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Investiture Ceremony

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THIS SPECIAL CEREMONY IS
AN INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME
FOR ALL NEW MEMBERS OF GIRL
SCOUTS OF ALL AGES.

October 3
6:30pm-8pm
camp woodhaven
registration required

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Join us as we celebrate and renew our commitments
at the Investiture and Rededication Ceremony,
happening from
6 to 8 pm on October 3rd at Camp Woodhaven.
We can't wait to see you there!

This is a FREE event but registration is required.

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up!

Upcoming Girl Scout Programs

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

September 15 - October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month

You can celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with your family and friends by recognizing all the histories, cultures, and contributions that Hispanic and Latino people have made. Take this opportunity to learn more about the 21 Spanish-speaking countries and territories' cultures honored during these four weeks.

You can find the GS Hispanic Heritage Month Fun Patch and Activity Sheet Activities [HERE](#)



Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend Update
Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances the 9/14/24 - 1:00 - 2:30pm Grafton State Park Susan B Anthony House location program is being cancelled. GSNENY is looking forward to working with the Susan B. Anthony House in the future for programs.

Please check out all the other State Park and Historic Sites that are offering events during the weekend [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

Flag Collection and Retirement Ceremony



Veteran's Day

Flag Retirement
CEREMONY

Come and participate in this unique and solemn ceremony.

- honor this symbol of freedom
- learn some history of the flag
- thank those who served
- make a memory with other Girl Scouts

5-6pm november 11
camp meadowbrook

Join Volunteer Services for a respectful Flag Retirement Ceremony this Veteran's Day. Got an American flag in need of retirement? Feel free to drop it off at any GSNENY Service Center before the end of October.

Register for the ceremony [HERE](#)

Hannaford Community Bag Program

The Troy Hannaford location, 9 Lord Avenue, Troy NY has selected GSNENY for their community bag program for the month of August. \$1 of every bag purchase will go council.



Bring This Bag On All Your Adventures



Grab the best adventure bag at our selected Hannaford store during our benefiting month! Every purchase of this reusable \$2.50 Community Bag will send our organization a \$1 donation.

hannaford.2givelocal.com Community Bag Program

Resilient. Ready. Strong.

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

Scout Out Her Passions



Remember the thrill you felt when you scored your first ever soccer goal? Or how proud you felt getting flowers after a school play? Those experiences weren't just fun ways to make new friends, they helped make you the confident, ambitious person you are today. Plus, experts say kids who participate in extracurricular activities could actually do better in school. "Out-of-school experiences help girls develop real skills like teamwork and perseverance—skills that she'll need to do well in school and throughout her life," says Girl Scouts Chief Girl Expert, Developmental Psychologist Dr. Andrea Bastiani Archibald. With these tips, it'll be fun and easy to find the right fit for your growing girl. [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! Life isn't always easy, but dealing with tricky emotions doesn't have to be so hard. Try activities from the Girl Scouts: Resilient. Ready. Strong. program to unlock a patch and strengthen your mental wellness. Nobody can snap their fingers and make the world all sunshine and lollipops, but you can take steps to be ready when things get tough. Go get 'em, Girl Scout!

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

National Make-A-Will Month

August marks the beginning of National Make-A-Will Month, a month-long event dedicated to the importance of creating a plan for the future, not just for yourself and loved ones, but potentially for Girls Scouts of Northeastern New York as well.

We want to inform you of all the things a well-crafted estate can achieve.

Security

Creating your will allows you to communicate important financial decisions so you and your loved ones are prepared for what the future may hold.

Peace of mind: A will allows you to provide for the people you love, so they will always be supported.

Impact

By including an optional planned gift in your will you can continue to support the causes you believe in.

We have partnered with [FreeWill](#) so that you can make a will for free! [CLICK HERE](#) to write your free will. Freewill is an online will-writing tool you can use to create yours in less than 20 minutes.

Everyone needs a will and there's no better moment than now to find some peace of mind in planning for the future. While you're writing your will, you'll also have the opportunity to join the amazing people who have helped build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place by including legacy gifts in their wills.



Women of Distinction



*Women of
Distinction*

Women of Distinction recognizes strength of character, community service, & dedication to fostering self-confidence and leadership skills in others. Funds raised support the Girl Scout Experience.

Join us for a reception & awards ceremony honoring



Gerri Kaplan-Downs

2024

Distinguished Personal Achievement Award

Girl Scout Volunteer

Accounts Receivable Specialist

at Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital

September 25

6 - 8 pm

West Side Ballroom

253 New York Rd., Plattsburgh

Business attire

Tickets

\$50/person

hors d'oeuvres and cash bar

register by 9/18

Register [HERE](#)

Outdoor Education Weekend

Save the Date!

Our 2025 Outdoor Education Weekend has been scheduled.
We would love to have you join us. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

MAY 2025

17-18-19







OUTDOOR
EDUCATION
WEEKEND







Join us for our Outdoor Education Weekend at Hidden Lake!
You are invited to stay at camp or just come for the day. There is a
special event scheduled Friday night and a campfire Saturday
evening. We are hosting many classes such as Blended Outdoor
Skills, Encampment Director, Fishing, Lodge Only Camping,
CPR/First Aid, Archery, and much more!

HIDDEN LAKE CAMP

1799 NY-9N SCENIC, LAKE LUZERNE, NY 12846

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The My Girl Scout Kit!



What's special on www.girlscoutshop.com? The My Girl Scout Kit! My Girl Scout Kit is great for new and bridging Girl Scouts! AND For every \$60 purchase of qualifying merchandise, receive a free drawstring bag. Limit of 15 free bags per transaction. My Girl Scout Kit Bag(s) will be automatically added to your order once you have completed checkout. Offer good 8/12-8/25/2024

Talk Saves Lives



Join us for the August Talk Saves Lives presentation!

You don't need to register, just join us on the call. Zoom info is below.

Talk Saves Lives is a standardized, 45-60 minute education program that provides participants with a clear understanding of this leading cause of death, including 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.

Thursday August 22nd 6 pm

Join Zoom Meeting [HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 926 9701 2633 Passcode: 116358

Summer Camp Recap

All good things must come to an end!

We're proud to end another year of GSNENY summer camp with over 700 campers, new Troop Camping program and Day Camps at Hidden Lake Camp, enduring friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.

Thank you to camp staff, volunteers, caregivers and especially our campers for making the camp community so unique and special.

If your child attended camp please complete the Summer Camp 2024 Caregiver Survey [HERE](#)

And please have your camper fill out the survey that can be found [HERE](#)

Lost and Found items from camp will be held at our service centers through September 30th (Camp Is-Sho-Da at Albany, Hidden Lake Camp at Queensbury and Lake Clear Camp at Plattsburgh).



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 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!](#)**

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courage, confidence, and
character, who make the
world a better place.**

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