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## Adult Outdoor Education Weekend



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!](#)

# Early Renewals

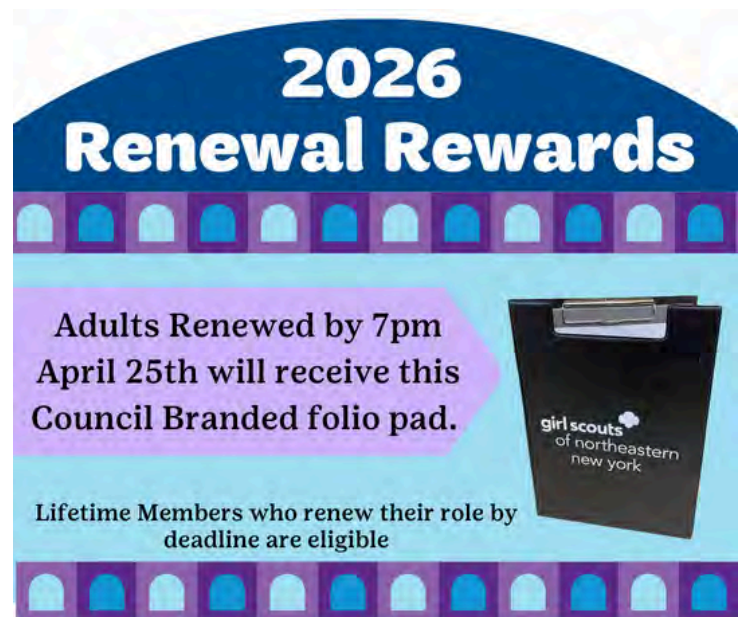
## Early Renewal Incentives 2025-2026

Girls and Adults who renew for MY 26 are eligible for renewal awards!

Renewals started April 1st!

\*Council wide eligibility, not divided by region.

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



# 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!](#)

Registration closes April 11<sup>th</sup> at 9am!



# 2025 Annual Meeting of the Members



Photo of Service Unit Delegates and Alternates, Board Members, Nominating and Board Development Committee Members, and GSNENY staff who were at the Strategic Planning Retreat, March 29, 2025

*Please help us congratulate the following  
who were elected!*

## **Officers**

Chandler Ralph, Second Vice-Chair  
Jillian Gale, Treasurer

## **Adult Board Members**

Kate Rose  
Victoria Zinser-Duley  
Cathy Lewis  
Kristen Navarette  
Jean-Paul Plamondon

## **Girl Board Member**

Ellen G.

## **Nominating and Board Development Committee**

Chandler Ralph, Chair  
Cathy Lewis, Meg Benke, Kristen  
Navarette

## **National Council Delegates**

Cayden Williams  
Marylou Hedge  
Natalie P.  
Schuyler R.  
Jeanne-Rose R.

## **National Council Alternates**

Brenda Episcopo  
Isabelle Savage  
Anna L.

We apologize for the technical difficulties with the livestream link for the first portion of the meeting. We were able to get the broadcast working for the later part of the meeting. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

# 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

### Earth Day Celebration

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

### Family Picnic Pandemonium

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

### 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

## Upcoming Programs

### Treasure Hunt

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

### Buried Treasure

May 10, 1:00 - 3:00 PM  
Queensbury

### Silver & Gold Workshop

May 13, 6:00- 7:00 PM  
Virtual

### Exploration Day at Hidden Lake Camp

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

### Bronze Award Workshop

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

## Looking Ahead

### Exploring Corning and Watkins Glen

Jul 17, 10:00 AM -  
Jul 20, 5:00 PM  
Corning & Watkins Glen

Career Exploration: Law  
Enforcement and Beyond  
Aug 04, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Albany

Wind, Water and Sky  
Aug 07, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Galway

What's in the Water & Air  
Aug 08, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Galway

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](#)

# Resilient. Ready. Strong.

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

## Social Media and Your Family: Resources from NAMI-NYS



Technology is all around our kids — at school, at home, and in their pockets. Keeping our kids safe and well online is top of mind for many of us. We're also facing tough questions — how much screen time is too much? When is the right time to get a child a phone? How much supervision should you have over your child's social media accounts? And many others.

