to design the specialty patch!

The deadline to reach your goal is December 15th!

[Click Here](#) for Full Details & Tiers!

Find out your current goal status and see all the prize tiers (85%, 91%, 100%+) in the attached PDF! Let's power up our membership together! 💪

## *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](mailto: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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