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## AYCO Volunteer Day



Just last week, the amazing team from Goldman Sachs Community Teamworks lent us their superpowers! They dusted off the cabins, prepped the firewood, pitched tents, and did so much more to get Camp Is-Sho-Da ready for fun! A huge heartfelt thanks for their time and dedication!



# Upcoming Girl Scout Programs

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

## **Wild Center Weekend 8/30 - 9/1/2024**

Prepare for an unforgettable weekend experience at Lake Clear and the Wild Center in Tupper Lake, beginning with a Friday evening campfire. Saturday morning, head to the Wild Center in Tupper Lake to observe playful otters, enjoy a private animal encounter, and explore the treetops on the Wild Walk. Return to camp in the afternoon for an array of outdoor activities, including swimming and boating, and outdoor skill development. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and register.

## **Girl Scouts Love State Parks**

It's not too early to start planning for September and Girl Scouts Love State Parks weekend - September 13th - 15th.

Many State Parks are planning activities just for Girl Scouts within our Council footprint.

Watch for more details as the date draws closer and don't forget to participate in the Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge this summer. To learn more, download the activity sheet and discover how to get your patch [CLICK HERE](#)

**For a full listing of upcoming camps and programs check out the [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)**



# Cookie Program Town Hall



Join us Wednesday, July 24th at 6:00 for a Cookie Program Town Hall. We will be discussing this year's wrap-up, next year's mascot and rewards, what's new for next year, and more! You don't want to miss it!

Click [HERE](#) to register!

## Silver Award Project Highlight

Kudos to Amelia M. for her innovative Silver Award project! She orchestrated a hands-on pedestrian safety workshop that had children navigating pretend roadways with the utmost caution. An added twist? Kids on scooters playing the part of cars. Well done on a successful event!



# Resilient. Ready. Strong.

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

## Drama-Free Summer Camp? No Problem!

GSNENY Summer Camps begin this week and we are bursting with excitement to welcome Girl Scouts to camp! But camp transitions aren't always easy. Caregivers should know that there are a few things you can do to decrease the drama and up the fun factor for everyone. Here's the scoop from Girl Scouts Developmental Psychologist Andrea Bastiani Archibald, Ph.D. on how to make camp work for you AND your Girl Scout. [READ MORE](#)



Got Camp Questions? Contact Customer Care 518.489.8110 or [customercare@girlscoutsneny.org](mailto:customercare@girlscoutsneny.org)

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

### Upcoming Trainings for Volunteers, Caregivers and older Girl Scouts

Talk Saves Lives is a mental health education program of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention that provides participants with a clear understanding and the most up-to-date research on suicide prevention, and what they can do in their communities to save lives. Participants will learn common risk factors and warning signs associated with suicide, and how to keep themselves and others safe.

**FREE for Seniors, Ambassadors and Adults via Zoom**

**Two Opportunities Remain:**

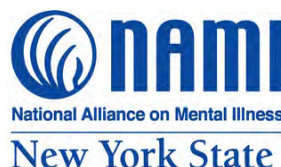
[August 22nd](#) or [October 23rd](#)

6:30pm - 7:30 pm

**Register Now**



**Please join us in thanking our Mental Wellness partners.**



Contact the NAMI-NYS Helpline: (518) 245 – 9160 (M-F 8-3) or visit [naminyes.org](http://naminyes.org)



# Fundraising Ban Lifted



## GSUSA Fundraising Ban Lifted to Support Those Impacted by the Israel-Gaza Conflict

Per the Blue Book, the governing document for Girl Scouts of the USA, members may not raise money for other organizations. That fundraising ban has been temporarily lifted in two cases to support people in need. Girl Scouts may raise money for those affected by the Israel-Gaza Conflict through September 5th, 2024 and those impacted by the New Mexico Wildfires through September 27th, 2024. It is recommended that contributions be made to charities that have been identified by [Charity Navigator](#) or [CharityWatch](#).

GSNENY troops, service units, or individual Girl Scouts interested in fundraising must first receive Council approval and agree to comply with fundraising rules by completing the Activity Funding Request form [HERE](#)

## Albany Pride Parade

Bravo to Service Unit 153 for rallying our Capital Region troops to take part in the Albany Pride Parade. Our Girl Scouts stepped up and marched, honoring and uplifting our LGBTQ+ community! Hats off, Girl Scouts!



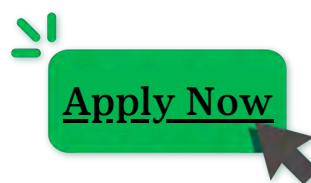
# Join a Committee!

## Make a difference!

Your expertise can propel our mission forward through any of these avenues!



- [Silver & Gold Award Committee](#)
- [Philanthropy Committee](#)
- [Camp Affinity Group](#)
- [Advocacy Committee](#)
- [Archives Committee](#)
- [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force](#)
- ...and more!



## Media Requests



**Did your troop embark on an unforgettable adventure this year that we haven't heard about? We're all about celebrating those magical moments, so we're dedicating this summer to showcasing all your wonderful achievements. Don't be shy, we'd love for you to share your photos, videos, and stories with us [HERE!](#)**

**Just a friendly reminder, by sharing your media with us, you're granting GSNENY the permission to use your content in line with our [Media Release](#).**

## *GSNENY Service Center Summer Hours*

*July 1st - September 2nd*

**9 am – 3 pm, Monday – Thursday**

All in person meetings should be made by appointment during summer hours 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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