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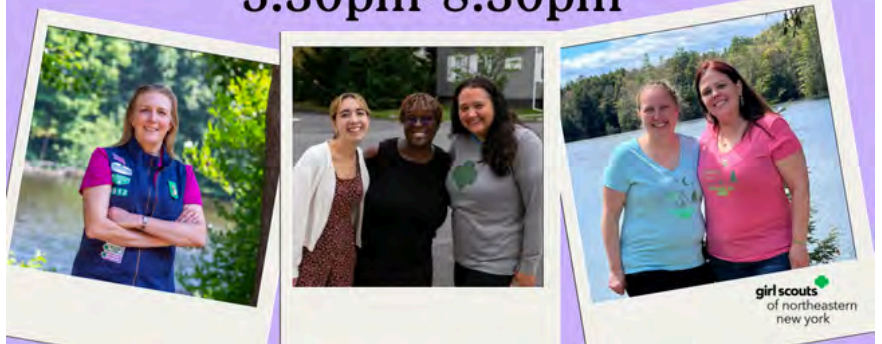
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## Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

### Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and recognition ceremony

April 25, 2025  
Fort William Henry  
Lake George, NY  
5:30pm-8:30pm



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!](#)

# Volunteer Awards Submissions

The 2025 Volunteer Awards Submissions are live! Nominate your favorite volunteer [HERE](#). Deadline for submissions is March 23, 2025 at midnight. No paper nominations will be accepted. If you are unable to use the form please email [customercare@girlscoutsneny.org](mailto:customercare@girlscoutsneny.org) and one of our volunteer engagement specialists will be able to help you enter the awards into our system.



# Encampment Director Training

In this training you will learn how to coordinate a multi-level troop overnight camping trip or Service Unit encampment. We will share information you should know and how to plan this type of event.



During this class you will:

- Discuss the value of the outdoor experience
- Review progression as related to Girl Scout experiences
- Discuss how to create a team to plan & carry out the overnight
- Review policies and safety guidelines related to an encampment
- Discuss the importance of evaluating the process & experience

Register [HERE](#)



# New Leader Training



This free training provides a general overview of Girl Scouting, covering specific policies, standards and guidelines held to each troop.

This training is required for all new Troop Leaders but any and all volunteers are welcome. Leaders can take this training as often as they choose and it does not expire.

Four Classes monthly\*

- Virtual via zoom
- in-person at the Albany Service Center
- in-person at the Queensbury Service Center
- in-person at the Plattsburg Service Center

\*more date available upon request

Register [HERE](#).

# Annual Meeting of the Members

**Saturday, March 29, 2025**

**Begins at 10 a.m.**

**Held in person at La Salle Institute, 174 Williams Rd, Troy, NY  
or via livestream\***



**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, the Slate for the Nominating and Board Development Committee Members, and the Slate of National Council Delegates and Alternates. The State of the Council, including the Treasurer's Report, will also be highlighted.**

**[Click here to register](#)**

**Registration closes 3/26**

**\*livestream link is for nonvoting members. Use the link to register and the link will be sent to you 48 hours before the meeting. The livestream link will also be posted to our [website](#).**

# Summer Camp 2025

Camp Registration is OPEN! Click [HERE](#) to dive into a full list of Summer Camp 2025 Day and Overnight programs for Girl Scouts of every level and get ready for your BEST SUMMER EVER!

## Summer Camp is for Brownies!

Check out these summer day camp opportunities just for Brownies.  
Five days of adventure fun, friendship and a lifetime of memories!

