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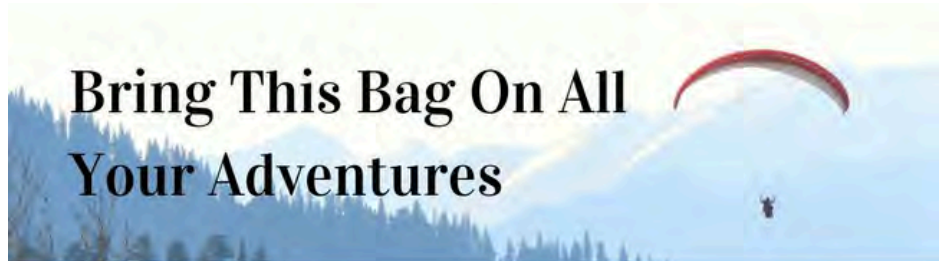
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## Hannaford Community Bag Program

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.



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](http://hannaford.2givelocal.com)

Community Bag Program

# Upcoming Girl Scout Programs

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



## GSUSA Destinations

Congratulations to Girl Scout Ambassador, Glendora K. for being accepted for the Adriatic Odyssey 2025 Girl Scout Destination. The Destinations are the ultimate adventure for individual Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts. There's a unique, life-changing experience for everyone. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and check back often as more Destinations are offered.

## Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors

Girl Scouts love being outdoors during the summer so why not gear up for ultimate outdoor adventure with Girl Scouts

Love the Outdoors Challenge! Whether it's hiking or stargazing, there's an adventure waiting for you. Start mapping out your summer plans and seize that limited-edition patch. Many activities you already do while being outdoors will complete parts of the patch.

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



## Girl Scout Tree Promise

Have you checked out the GSNENY Forest Management Plan Page? There is a great deal of information for keeping our camp forests healthy. There is so much to discover about our cherished forests at our camp properties - [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more. And don't forget to checkout the Girl Scout Tree Promise and earn your patch [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, [customer care@girlscoutsneny.org](mailto:customer care@girlscoutsneny.org)**



# 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!

# Flag Collection and Retirement Ceremony

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](#)

## 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*

# Resilient. Ready. Strong.

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

Vote for Girl Scouts x NAMI Panel at SXSW EDU 2025 by August 18

GSUSA has submitted a panel for SXSW EDU, an annual event held in Austin, Texas, that hosts a variety of sessions, workshops, and networking opportunities within the education sector. If selected, GSUSA's panel will feature Bonnie Barczykowski, Dr. Christine Crawford, medical director at the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), and Gold Award Girl Scouts to discuss mental health topics affecting girls today.

To be selected, the panel must obtain enough community votes, as they make up 30 percent of the final programming decision. Voting opens Tuesday, August 6, and ends Sunday, August 18. To vote, visit [panelpicker.sxsw.com/vote](https://panelpicker.sxsw.com/vote) and search "Girl Scouts" (note: you will need to create an account or sign into an existing account).

Individuals can only vote once for our panel.

**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 [naminy.org](https://naminy.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.



## *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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