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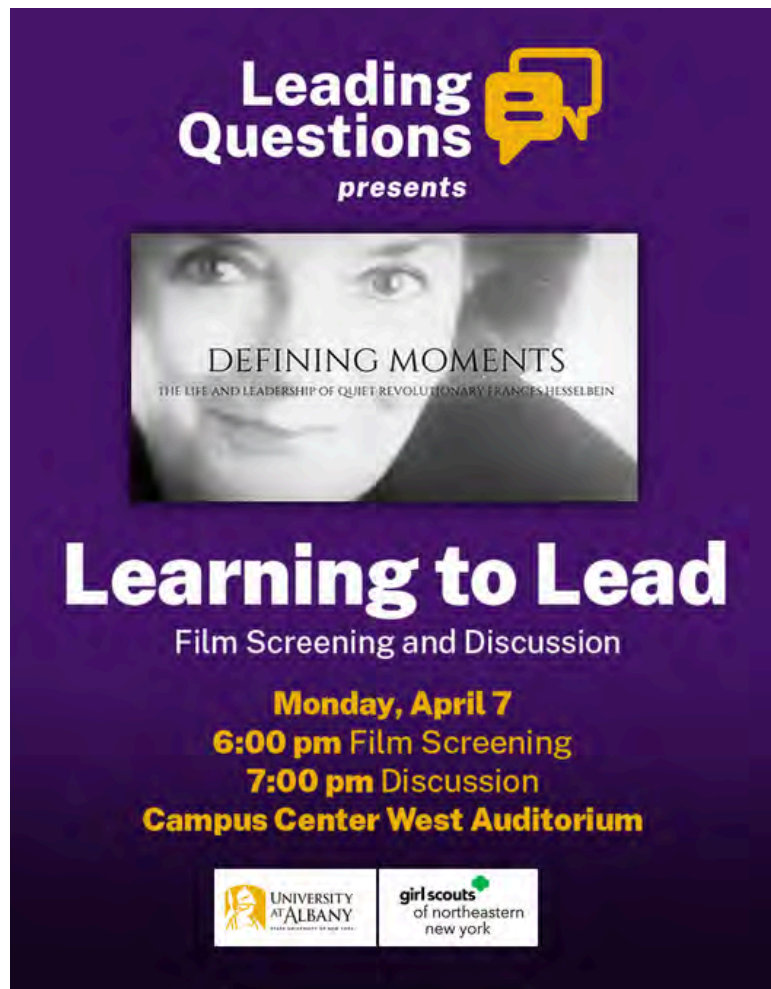


Bling Your Booth



The weekend of March 14-16, the Product Program team held a Bling Your Booth contest. In honor of Girl Scout Week and St. Patrick's Day, troops were asked to bling their booths out in green and to send us photos. One troop was chosen at random to win a Stewart's make your own sundae party. The winning troop is troop 3801 from Burnt Hills! Check out our Bling Your Booth album on [Facebook](#) to see all the photos!

“Defining Moments” Documentary



You're Invited!

Monday, April 7, 2025, 6-8 p.m.

**Location: Campus Center West Auditorium, University at Albany Uptown
Campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12222**

Join Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York, and our partner, the University at Albany, for an exclusive screening of the documentary *Defining Moments: The Life and Leadership of Quiet Revolutionary Frances Hesselbein*, the extraordinary former CEO of Girl Scouts of the USA and renowned expert on leadership. Immediately following, GSNNY Board Chair Dr. Debernee Privott will moderate a panel discussion on women's leadership with four outstanding leaders, including Sarah McArthur, Executive Producer of *Defining Moments*.

This event is free and open to all. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register.

Questions? Contact Renee Kelly, Vice President of Fund Development at rkelly@girlscoutsneny.org or (518) 489-8110.

Early Renewals

2026 Renewal Rewards

First 100 Girls to Renew will receive this special edition Early Bird 2026 Patch!



Girls Renewed by April 25th will receive this limited-edition custom patch!

Renewals start April 1st
Council wide eligibility, not divided by region.



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Girls and Adults who renew for MY 26 are eligible for renewal awards! *Council wide eligibility, not divided by region.

Patches and folios available for pickup at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, 4/25/25.

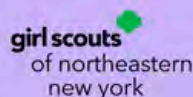
Parties and Experience rewards must be used by 4/1/26.

2025-2026 Early Renewal Incentives

Adults Renewed by April 25th will receive this Council Branded folio pad.



Lifetime Members who renew their role by deadline are eligible



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.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

In 2025 GSNENY Council is holding one dinner across our entire footprint to have everyone come together and mingle! All GSNENY Volunteers are welcome to come free of charge. If you are not a volunteer but would like to attend to support someone, the cost is \$35 for non-members, or \$25 to get a membership.

Register [HERE!](#)



Adult Outdoor Education Weekend



- BLENDED OUTDOOR SKILLS
- LODGE ONLY CAMPING TRAINING
- KNIFE AND COMPASS SKILLS
- ENCAMPMENT DIRECTOR TRAINING
- FISHING, LAWS AND REGULATIONS
- ADVANCED OUTDOOR COOKING
- AND MUCH MORE!

Join us for our Adult Outdoor Education Weekend at Hidden Lake!

You are invited to stay at camp or just come for the day. We are hosting many classes such as Blended Outdoor Skills, Encampment Director, Fishing, Lodge Only Camping, CPR/First Aid, Self Defense, Archery, Outdoor Skills Workshops, SWAPS and much more!

Child programming will be offered through the Girl Experience team on Saturday for those who need it for an additional fee.

