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## Council Office Closure



**GSNENY  
Council Offices  
Closed July 4th**

All GSNENY council service centers will be closed on Friday, July 4th, to celebrate Independence Day. We encourage you to plan ahead and enjoy the holiday!



# Renewal Incentives 2025-2026

## To Earn Troop Renewal Incentive:

Troops who reach or exceed 90% of their MY 2025 girl number (by renewing current members or signing up new ones) by June 30th.

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.

Renew [HERE](#)

GSNENY Council will count memberships on April 1; this is the number used to calculate the percentage for renewals on July 1. Percentages calculated include renewing members and new members after April 1.

## 2026 Renewal Rewards

### Service Unit Recognitions

**Gold:** Renew 100% of adults and girls

T-Shirt for SUM, Patch for each leader, Certificate, GS Express recognition

**Silver:** Renew 80% of adults and 90% of girls

Patch for each leader, Certificate, GS Express recognition

**Bronze:** Renew 75% of adults and 75% of girls

Certificate of Accomplishment, GS Express recognition

\*renewing current members or signing up new ones  
by June 30th



## 2026 Renewal Rewards

### Troop Renewal Incentive

\*Troops who reach or exceed 90% of their MY 2025 girl number (by renewing current members or signing up new ones) by June 30th

**Receive a curated GSNENY Experience Box  
designed for your troop level and region**

\*Troop must contain two registered adults (with background checks) plus 5 registered girls. Exceptions may be available for Senior/Ambassador troops regarding girl numbers.



# Troop Finance Reports

All troops are required to submit an annual Troop Financial Report using the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) by July 20th of each year.



- Requires a submission of the June bank statement.
- Submission window is June 1st-July 20th
- The online submission process is accessed through the VTK
- Troop Financial Volunteer can update balances as the year progresses, as well as edit bank account details.
- Parents can view the financial report at any time, but cannot make edits.
- Line items will not be calculated until the final summary
- GSUSA will send you a copy of your report after submission.

Full reporting instructions can be found [HERE](#).

## Growing Futures Garden Party

*Join your Girl Scout sisters for a festive summer gathering filled with meaningful connection and an exclusive opportunity to learn about ways to use our resources wisely—a core Girl Scout value. Our special host, who has spent 30 years helping women plan for their futures, will share smart insights for charitable giving that can also provide valuable tax advantages.*

Thursday, August 28

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

797 Route 9W, Glenmont NY 12077

Hors d'oeuvres   Beer/Wine/Soda   Signature Cocktail

**Seating is limited!**

[Click here to reserve your spot now!](#)

Or contact Fund Development  
at (518) 489-8110 or

[Give2GirlScouts@girlscoutsneny.org](mailto:Give2GirlScouts@girlscoutsneny.org)



*GSNENY is grateful to Girl Scout alum Kathleen Godfrey for generously underwriting this event.*



# Property Rental Featured Building

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## Weld House

Space is still available to rent in Weld House at Lake Clear Camp!



Considering a trip to Upstate NY this summer? Join us at Weld House at our Lake Clear Camp! Nestled in Lake Clear, just 20 miles from the bustling Lake Placid, Weld House was once the original camp owner's home. This delightful two-story retreat accommodates 8 guests comfortably. Upstairs, you'll find 2 bedrooms, each with 2 beds, and another cozy bedroom with 2 beds downstairs. Relax in the living room, savor meals in the dining area, or whip up something quick in the small kitchen equipped with a mini fridge and microwave. Unwind on the screened-in back porch overlooking the camp's serene lower grounds. Please note, Weld is available as a standalone rental during summer camp and doesn't include access to other camp facilities. Reserve your spot [HERE](#)

# Hannaford Community Bags!



**TURTLE FRIENDLY TOTES!**



Say yes to sustainability this month! This **June**, head over to our selected Hannaford store and pick up your own reusable \$2.50 Community Bag. Every bag purchased this month will send our organization a \$1 donation!