More research is needed in this area, but there are many steps you can take now to work with your child to create a safer and healthier experience. Here are some tips to help you and your family navigate social media together! Having open and frequent conversations about how technology and social media affect your family can help provide an opening for honest discussions. [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](http://naminys.org)

# 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 Day Camp is for Juniors and Cadettes!

Summer is just around the corner at Camp Is-Sho-Da! We cannot wait to explore all the exciting adventures that await. Join our devoted staff and program leaders for an unforgettable Summer with Girl Scouts!



### C.A.M.P. Creative Adventures and Magical Possibilities

July 7th-11th  
July 21st-25th  
August 4th-8th

### Camp Mess

July 28th-August 1st

### Camp Popstar

July 14th-18th



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 the 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.

## April Highlights

Earth Day:  
April 22nd



The Girl Scout  
Tree Promise



Celebrate the planet we all call home and protect the living things we share it with

Get your Toolkit  
[HERE](#)

Learn More  
[HERE](#)

Tell us how you're celebrating!

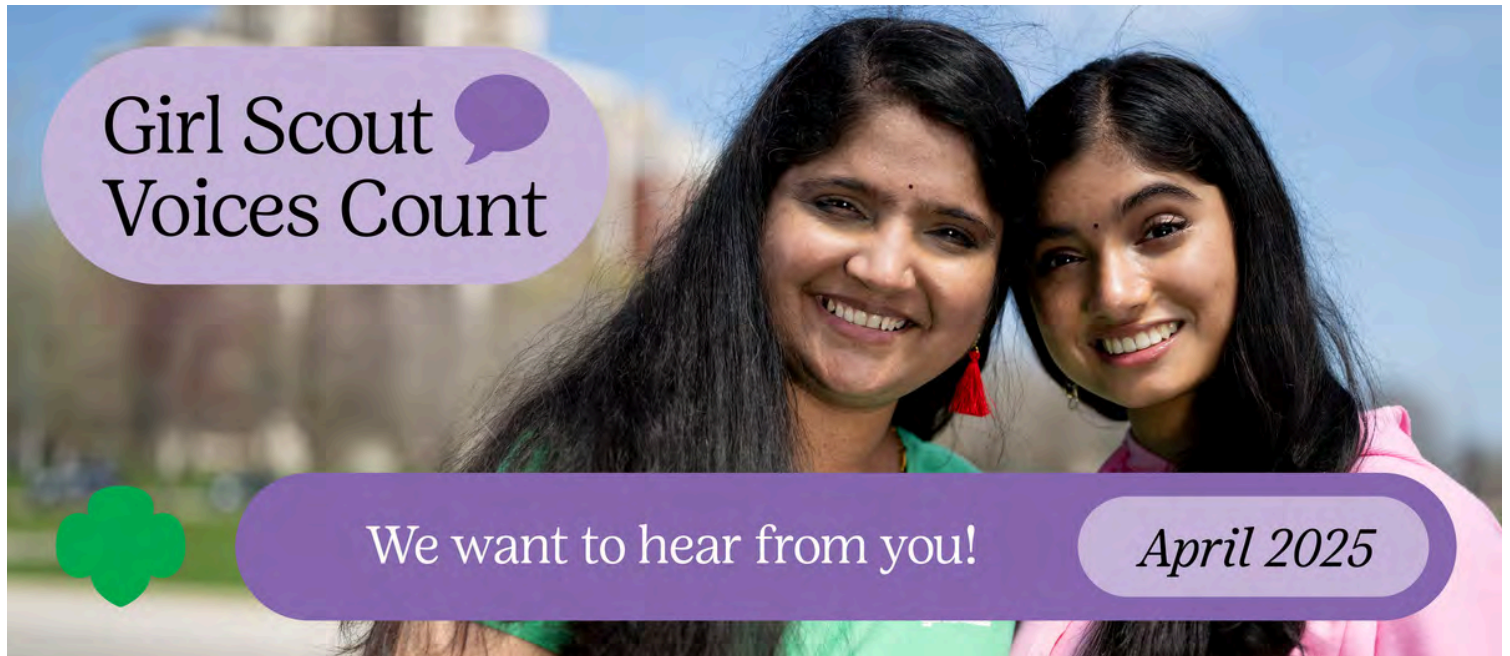
We want to hear from YOU!  
Share your photos and stories [HERE](#)



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