## **GS EXPRESS**

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## Council Office Closure



All GSNENY council service centers will be closed Monday, June 9th, for an all-staff meeting. Please plan accordingly.



### **CEO For The Day**







Last week, we had the pleasure of hosting our top cookie seller, Quinn, as "CEO For The Day." Quinn impressively sold 4,025 boxes of Girl Scout cookies this season! During her time as CEO, she shined in a leadership presentation, enjoyed baking cookies with the GSNENY board chair, and thoughtfully contributed to cookie reward planning. She also shared her success in interviews with <a href="https://dx.new.org/ncein/center/">The Daily Gazette</a> and WRGB CBS 6.

## New Leader Training



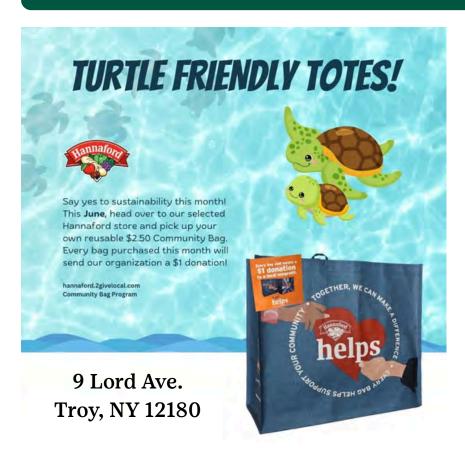
This free training provides a general overview of Girl Scouting covering specific policies, standards and guidelines GSNENY holds to each troop. This training is required for all new Troop Leaders but any and all volunteers are welcome. Leaders can take this training as often as they choose and it does 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 Plattsburgh Service Center

\*more date available upon request

## **Hannaford Community Bags!**



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



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.

## 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.



level and region

## Resilient. Ready. Strong.

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

### **Making Friends:**

### 7 Simple Icebreakers Even Shy Girls Will Love



Having to make new friends might be intimidating to your child, so go over these ideas and see if she can come up with more on her own. Of course, not every person your girl wants to be friends with will feel the same way, and that's OK, but the more she puts herself out there and connects with other kids, the more opportunities she'll have to grow her social circle. Being reserved or even shy shouldn't stop your girl from having a super fun social life! If she's having trouble making friends, suggest some of these oh-so-simple ice breakers that will help her meet new kids and hopefully form lifelong friendships!

#### **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

#### Spaces still available in some programs!

Click <u>HERE</u> 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!

Spaces Added
July 20<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>
at Hidden Lake Camp
Lake George, NY

## Camp Bliss

Overnight Camp for Cadettes



Welcome to Camp Bliss, where relaxation meets adventure! Join us for a rejuvenating week designed for Girl Scouts seeking tranquility, creativity, and connection with nature. Enjoy spa-inspired activities like nature journaling, stretching, meditation, and crafting DIY relaxation products. Then bring your favorite book and cozy up in a hammock amid the serene woods for peaceful reading time. Leave feeling refreshed and empowered as you embark on a journey of relaxation and friendship.

### 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 <a href="mailto:customercare@girlscoutsneny.org">customercare@girlscoutsneny.org</a>

## **Upcoming Girl Scout Programs**

Have more fun learning, doing, and growing with these events, activities, and opportunities designed just for Girl Scouts, like you!

## Continue your Girl Scout fun with these great summer programs!

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

What's in the Water & Air
Aug 8, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Galway

Career Exploration: Law Enforcement and Beyond Aug 04, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Albany Wild Center Weekend
Aug 29, 6:00 PM Aug 31, 11:00 AM
Lake Clear

<u>Wind, Water and Sky</u> Aug 7, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Galway Summer She and Me
Aug 23, 1:00 PM Aug 24, 11:00 AM
Lake George

Find MORE programs here!

<u>Program Guide or Calendar of Events</u>

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, <a href="mailto:customercare@girlscoutsneny.org">customercare@girlscoutsneny.org</a>

Financial Assistance if available for year-round programs in our Council.

To learn more or apply, click <u>HERE</u>

#### 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 <u>customercare@girlscoutsneny.org</u> 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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