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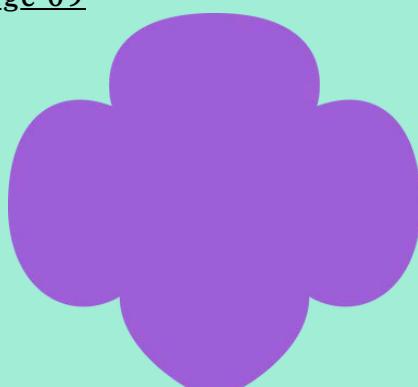
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## Adult Recognition Nominations now open!

A graphic for "2026 Adult Award Nominations OPEN!" featuring a green and blue design with Girl Scout trefoil pins and a "VOLUNTEER OF EXCELLENCE" badge. Text on the graphic includes "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", and the Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York logo.

Nominate [HERE!](#)

# The Endless Impact Award

## Leading the Journey, Leaving a Legacy

Presented to a current or past troop volunteer who shared the gift of their time and talents to help a troop effectively participate in all 13 years of our Girl Scout Leadership Program, continuously from kindergarten Daisies through 12th grade Ambassadors.

We are honored to have already awarded our very first Endless Impact award in GSNENY history to Renee Kelly!

Nominate [HERE](#)



### Endless Impact Award



**Renee Kelly**



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# Volunteer Appreciation Dinners

SAVE THE DATE

## Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

and recognition ceremony

doors open at 5pm

**April 14, 2026**  
The Butcher Block  
Plattsburgh, NY

**April 24, 2026**  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Troy, NY



Register now 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 is available through our [events calendar](#).

## Troop Leader Training

Volunteer Services Presents

## Troop Leader Training



**Required Training**  
classes available monthly\*

\*More dates available upon request.

girl scouts of northeastern new york

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'Mores Learning



Winter is here! Join us for a short S'mores learning on you, Girl Scouts, and the winter!

Watch [HERE](#).

World Thinking Day is right around the corner! Check out our Smores Learning to see what World Thinking Day is [HERE](#).

## Adult Outdoor Education Weekend

Save the Date for the GSNENY Adult Outdoor Education Weekend at Hidden Lake! Registration and training schedule coming soon!



# Troop Finances

Do you need more expertise in troop finances? Do you feel like you know some stuff but could use some more? Check out our troop finance video!

Watch [HERE](#).

## More Resources

- [GSNENY Member Activity Financing Form](#)
  - [Dropped or Disbanded Troop Form](#)
  - [Request a letter to Close a Bank Account](#)
    - [Troop Finance Report](#)
    - [Financial Literacy Activities for Kids](#)
      - [Troop Finances](#)



# 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

[Winter Sisterhood SHE-nanigans](#)

Feb 6, 6:00 PM -  
Feb 7, 3:00 PM  
Lake George

[True North Award](#)

Feb 14, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Albany

[Cadette: Special Agent Badge](#)

Feb 18, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM  
Lake George

[Senior: Truth Seeker Badge](#)

Feb 18, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM  
Lake George

## Upcoming Programs

[College Info Session With the RPI Society of Women Engineers](#)

Feb 18, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
Troy

[Junior: Detective Badge](#)

Feb 19, 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM  
Lake George

[Flurries & Fireside Family Festival](#)

Feb 21, 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Lake George

[World Thinking Day Events](#)

Feb. 22, 2026  
Albany & Queensbury

## Looking Ahead

[Family STEAM Day](#)

Mar 8, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Queensbury

[Girl Scout Advocacy Day at the Capitol](#)

Mar 12, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Albany

[3 Cheers for the Animals Journey-in-a-Day](#)

Apr 08, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
East Greenbush

[Family Earth Day Celebration](#)

Apr 26, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
East Greenbush

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

## WINTER BREAK FUN

No school? No worries!

Join us for winter fun, with a few days of exciting programs planned to keep you busy!

**Wednesday, February 18th**

Cadette Special Agent Badge

Senior Truth Seeker Badge

Advanced Outdoor Skills: Snowshoe Navigation

Outdoor Skills Spectacular: Snowshoe Navigation

College Info Session with the RPI Society of Women Engineers

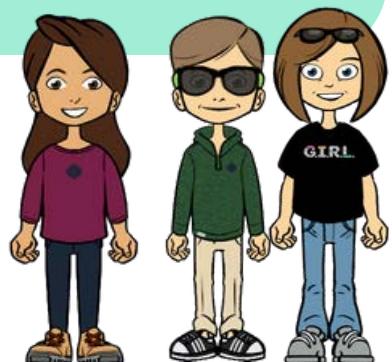
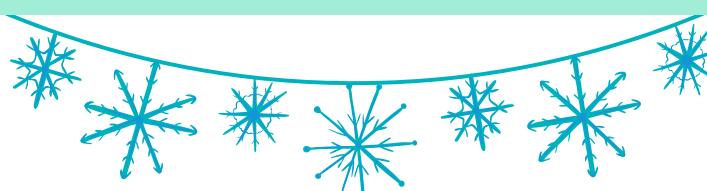
**Thursday, February 19th**

Brownie Sense Badge

Junior Detective Badge:

**Saturday, February 21st**

Flurries & Fireside Family Festival



# Annual Meeting of the Members



## Annual Meeting of the Members

**Sunday, March 15, 2026**

Begins at 1 p.m.

Held in person at La Salle Institute, 174 Williams Rd, Troy, NY



All registered members of Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York are welcome to attend the Annual Meeting of the Members.

The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to vote for the Slate of Officers and Adult and Girl Members-at-Large for the Board of Directors, and the Slate for the Nominating and Board Development Committee Members. The State of the Council, including the Treasurer's Report, will also be highlighted.

Free to attend and open to  
all registered members



# Resilient. Ready. Strong.

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

## Five Things Stranger Things Gets Right About Today's Girls

In the many years since *Stranger Things* premiered on Netflix, fans have watched the kids from Hawkins grow from children to fully-fledged young adults. And while Vecna, the Mind Flayer, and other monsters on the series are thankfully just products of the Duffer Brothers' imagination, the girls on the show seem so real. Here are five amazing truths the show teaches us not just about girls in the 1980s, but about today's girls too.

**Friendships aren't just for fun.**

**Even the strongest girls need to recharge.**

**There's more going on than meets the eye.**

**They're not all boy crazy.**

**Never underestimate them.**

**[Read more here](#)**

## **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](http://naminys.org)

## *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@girlscoutseny.org](mailto:customercare@girlscoutseny.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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