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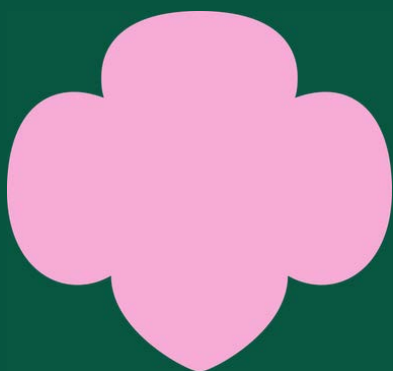
Renew Your Membership!



**It's renewal time-- and we know you're
not done discovering what's within!**

**Renew by September 30th
and stay apart of all the amazing programming
that GSNENY has to offer, including the Highest
Awards and the COOKIE Program!**

[Renew Here](#)



Financial Assistance

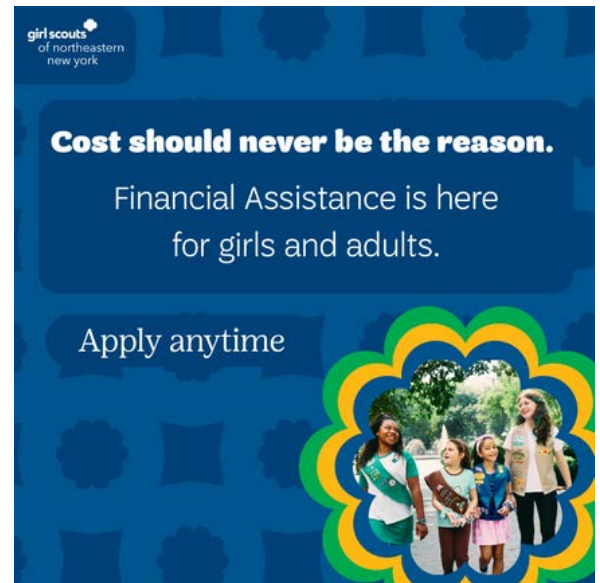
Every girl and adult belongs in Girl Scouts — and our Financial Assistance fund is here to make sure of it. Whether it's the cost of membership, summer camp, a year-round Council program, or a Girl Scout travel experience, support is available so no one misses out.

Here's what assistance can help cover:

- 🎀 Memberships & insignia — for girls and adult volunteers
- 🏕️ Summer camp — programs, busing, and overnight costs
- ☀️ Year-round Council programs
- ✈️ Travel — GSUSA Destinations and Council trips
- 📋 Volunteer trainings

Applications are accepted year-round, and it only takes a few minutes to apply. Families and volunteers are always asked to pay what they can, and awards are based on need and available funds. ✨

👉 [Apply anytime](#)



Council Office Hours

Beginning this year, our council is moving to a more consistent, year-round office schedule. This change helps us better serve you by making it easier to plan ahead.

Our Council Service Centers are open for in-person visits Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

A quick note about Fridays:

- Now through Labor Day (summer hours): Offices are closed on Fridays—both in person and virtually.
- After Labor Day: Offices are closed to in-person visits on Fridays, but staff will be available virtually every Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., to answer your emails, take your calls, and help with any concerns.

We're sharing this early so you can plan ahead. As always, we're here to support you and your Girl Scouts.

Troop Leader Training

These free in-person and virtual trainings provide a general overview of Girl Scouting, including the specific policies, standards, and guidelines GSNENY holds for 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 all the most current information and access to the newest resources!

Multiple trainings are offered monthly, both in-person and virtually. Additional classes available upon request.

[Virtual Training](#)

[Queensbury Training](#)

Blended Outdoor Skills

Learn fire safety, different cooking methods and the fundamentals of tent camping to have different experiences in the great outdoors!

Also, learn health and safety procedures, outdoor living skills, proper outdoor dress, menu planning with recipes, and the types of outdoor equipment needed as you learn how to lead girls to participate actively.

