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## Outdoor Education Weekend

Join us for our Annual Outdoor Education Weekend (June 6th)! Come participate in Outdoor Activities, Trainings, and hands-on activities you can bring back to your troop with other adults!

**Registration closes Saturday! Don't miss out!**

Register [HERE](#)

A promotional graphic for the Outdoor Education Weekend. At the top, it says "VOLUNTEER SERVICES" in green. Below this are four icons: a fish, a cooking pot, a compass, and a pair of boots. Under the fish icon, it says "LEARN THE SKILLS NEEDED TO BRING YOUR TROOP OUTDOORS!". A rope knot is positioned below the icons. The main text "OUTDOOR EDUCATION WEEKEND" is written in large white letters on a dark green background. At the bottom, there is a silhouette of a forest and the Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York logo.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

LEARN THE SKILLS NEEDED TO BRING YOUR TROOP OUTDOORS!

**OUTDOOR EDUCATION WEEKEND**

girl scouts of northeastern new york

# Small Craft Safety

## SMALL CRAFT SAFETY

Come and learn how to safely handle a canoe or a kayak - or both! Make sure your Girls are safe in the water with this 5-hour course. Participants should have some experience with either kayaks or canoes. Basic handling skills are required; paddling skills will not be taught in this class.



**Sunday**  
June 7, 2026  
10am-2pm

girl scouts  
of northeastern  
new york



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Register [HERE](#)

# Troop 518

## What is Troop 518?

Troop 518 is the all-inclusive alumni association for Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York! Whether you were a girl for 1 year or 13, you are a member of Troop 518.

Girl Scouts isn't just something you do - it's a piece of who you are!

Join a community of women who support and uplift each other. See how Girl Scouts evolves while staying true to the heart of the sisterhood.

Explore Upcoming Events with [Troop 518](#)

Are you a graduating Girl Scout? Stay Connected!  
Update your contact information [HERE!](#)



# Graduating Girl Scouts



## Congratulations to Our Graduating Girl Scouts! — Class of 2026

We are so proud to have been by your side through this first journey of your life. Stay with us for the next one — and all the adventures that follow. ❤️

### How to celebrate your Girl Scout graduate:

- Create a graduation yard sign: Show your Girl Scout pride right in the front yard! Download the official Girl Scout Graduate Yard Sign designs and print at your local Staples or FedEx. 👉 <https://tr.ee/w38EvaGRzD>
- Purchase graduation regalia cords: Let her walk across the stage with Girl Scout pride! Order official regalia cords and other graduation accessories from the Girl Scout Shop. 👉 <https://www.girlscoutshop.com/girl-scout-graduation-regalia-cords>
- Gift a lifetime membership: Young alumni under 30 and volunteers with 10+ years of service qualify for a special discount on Lifetime Memberships. A portion of every membership directly supports the GSNENY Financial Assistance Fund. 👉 <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/support-us/donate/lifetime-membership.html>

# MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Build Resilience • Start the Conversation

**Resilient.**

**Ready.**

**Strong.**



Join Girl Scouts nationwide in building confidence, coping skills, and connection through the Resilient. Ready. Strong. Patch Program

## How to Earn Your FREE Patch:

1. Download the activity guide ([click here](#))
2. Complete activities
3. Reflect & share
4. Claim your free patch ([click here](#))

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

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.



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

**Let's build a generation that is Resilient. Ready. Strong.**

*Perfect for troops, families, and community groups*

# Girl Scout Program Spotlight

## SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE

Come explore the adventure waiting at camp! Tour the grounds, meet the staff, discover exciting activities, and get ready for an unforgettable summer of Girl Scout fun. Perfect for new and returning campers alike!



[Camp Is-Sho-Da Open House](#)

[Hidden Lake Camp Open House](#)

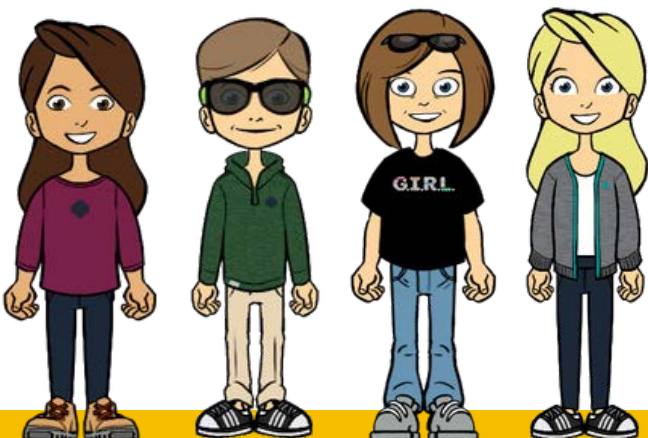
[Lake Clear Camp Open House](#)



## SUMMER CAMP FUN

Adventure awaits at Girl Scout Summer Camp! From campfires and waterfront fun to outdoor adventures, new friendships, and unforgettable memories, there's something magical waiting for every Girl Scout at Camp Is-Sho-Da, Hidden Lake Camp, and Lake Clear Camp. Get ready to explore, discover, and make this your best summer yet!

[Summer Camp Adventures](#)



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

### Outdoor Education

#### Weekend: Girl Edition -

Jun 06, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Lake George

### Wolf Mountain Overnight

Jun 13, 1:00 PM -  
Jun 14, 9:00 AM  
Smyrna, NY

## Upcoming Programs

### Camp Is-Sho-Da

#### Open House

Jun 04, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
East Greenbush

### Hidden Lake Camp

#### Open House

Jun 18, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
Lake George

### Lake Clear Camp

#### Open House

Jun 14, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Lake Clear

## Looking Ahead

### Pack & Paddle Adventure

Aug 26, 1:00 PM through  
Aug 28, 2:00 PM  
Lake Clear

### Summer She & Me

Aug 28, 6:00 PM -  
Aug 29, 3:00 PM  
Lake Clear

### Wild Center Weekend

Sep 04, 6:00 PM -  
Sep 06, 11:00 AM  
Lake Clear

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 is available for year-round programs in our Council.

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

# Silver and Gold Awards Ceremony

On Sunday, May 17th, in the ballroom at The Desmond Hotel in Albany, we gathered to honor the remarkable young women who earned the Girl Scout Silver and Gold Awards — two of the highest achievements in Girl Scouting.

These are not ordinary accomplishments. Silver and Gold Award recipients dedicate 50 to 80+ hours to identifying real problems in their communities, rallying teams around a cause, and building solutions that last long after their projects are complete. The drive, creativity, and compassion each awardee brought to her work is nothing short of inspiring.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made the event so special: our emcee and 2025 Gold Award Girl Scout Katie Shimick, Honorary Gold Award Recipient Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh, GSNENY CEO Brenda Episcopo, Board Chair Jillian Gale, Troop 5503 for their moving Flag Ceremony, our dedicated volunteer committee, and every caregiver and troop leader who supported these young women every step of the way.

Most importantly — to our Silver and Gold Award Girl Scouts: you have already changed the world. This is only the beginning.

We are so proud of every single one of you. 🌟



## *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 [customer care@girlscoutsneny.org](mailto:customer care@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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courage, confidence, and  
character, who make the  
world a better place.**

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