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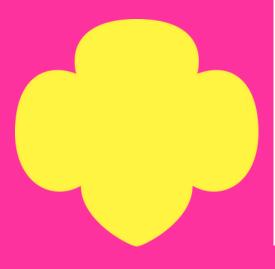
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Memorial Day Office Closure



All council offices will be closed Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.

We hope you take this time to honor and remember those who have served.

Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, May 27th.

Renewal Incentives 2025-2026

To Earn Troop Renewal Incentive:

Troops who reach or exceed 90% of their MY 2025 girl number (by renewing current members or signing up new ones) by June 30th.

To be eligible for the troop renewal incentive, troop must contain two registered adults (with background checks) plus 5 registered girls, exceptions can be made for Senior/Ambassador Troops.



Renew **HERE**

GSNENY Council will count memberships on April 1; this is the number used to calculate the percentage for renewals on July 1. Percentages calculated include renewing members and new members after April 1.

Property Rentals



Thinking of exploring the Lake George/Lake Luzerne Region this summer? We'd love to welcome you to our Hidden Lake Camp, where the Mohawk building awaits!

Nestled just outside the main camp, Mohawk offers plenty of space and comfort, accommodating up to 16 guests. Enjoy a large kitchen with a peninsula, a cozy living room with a woodstove, and two full bathrooms. Relax on the back deck with outdoor seating. With three separate sleeping areas, you'll find 3 bunks and spacious closets in the first,

2 bunks, a small couch, and a closet in the second, and 2 bunks, a beanbag chair, and a closet in the third.

Please note, Mohawk is available as a standalone rental during summer camp and doesn't include access to other camp facilities.

Make your reservation **HERE**

Resilient. Ready. Strong.

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



Get Your Girl Scout Ready for Camp!

Summer camp is an amazing opportunity for young girls to become more independent, build friendships, and boost their self-confidence - plus it's super fun! So how do you help prepare your Girl Scout for this amazing opportunity? Our sisters at Girl Scouts of Western Ohio have some great tips to help you get your daughter ready for all of the fun that summer camp can offer. 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 naminys.org

Summer Camp 2025

Camp is almost here! Click <u>HERE</u> to dive into a full list of Day and Overnight programs for Girl Scouts of every level and get ready for your BEST SUMMER EVER!

Additional Spaces Added!

We're making extra room for more campers in some of our most popular programs. Register now!







Use your Cookie Dough or S'mores Club to pay for Camp! Girl Scouts who participate in Cookie and Sweets & Treats sales can earn Cookie Dough or S'mores Club vouchers which can be used to pay for camp balances (they may not be used for the initial deposit). Set your goal now and think about all the fun the awaits you this summer! Contact Customer Care to check or redeem your balance.

For more information, contact <u>customercare@girlscoutsneny.org</u>

Camp Help Wanted



HELP US FILL OUR
FINAL CAMP
POSITIONS

FULL LIST HERE

We're looking for passionate, energetic, and kind people to round out our camp teams this summer — people who believe in the power of play, connection, and a little bit of camp magic. As a camp staff, you're more than just a leader — you're a mentor, a role model, and sometimes even a superhero. You'll guide campers through their days, help them discover new things about themselves, and be there through every fit of giggles, scraped knee, and s'more. Lead activities you love (or maybe try something totally new), help kids feel safe and seen, and work alongside an amazing team of staff who'll feel like family by the end of the summer.

Now Hiring

CAMP IS-SHO-DA EAST GREENBUSH

- DAY CAMP COUNSELOR (16+)
- LIFEGUARD
- AQUATICS DIRECTOR

HIDDEN LAKE CAMP

- KITCHEN ASSISTANT
- ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

LAKE CLEAR CAMP SARANAC LAKE

- KITCHEN ASSISTANT
- ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
- SAILING INSTRUCTOR

We build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place

Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors

Be Your Most Out There Self!

You don't need access to a national park or the woods to enjoy the outdoors! So put yourself out there with us and participate in our Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge.

Spending at least 120 minutes a week in nature is associated with improved mood, focus, and confidence—whether you spend that time becoming a rockstar at rock climbing, making a splash in the puddles around your neighborhood, or watching wandering wildlife at a park.



Download our free activity sheet, <u>HERE</u>, with 50+ fun activities to see what's possible right outside your own front door today!



and order your patch **HERE**

Silver and Gold Award Ceremony



On Sunday, May 18th, GSNENY celebrated the accomplishments of over 70 Girl Scouts at its annual Silver and Gold Award Ceremony at the Desmond in Albany. These young women earned the highest honors in Girl Scouting, the Silver and Gold Awards, for completing impactful, community-driven projects between April 1, 2024, and March 31, 2025.

Projects addressed critical issues including environmental education, food sustainability, mental health and homelessness, each reflecting a strong commitment to service and leadership. Gold Award Girl Scouts developed and implemented sustainable solutions to pressing community challenges, while Silver Award recipients led innovative, team-based initiatives that strengthened their local neighborhoods.

"These remarkable young leaders have taken on real-world issues with courage, compassion and creativity," said Brenda Episcopo, CEO of Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York. "Their dedication to making a lasting difference in their communities is what Girl Scouting is all about. We are so proud to honor their accomplishments."

The awardees were recognized by Gov. Kathy Hochul as well as their New York state Senators and Assemblymembers for their extraordinary achievements and service to their communities.

The celebration featured keynote speaker Dr. Yolanda Caldwell, ACC, an award-winning leadership coach, strategist and former Girl Scout. As the founder of Titus Enterprises LLC and The Heightening, Caldwell inspired attendees with a message about leading with intention and purpose, emphasizing the values of courage, service and personal growth that define both the Girl Scout mission and the work of the 2025 honorees.

Ready to begin your highest award journey? Start HERE!

CANstruction Awards



On May 6th, CANstruction & The Food Pantries of the Capital District honored GSNENY and the Girls CAN Do teams as one of the "Hunger Heros" addressing food insecurity in their local communities.

Troop 3872 recreated their awardwinning Taylor Swift sculpture, which was displayed at Crossgates Mall. GSNENY looks forward to celebrating the 10th anniversary of Girls CAN Do in January 2026!

CBS 6 Gold Award Interview

Katie Shimick, a Gold Award Girl Scout, appeared on CBS 6 with Emma Quinn on Sunday, May 18th. In the interview, Katie shared insights about her inspiring Gold Award project—a micro park in Albany County.

Catch the whole interview HERE.



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 <u>customercare@girlscoutsneny.org</u> 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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Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

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