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## 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. But we've extended the deadline to July 31st!



It requires a submission of the June bank statement. The troop funds belong to all the Girl Scouts in the troop. As stewards of these funds, accountability is a mandatory function of those volunteers responsible for the troop. Any troop member, parent, service unit team member or council staff can ask to review the troop financials at any point and ask questions.

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



# S'more Learning

Dive into our S'more Learning adventures this week! Check out all we have in store for you. Learn about the crucial role of Girl Scouts at community events, explore multilevel troops, and join us for Part 1 of our 8-part camping series—this week focuses on Basic Camping.

Importance of Girl Scouts at Community Events: [HERE](#)



Importance of Girl Scouts at Community Events 1

More levels, more fun: Tips and tricks for a multilevel troop



Multilevel Troops: [HERE](#)

Basic Camping: [HERE](#)



Camping Part 1 of 8 - Basic Camping





# *You're Invited...* *Growing Futures*

*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.*

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# Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors

## Be Your Most Out There Self!



You don't need access to a national park or the woods to enjoy the outdoors! So put yourself out there with us and participate in our Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge.

Spending at least 120 minutes a week in nature is associated with improved mood, focus, and confidence—whether you spend that time becoming a rockstar at rock climbing, making a splash in the puddles around your neighborhood, or watching wandering wildlife at a park.

Download our free activity sheet [HERE](#) with 50+ fun activities to see what's possible right outside your own front door today!

And order your patch [HERE](#)





# Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors (cont'd)

Are you diving into the Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors challenge and aiming for that patch? We'd love to hear about your adventure! Check out some examples and instructions [HERE](#) and make some videos. We'll feature some of them on our social media pages. We're excited to see your creativity!

Let's create inspiring, outdoor-focused content that celebrates Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors and builds community engagement!

You can submit your photos and videos [HERE](#)



# Resilient. Ready. Strong.

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

## How to Deal When Her Friends Have More (Or Less) Money Than You

Talking about money can make even the bravest, strongest among us squirm. Many of us were brought up to believe it's impolite or even flat-out rude to bring up income, wealth, or financial struggles in conversation. But let's face facts: Kids want to be like other kids, and when money matters come into play, they can feel ashamed about having less—or guilty over having more—than their friends. Financial inequality can be tricky for adults to navigate without having hurt feelings, but when you're a child and are just learning about these things, it can be even harder to wrap your head around something that can seem unfair and beyond their control.



Talking directly about money matters can take some getting used to, but the more you discuss dollars (and sense) with your children, the more they'll realize their financial status is nothing to be ashamed of. Bonus? Talking about money with your girl today will help set her up for a brighter financial future tomorrow. Win, win! [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)



# Troop 3811

Troop 3811 has had a great start to the summer! In June they worked with Clifton Park EMS to earn their CPR certification and be trained in first aid. Then in July they marched with their Service Unit (208) in the Clifton Park town Fourth of July parade on July 4th. Their theme was "More than just cookies". Girls made signs showing the activities they enjoy doing in Girl Scouts, and decorated wagons to display pictures of Girl Scouts participating in activities along the parade route.





# Troop 3885

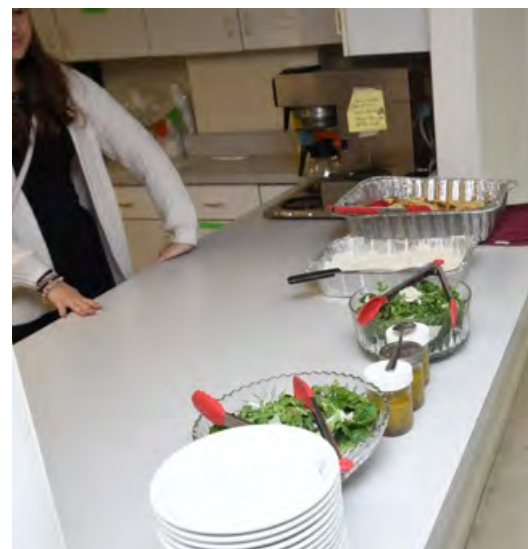
Troop 3885 took a trip to Rochester NY to visit The Strong Museum of Play. They spent the weekend making memories that will last a lifetime. They learned about setting goals and staying on a budget, time management, fair play and compromise, and how to let loose and have a great time. They cheered each other on at the ropes course, created an improv show, played some retro games, shopped at the pretend Wegman's, helped each other through the ninja course, and loved the wonder of the butterfly garden. Sounds like an amazing trip!





# Troop 1038

Troop 1038 proudly achieved the “Dinner Party” badge this year. They joyfully invited family and friends, crafted creative invitations, curated a delicious menu, designed beautiful table decorations, and mastered the art of hosting a memorable evening.



## *GSNENY Summer Service Center Hours* *July 7th - September 1st*

**9 am – 3 pm, Monday – Thursday**

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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