Register [HERE](#)

Welcome to Cadettes

A Special Opportunity for 5th grade juniors and their caregivers!

Making forever friends, saving the planet, standing up against stereotypes, using their powers for the greater good—that's what being a Girl Scout Cadette is all about. Cadettes blaze trails in the wilderness, express themselves with confidence and pick up practical life skills. Their curiosity and imagination lead the way as they try all kinds of new experiences.

Today's middle school-aged girls are learning, growing, and achieving in a world that changes fast. With each passing year, middle school girls are faced with a new set of realities, challenges, joys, and triumphs that previous generations may have never encountered.

To help our Cadettes transition to middle school with the exuberance of a Brownie and the cool calm of a Senior, we're launching Welcome to Cadettes, a day-long event designed to help rising juniors embrace the coming year with a sense of community, empowerment, and curiosity. Current fifth-graders and their caregivers will take part in workshops and activities that showcase the opportunities and experiences of older Girl Scouts. You'll hear from cadettes, seniors, ambassadors, and young alums about leadership, travel, Highest Awards and learning to use their unique voice.

Caregivers will learn about supporting girls through middle school and how the Girl Scout program grows as girls do.

\$20 registration includes program and lunch for a Girl Scout and her caregiver, and a patch.



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

Welcome to Cadettes

Apr 12, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Galway

Spring Spectacular Teen Leaders

Apr 12, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
East Greenbush

Upcoming Programs

Outdoor Skills Spectacular:

Outdoor Cooking

Apr 17, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Lake George

Earth Day Celebration

Apr 26, 10:00 AM -
1:00 PM
Lake George

Things that Fly & Glide

Apr 26, 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Lake George

Silver and Gold Workshop

Apr 29, 6:00 PM -
7:00 PM
Virtual

Looking Ahead

Exploration Day at Hidden Lake Camp

May 17, 9:00 AM -
3:00 PM
Lake George

Spring Sisterhood She-nanigans

May 24, 1:00 PM -
May 25, 3:00 PM
Galway

Bronze Award Workshop

May 29, 6:00 PM -
7:00 PM
Virtual

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](#)

Resilient. Ready. Strong.

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

Your “Help” at College Admissions Time Could Hurt



The college application process can be rough. Whether your girl is trying to get into the Ivy League school she's dreamed of since kindergarten or just wants to go to the same school as her bestie, the whole process can be exhausting and majorly stressful for all involved. When the stakes are this high, of course, you want to do everything in your power to help—but you might want to pause and take a step back before getting too involved. Here are some major pitfalls even the most well-meaning families fall into at college admissions time and how you can avoid them. 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.

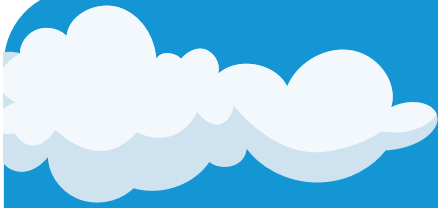
Patches can be picked up at the GSNENY service center of your choice. Available while supplies last. Patch recipients must be current GSNENY members.

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



TROOP CAMPING

Hidden Lake Camp

July 27th – 29th

Lake Clear Camp

August 17th – 19th

All the fun with none of the planning!
A great opportunity for troops new to camping!

Gather your troop for a 3-day, 2-night camp adventure like no other! Explore all that camp has to offer with our camp staff guiding you through a variety of engaging activities. Troops will be assigned to units together, and communal meals will be provided in the dining hall. Each unit will have the chance to cook a meal over a fire and everyone is invited to the closing night campfire for a sing-along. The camp team will work with each troop to customize their camp experience to their Girl Scouts' levels and interests including swimming, boating, arts & crafts, rope course, archery, nature activities and more. Come join us for an exceptional Troop Camp experience, where adventure and bonding harmonize to create unforgettable memories!



all levels

\$195 per person

includes all meals
and activities

Click [HERE](#) for a full listing of GSNENY Camps.

Troops must register with sufficient number of adults to meet ratio for the number of campers registered. All adults in attendance must be registered members with current background checks. Adults do not need to have completed any camping training to attend, as activities will be led by camp staff.

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.

The Juliette Gordon Low Quarter has arrived!



Celebrate the US Mint's release of the Juliette Gordon Low Quarter! Click [HERE](#) for a toolkit!

How Did You Celebrate Women's History Month?

Tell us [HERE](#)

Learn more about the Women's Suffrage Movement and get a special deck of playing cards!

Click [HERE](#) to learn more!

Plan for April

Earth Day: April 22nd



Get your Toolkit [HERE](#)

The Girl Scout Tree Promise



Learn More [HERE](#)

Questions? Message the team at customercare@girlscoutsneny.org

Girl Scout Voices Count

We want to hear from you! Girl Scout Voices Count survey coming in April.



You spoke. We listened.

Last year, over 60,000 Girl Scouts completed our annual Girl Scout Voices Count national survey to tell us about their Girl Scout experiences. Feedback is used to make national programs more engaging, inclusive, and hands-on.

Your voice matters and makes Girl Scouting better for everyone—so we want to hear from you!

In April, we'll be conducting our Girl Scout Voices Count national survey of Girl Scouts. The feedback you provide is so important as it helps us improve Girl Scout programs and services.

The GSVC Girl Scout Survey launches on April 7! Watch your email for your invitation, plus reminders by email—and by text if you've opted in. As a thank you, everyone who completes the survey will have a chance to win 1 of 20 \$50 gift cards. We're looking forward to hearing from you!

If you have any questions, please email GSVoicesCount@girlscouts.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@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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