Camp Is-Sho-Da,  
East Greenbush

Plushie Pals  
July 7th - 11th

C.A.M.P.  
Creative Adventures  
& Magical Possibilities  
July 14th - 18th  
July 28th - August 1st

Fairies and Fireflies  
July 21st - 25th

Camp Mess  
August 4th - 8th

The Great Is-Sho-Da Rodeo  
August 11th - 15th

Hidden Lake Camp,  
Lake George  
Chemistry Craze  
July 21st - 25th

Lake Clear Camp,  
(near Saranac Lake)  
Chemistry Craze  
August 11th - 15th

All Brownie Day Campers have the option  
to sleep-over one night at camp!  
(additional registration required)

Use your Cookie Dough or S'mores Club to pay for Camp! Girl Scouts who participate in Cookie and Sweets & Treats sales can earn Cookie Dough or S'mores Club vouchers which can be used to pay for camp balances (they may not be used for the initial deposit). Set your goal now and think about all the fun that awaits you this summer! Contact Customer Care to check or redeem your balance.



For more information, contact [customer care@girlscoutsneny.org](mailto:customer care@girlscoutsneny.org)



# Girl Scout Program Spotlight

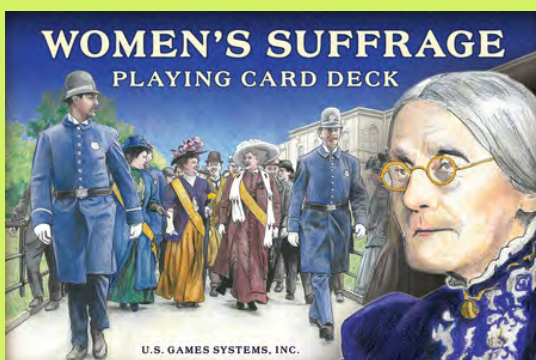
Each month in Girl Scout Membership Year 2025, the Girl Scout Experience team will highlight a few Girl Scout programs or celebrations we think will be of interest to members. We'll share information, and activity ideas to help volunteers and Girl Scouts plan at the troop level.



Girl Scout Week 2025 is approaching! From March 9 - 15 we are celebrating 113 years of Girl Scouting and welcoming our amazing communities to join us. Click [HERE](#) for an activity guide with ideas and activities that focus on promoting community engagement and storytelling. Choose a couple of ideas from the guide or come up with your own and look for opportunities to share your stories and photos with us!

## Celebrate Women's History Month

Learn more about the Women's Suffrage Movement and get a special deck of playing cards! Click [HERE](#) to learn more!



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

# Resilient. Ready. Strong.

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

## 10 Reasons Your Smart Girl Might Be Struggling in School



Although grades aren't everything in life, succeeding in school can boost your girl's self-esteem and set her up for a bright future filled with accomplishments and fulfillment. For these reasons and others, it's only natural to hope that your girl does well in school and to feel some disappointment when she's struggling. But while many people think kids who get low grades are either not-so-smart or lazy, there are many reasons why your smart girl might be getting lower grades than you'd expect—and they have nothing to do with her intelligence or lack thereof!

Girl Scouts Developmental Psychologist Dr. Andrea Bastiani Archibald lists some of the many factors that can affect her performance in the classroom, and that you can help her push past! Read more [HERE](#)

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



### Resilient, Ready, Strong Patch Giveaway!

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 [naminy.org](http://naminy.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

### Highest Awards

#### Brainstorm

Mar 22, 9:00 AM -  
10:00 AM  
Virtual

### Spring Family STEAM

#### Day - all ages

Mar 22, 10:00 AM -  
12:00 PM  
Queensbury

### Bronze Award

#### Workshop

Mar 27, 6:00 PM -  
7:00 PM  
Virtual

## Upcoming Programs

### Welcome to Cadettes

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

### Earth Day Celebration

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

### Family Picnic

#### Pandemonium

Apr 27, 12:00 -  
4:00 PM  
Galway

## Looking Ahead

### Treasure Hunt

May 10, 10:00 AM -  
12:00 PM  
Queensbury

### Spring Sisterhood

#### She-nanigans

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

### Wolf Mountain

#### Overnight C/S/A/Z

Jun 14, 1:00 PM -  
Jun 15, 9:00 PM  
Smyrna

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](#)



# 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.



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

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courage, confidence, and  
character, who make the  
world a better place.**

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