This is a Blended Learning Course. Participants must read a short handbook before attending this course.

We will email this training booklet to you.

After taking this course, you will be qualified and prepared to take your own troop camping, involving overnight camping, including campfires and so much more!

This will be held at the pavilion at Is-Sho-Da! Come check it out with us!

[Register Here](#)



Girl Scouts Love State Parks

Where to celebrate near you.

Girl Scouts Love State Parks celebrations start next weekend! Our partners at New York State Parks have lots of interactive and educational activities planned to help our Girl Scouts earn their patch.

Explore the events happening near you!

[PROGRAM WEBPAGE](#)

Thacher State Park

Saturday, September 12

Helderberg Hawk Watch, 10:00 AM

Guided Hikes, every hour

Grafton Lakes State Park

Saturday, September 19:

Native Pollinators, Garden Care &

Seasonal Prep, 9:00 AM

Fall Foliage Hike & Nature Hunt, 1:00 PM

Saratoga Spa State Park

Sunday, September 13

Self-Guided Trail Clean-Up, 10:00 AM

Taconic State Park at Copake Falls

Saturday, September 12

Tweet & Fly, 9:30 AM

Walking Bingo, 1:00 PM

Pond Explorers, 3:30 PM

Movie in the Park, 7:00 PM

Sunday, September 13

Camp Crafts, 10:00 AM

Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site

Saturday, September 12

Canal Store Saturday, 11:00 AM

Sunday, September 13

Fly Kites with Friends of Schoharie

Crossing, 3:00 PM

Not Just For Kids Storytelling, 6:00 PM

All weekend

Self-guided walks, hikes, bike rides

Point Au Roche State Park

Sunday, September 13

Plant, protect, and honor trees to earn your Tree Promise badge, 1:00 PM

Saturday, September 19

Take a 2-mile guided hike to start your Trail Advent, 10:00 AM



Want to share your fun on our social pages? Submit your photos through our Jotform!

[SUBMIT PHOTOS](#)

You're Invited to Cookie Cuisine

Join us Thursday, September 24 for an unforgettable evening of community, craft beer, and creative small plates — all made by local chefs and inspired by our most iconic Girl Scout cookies! 🎉

This 21+ fundraiser supports the Girl Scout Leadership Experience right here in our council. Come taste, sip, and vote for your favorite small bite while supporting local vendors.



The details:

- 📍 Thursday, September 24 • 6–8 p.m.
- 📍 Valcour Brewing Company
49 Ohio Ave.
Plattsburgh, NY 12903
- 📍 21+ only

Pick your ticket:

- \$50 Supporter — 1 signature drink, cookie-inspired small plates, unlimited iced tea (cash bar available)
- \$75 Champion — everything above plus a vintage Cookie Cuisine champagne flute (limited availability!)

 Get your tickets now!



Spa Days

Come join us for a day of pampering, laughs, good vibes, fun games & activities! It's the perfect chance to relax, unwind, and enjoy some girl time.

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

5-7 PM

Camp Tapawingo
654 Point Au Roche Rd.
Plattsburgh, NY

Thursday, October 1, 2026

5-7 PM

Albany Service Center
8 Mountain View Ave.
Albany, NY

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

5-7 PM

Camp Meadowbrook
239 Meadowbrook Rd.
Queensbury, NY



Girl Scouts!

Bring a friend with you.

**And when they register you
both receive a PATCH**



This event is for Daisies (Grades K-1) and Brownies (Grades 2-3)

Sisterhood Splash

The Membership and Community Engagement Team hosted the first Annual Sisterhood Splash! It was so much fun and included a variety of hands-on activities, including a scavenger hunt, slime, a bubble bar, a take-home fish craft, and, of course, playing in the SPLASH PAD! Mark your calendars for next August- we will be doing this again!



For more information, contact customercare@girlscoutsneny.org

GSNENY Service Center Summer Hours *July 6th - September 4th*

9 am – 3 pm, Monday – Thursday

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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