[hannaford.2givelocal.com](http://hannaford.2givelocal.com)  
Community Bag Program





9 Lord Ave.  
Troy, NY 12180

Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York is selected again for the Hannaford Community Bag Program!

\$1 from each reusable bag purchased in June at Hannaford at 9 Lord Ave. in Troy helps Girl Scouts!

## Former Girl Scout Survey



**Calling all former Girl Scouts!**



If you were ever involved in Girl Scouts we'd love if you could fill out our survey! Fill out the survey [HERE](#).

By filling out our survey, you have the opportunity to share your unique Girl Scout story and reflect on the moments that have stayed with you through the years. Your feedback will not only help us understand the impact of Girl Scouts on individuals but also inspire the next generation of young girls who are embarking on their own Girl Scout journey.

# Summer Camp Reminders

Don't miss these important dates as you get ready for your Best Summer...Ever!



## Payments and Paperwork

- Payments and Paperwork is due now.
- Families with missing paperwork or payments will be contacted by Friday 6/27 (please don't message to ask if we have your paperwork. If you don't hear from us, you're all set!)
- Camps remain open for additional enrollment (subject to availability) until Friday afternoon, two weeks prior to their start date.

## Camp Is-Sho-Da Buses, Overnights and Campfires

- If your camper needs bus transportation, please register soon.
- Buses remain open for additional enrollment (until full) until 10am the Wednesday before each camp session begins. [Register on our website.](#)
- Participation in the optional overnight or campfire (late pickup at 8:30pm) requires additional registrations. Overnight/Campfire registration closes 10am on the Tuesday of each session. Please note that this is a firm deadline and no additional registrations can be accepted after this time. [Register on our website.](#)

## Rallyhood is our online Camp Community

If your child is registered for camp, you should have received an invitation to Rallyhood, our online community where you can ask questions and interact with other camp families for your session. We'll share messages there before and during camp!

Space is still available! Click [HERE](#) full list of summer day and overnight camp opportunities

Questions?: [customer care@girlscoutsneny.org](mailto:customer care@girlscoutsneny.org) - 518.480.8110



# 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.

## June is Pride Month

The Girl Scout LGBTQ+ Pride Month Celebration Fun Patch is designed for Girl Scouts of all levels and their leaders to honor LGBTQ+ history, to celebrate the diverse cultures and identities of LGBTQ+ people, and to acknowledge the many contributions that the LGBTQ+ community has made and continues to make across our nation. Girls and leaders have plenty of activities to choose from to earn this fun patch, and we encourage Girl Scouts of all identities to participate.



Get your activity sheet in [English](#) or [Espanol](#)

Purchase your patch [HERE](#)

## Take the Girl Scouts ❤️ the Outdoors Challenge!



Celebrate summer! Earn the Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge patch by finding new ways to discover the great outdoors. You don't need to travel far—you can complete activities in your neighborhood, at a park, or by using your imagination. The challenge begins on June 1 and ends with the Girl Scouts Love State Parks weekend on 9/14 & 15. Use #gsoutdoors on social media to share your adventures with family and friends.

Get your activity sheet [HERE](#)

Purchase your patch [HERE](#)



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



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

# Resilient. Ready. Strong.

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

## Talking to Children About War

International wars and conflicts enhance our sense of danger and may cause worry about what will happen in the days and weeks ahead. A range of emotions (e.g., outrage, fear, anxiety and sorrow) are common and can change as the situation evolves. They can create safety concerns for the region that reach into our own country. Some families may be worried about loved ones who are directly impacted, including those who live in the area; those who were visiting and are trying to get back to the United States; or those who are deployed as part of the military, government, or a relief organization. Parents and caregivers can help children navigate what they are seeing and hearing by having a conversation with them, acknowledging their feelings, and finding ways to cope together. [This Resource](#) from the National Child Traumatic Stress Network may be a useful tool for supporting those conversations.

**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)



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

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

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