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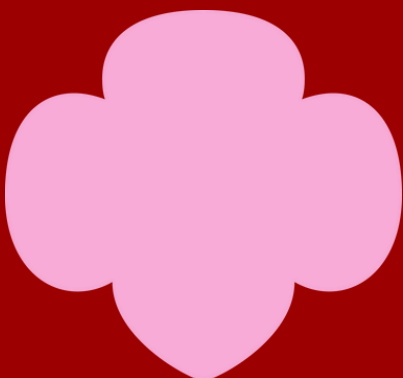
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Did You Know?

You can download all of your badge sheets in
Volunteer Toolkit without a cost!

1. Log into Volunteer Toolkit by navigating to our website, www.girlscoutsneny.org, and clicking on MyGS. Then click on volunteer toolkit. You can select your badge by clicking on "Add Badge/Journey" on the year plan.
2. Click on the badge name. In the upper right hand corner, click "Print". Make sure all of the checkmarks are checked on the next slide. This will open a printable version of your badge.
3. You can now download this as a pdf and send it to anyone you like via email!



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 to
register!**

Outdoor Skills Spectacular:
Fire Building, First Aid, &
Knots

Sat Dec 14, 2024
10:00 AM EST - 12:00 PM
Lake George

Advanced Outdoor Skills:
Fire Building, First Aid, &
Knots

Sat Dec 14, 2024
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Lake George

Boss Brownies

Sat Dec 21, 2024
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
East Greenbush



**Girls CAN Do "It's Your
Masterpiece"**

Sat Jan 18, 2024
8:00 AM - 12:00 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

Each month in Girl Scout Membership Year 2025, the Girl Scout Experience team will highlight a few Girl Scout programs or celebrations we think will be of interest to members. We'll share information, and activity ideas to help volunteers and Girl Scouts plan at the troop level.



National Slime Day

December 7th

Free Toolkit [HERE!](#)

Show us your slime photos [HERE!](#)

Plan for January with Girls CAN Do!



Girls CAN Do is an innovative and creative community service project. Teams of Girl Scouts conduct drives for non-perishable food then use the items collected to build unique architectural sculptures.

Girls CAN Do is the only youth program officially sanctioned by CANstruction.

**Saturday, January 18th
8:00am to noon.
Empire State Plaza, Albany**

**Get the Toolkit
[HERE](#)**

Register your team [HERE](#) or visit girlscoutsneny.org

**Questions? Message the team at
customercare@girlscoutsneny.org**

Resilient. Ready. Strong.

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

Mental Health Matters Day

Girl Scout opportunity March 12, 2025

Our partner, the Mental Health Association in New York State (MHANYS) is partnering with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to host Mental Health Matters Day on March 12, 2025 at the Empire State Plaza. Cadettes, Seniors & Ambassadors seeking their Democracy Badge are invited to come to Albany to experience the advocacy process firsthand, including a morning policy briefing where an overview of the critical pending issues impacting youth mental health, school mental health and community mental health will be provided by MHANYS leadership as well as from invited guests including state commissioners and key legislators. You can read more about those legislative priorities [HERE](#).

The interactive morning briefing will be followed by a rally to engage youth in demonstrating support of community mental health, and then an opportunity for Girl Scouts troops and their leaders to meet with their legislators to advocate on the priority issues.

Girl Scout Troop Leaders are invited to register their troop online via the MHANYS website [here](#). Please be sure to enter "Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York" in the field for organization.



Agenda (tentative):

8:00 am: Check-in

9:00 am – 12:00 pm:

Speakers & Rally

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm:

Break for Lunch

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm:

**Meet with Legislators
(optional)**

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

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

Troop Cookie Training 2025

Attention Troop Cookie Managers!

Register now for troop cookie manager training, being held in January. If you can't make the training, please let us know by emailing customercare@girlscoutsneny.org and we'll make sure you receive the recording. If your Service Unit is holding a training, you do not need to attend a Council training.



Topic: Cookies 2025 New TCM Training

When: Jan 7, 2025 06:30 PM Eastern Time
Register in advance for this webinar [HERE](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Topic: Cookies 2025 Returning TCM Cookie Training

When: Jan 8, 2025 06:30 PM Eastern Time
Register in advance for this webinar [HERE](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



MLB Play Box



We have a new grow your troop initiative!

For every new girl that troops welcome from November 18th through December 18th they will get an entry to win an MLB Play Box for their troop!

Who is eligible:

Troops of all levels who were formed before 11/1/2024.

How can you earn a raffle entry:

We will keep track of all girls added into troops between 11/18 and 12/18,

they must be registered and their participation in the troop being between those times. For each girl welcomed into the troop another entry will be added (if you welcome 3 girls, you will get 3 entries).

What is in the box:

The MLB play box includes:

- **A leader activity guide including 6 different activities**
 - **2 bats**
 - **1 throw-down base sets**
- **Package of plastic softballs**
- **Package of foam baseballs**

When will the winners be selected:

5 MLB boxes are available in this raffle, winners will be announced in the beginning of January.



Secret Agent Starter Pack



**Secret Agent
Starter Pack**

You may soon see Girl Scouts NENY social media posts about Secret Agent Starter Guide.

These posts are designed to engage new members, but we want to include our existing members as well! Instead of going through the online form for the packet we are sending it out to you!

[HERE](#) you'll find the booklet to use with your Girl Scouts, individually or as a troop.

Invite Your Friends to Girl Scouts

Is your girl having a blast as a Girl Scout?

Do you have a friend who would love to join in on the fun?

Now she can join, and you both can earn an awesome, exclusive patch.

Once she is registered fill out a form [HERE](#) and get your patch!



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**Invite Your Friend to
Girl Scouts
Earn a Patch!**

Important Update from Stewarts



Important Update About Support for Girl Scout Troops from Stewarts

Stewarts and GSNENY have been working to determine the best way for the company to provide direct support to Girl Scout troops which is their priority. Because Girl Scout troops are not independent not-for-profit entities, they do not meet the requirements to apply to the annual Holiday Match program. Instead, Stewarts invites and encourages each individual troop to request a product or gift certificate annually. Please note, that Stewarts would like requests to come directly from troops. Service units should work with their individual troops to make requests.

[CLICK HERE](#) to make a request.

Set-up an account under your troop name using your troop mailing address Make a request in the “product” or” gift certificate” category.

Remember Girl Scout Troops and Service Units may request goods and gift cards from local businesses on their own but must receive permission from Council before asking for cash support or conducting money-earning projects beyond the Girl Scout Cookie and Sweets & Treats programs. [CLICK HERE](#) to make such a request.



Giving Tuesday



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

2X as many donors gave
to GSNENY this year than on Giving Tuesday 2023.

Giving Tuesday is a global day of generosity,
fueling programs that drive meaningful change.

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Media Requests

Is your troop ready to sprinkle some holiday magic? Got any plans to share that Girl Scouts spirit with non-profit organizations?

We can't wait to see all the joy you're spreading around! Feel free to share your snapshots, clips, and tales with us [RIGHT HERE](#)! Give us a heads up before your holiday revelries and we might even be able to arrange for some media coverage! Drop us a line at marketing@girlscoutsneny.org.

Just a little note: by sharing your media with us, you're giving GSNENY the go-ahead to use your content, according to our [Media Release](#).

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.



**[CLICK HERE](#)
[to shop online!](#)**

**Girl Scouting builds girls of
courage, confidence, and
character, who make the
world a better place.**

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