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Adult Recognition Award nominations

Adult Recognition Award nominations are now open! Take the time to nominate your troop leaders, troop volunteers, members of your troop, service unit team members, or anyone who has made your daughter's troop a great experience! Girls can nominate too.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the nomination form
[CLICK HERE](#) for the awards handbook

2026
Adult Award Nominations OPEN!

Do you know a Girl Scout volunteer who always goes above and beyond?

Nominate them for an Adult Recognition

Deadline March 23rd, 9am

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The graphic features a green and blue geometric background with three Girl Scout award medals on the left: a gold trefoil, a silver trefoil, and a silver 'Volunteer of Excellence' medal. The Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York logo is at the bottom left.



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

Thank You, Girl Scouts!
All of our December programs are now closed, so we will not be offering any Last Chance Programs.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and engagement—because of you, our programs reached capacity quickly! We're grateful for our Girl Scout members and families for making our offerings such a success.

Upcoming Programs

[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

Looking Ahead

[Winter Sisterhood SHE-nanigans](#)
Feb 06, 6:00 PM - Feb 07,
3:00 PM
Lake George

[All About Robots with RPI Society of Women Engineers](#)
Feb 06, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Troy

[True North Award](#)
Feb 14, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Albany

[Girl Scout Advocacy Day at the Capitol](#)
Mar 12, 9:00 AM -
3:00 PM
Albany

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 if available for year-round programs in our Council.
To learn more or apply, click [HERE](#)

Girl Scout Program Spotlight



GIRL SCOUT ADVOCACY DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Girl Scouts of Northeastern NY invites Girl Scouts from GSNENY and Troops throughout New York to register for Girl Scout Advocacy Day at the Capitol, sponsored by Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh and held in the Well of the Legislative Office Building (LOB). The day at our Capitol coincides with Girl Scouting's birthday and will be a memorable occasion.

To register and view all the planned and optional activities, visit:
[Girl Scout Advocacy Day at the Capitol](#)



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

Office Closure for the Winter Holiday

All GSNENY council offices will be closed for the winter holiday - December 25th - January 1st. We will be back in the office at 9 am on January 2nd.
Please plan accordingly!



Resilient. Ready. Strong.

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

Six-holiday truths that'll make everybody's holiday happier

You've seen the holiday movies filled with happy family gatherings, hot cocoa-fueled heart to hearts, and alarmingly good-looking strangers coming together to bring joy to the world. They're fun, festive, and—at least for many of us—pure fantasy.

In real life, the end-of-year parties and presents often come with a lot of pressure. So much so that one out of every three adults says their stress levels go up during the holidays. And if you're feeling a bit frazzled? Chances are your girl is, too.

[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.



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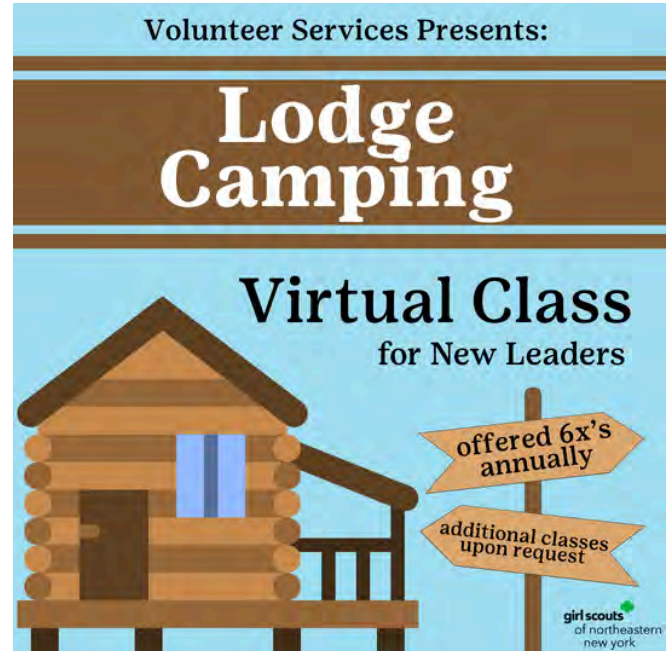
Lodge Camping

Planning to camp but don't know where to start? Join us as we walk you through the experience. This free virtual training is recommended for New Leaders.

In this class, you will:

- identify the value of the overnight experience
- understand progression as it relates to the Girl Scout Experience
- Know how to work cooperatively with the girls to plan & carry out an overnight
- understand policies and safety guidelines related to a Girl Scout trip
- 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 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](#)

Volunteer Appreciation Dinners

SAVE THE DATE

**Volunteer
Appreciation Dinner**
and recognition ceremony

5:30pm-8:30pm

April 14, 2026
The Butcher Block
Plattsburgh, NY

April 24, 2026
Hilton Garden Inn
Troy, NY



Save the Date for the 2026 Volunteer Appreciation Dinners!

We are hosting two dinners this year, one in Plattsburgh 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!

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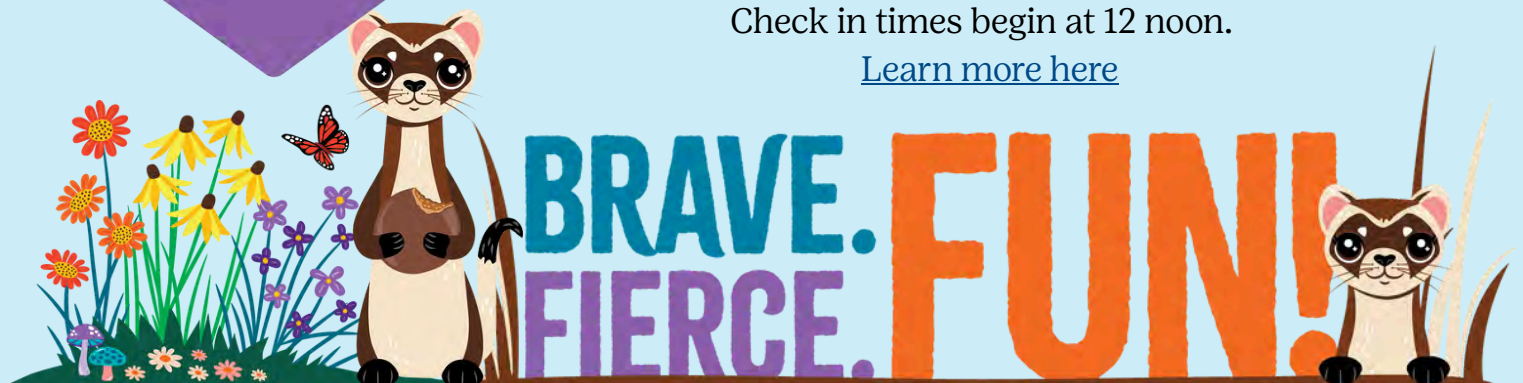
January 17, 2026 at Empire State Plaza,
Check in times begin at 10am.

[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 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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