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Investiture Ceremony

Investiture Ceremony

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!

Summer is coming to an end and so is your chance to complete the Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge and score the limited-edition patch! Whether it's hiking or stargazing, there's an adventure waiting for you.

Many activities you already do fulfill the patch requirements.

To learn more, download the activity sheet and discover how to get your patch [HERE](#)



Get excited for Girl Scout Love State Parks weekend Sept. 14 and 15, 2024 there are great parks and historic sites for you to visit.

For a full list of local opportunities [CLICK HERE](#)

Join Girl Scouts to make the world a better place as we plant, protect, and honor trees with the Girl Scout Tree Promise. [CLICK HERE](#) to download a free activity guide, track your impact, and find out how to earn your Tree Promise patch!



Ahoy landlubbers! September 19th is Talk Like a Pirate Day! Why not read [Peter Pan](#), [Treasure Island](#), watch a pirate movie, or sing your favorite pirate song.

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.

Don't Like Her Look? Get Over It

“Your girl is starting to develop her own identity, and fashion and style are a creative way for her to express her individuality and interests,” says Girl Scouts’ Developmental Psychologist, Dr. Andrea Bastiani Archibald. “When you dictate what she can and cannot wear based on what you like and don’t, you’re stifling her self-expression, which can affect her ability to make friends and connect with other like-minded kids.” Beyond that, it’s important to keep in mind that many middle and high school age girls already feel self-conscious about their looks, and giving them the freedom to express themselves through clothing they feel good in can boost their confidence. [READ MORE](#)



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

Opportunitys Remains:

[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

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

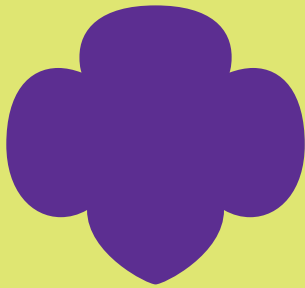
hors d'oeuvres and cash bar

register by 9/18

Register [HERE](#)

Renew Your Membership Today!

Renew your membership today for your year of Discovery! Don't miss out on the amazing things Girl Scouts has to offer. We can't do it without you.



Your Year of

Discovery

- ✓ Explore a new museum.
- ✓ Play a favorite outdoor game.
- ✓ Sing a funny song with your friends.

When you see the world through her eyes, it's more vibrant than ever. Get the whole family involved for another year of Girl Scouts and extraordinary memories that will last a lifetime!

Troops are forming now—don't miss out. Renew today! [CLICK HERE](#)

Cookie Wrap Up

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2024 GIRL SCOUT COOKIE WRAP-UP

766,406 Packages Sold!

2,119 Cookie Booths

3,955 Girl Scouts
participated in the
cookie program

Proceeds for Girl
Activities: \$752,906

193

PER
GIRL
SCOUT
BOX
AVG



18,961 packages of
cookies donated

21,829 Digital Cookie
emails sent



3,783
Girl Scouts
participated
on Digital
Cookie



**Congratulations to our Girl
Scouts on another amazing
Cookie Selling year!**

**And thank you to all
who bought, sold,
and ate our
cookies!**

5 Skills
Girl Scouts Learn
in the
Cookie Program



- Goal Setting
- Decision Making
- Money Management
- People Skills
- Business Ethics

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Congratulations

2024 Top Cookie Entrepreneurs



Girl Scout	Troop & Service Unit	Level	Packages Sold
Marybeth H.	Troop 2244, SU 207-Scotia/Glenville	Junior	2581
Phoebe O.	Troop 2819, SU 207-Scotia/Glenville	Junior	2113
Claire P.	Troop 3817, SU 311-Saratoga	Brownie	2032
Emma A.	Troop 3397, SU 309-Granville	Brownie	2029
Caroline C.	Troop 5024, SU 183-Albany	Junior	1862
Megan H.	Troop 1561, SU 313-Queensbury	Cadette	1554
Aria M.	Troop 5512, SU 126-Chatham/Kinderhook	Junior	1550
Quinn A.	Troop 3874, SU 307-Cambridge/Salem	Junior	1550
Katie S.	Troop 1211, SU 146-Latham	Senior	1450
Abigail F.	Troop 3602, SU 315-Ticonderoga	Cadette	1395



CEO for the Day

We have crowned our top cookie entrepreneur! Marybeth H., a dynamo from Troop 2244 in Scotia, earned the coveted "CEO for the Day" title by selling a whopping 2,581 packages of cookies this season.

During her day at the helm, Marybeth stepped into the shoes of GSNENY CEO Brenda Episcopo, engaging in leadership presentations and absorbing Episcopo's leadership style. She also enjoyed a meet-and-greet with GSNENY Board Chair, Deb Privott, and got the inside scoop on council decisions regarding membership recruitment activities, next year's cookie rewards, and more.

What fueled Marybeth's cookie-selling fervor? She said, "Last year, I was the number six seller, and this year, I wanted to be number one." And that is the spirit of a true cookie champion!



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.



**[CLICK HERE](#)
[to shop online!](#)**

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

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