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Girl Board Member Applications

🌟 Girl Board Member Applications Now Open! 🌟

Do you know a Girl Scout who will be 16 or 17 years old by June 1, 2026 and is ready to take her leadership to the next level?

Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York is looking for two Girl Board Members to serve on our Board of Directors!

- Term of service: June 1, 2026 May 31, 2027 (with the possibility to serve a second year)
- What it means: Girl Board Members are non-voting members of the Board, helping shape council strategy and representing the girl voice.
- Why it matters: This is a prestigious leadership opportunity that builds skills for college, careers, and beyond.
 - Deadline to apply: October 8, 2025 Encourage eligible girls to apply today!

APPLY HERE!

Cookie Cuisine

YOU'RE INVITED TO

COOKIE **CUISINE**

Join us for an evening of COMMUNITY, CRAFT BEER & CREATIVE small plates made by local chefs & inspired by iconic Girl Scout COOKIES!

Click here for tickets!

Thursday, September 25th

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Valcour Brewing Company

49 Ohio Ave, Plattsburgh, NY 12903



S'more Learning - Camping Part 5

Join us in the fifth part of the 8-part camping S'More Learning. This is part 5 - Arranging Transportation.

Watch "Arranging Transportation" - Camping Part 5: HERE



September S'More Learning!

Our September S'More Learning topic is Gearing up for your Girl Scout Year!
Whether you're a new leader or a seasoned volunteer, this session is designed to help you start the year with confidence and excitement.

Let's make this Girl Scout year the best one yet!

Watch "Gearing up for your Girl Scout Year": HERE



Upcoming Girl Scout Programs

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

Last Chance

Fall She & Me

Oct 03, 6:00 PM -Oct 04, 3:00 PM East Greenbush

Circuits and More with RPI Society of Women Engineers

Oct 08, 6:30- 7:30 PM Troy

Girl Scout Bronze Award
Workshop

Oct 09, 6:00 - 7:00 PM Virtual

Fall Sisterhood
SHE-nanigans
Oct 11, 1:00 PM - Oct 12,
1:00 PM
Lake Clear

Upcoming Programs

Brownie Outdoor
Wonders Day
Oct 13, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Rope Runners (low Ropes)
Oct 13, 9:00AM - 12:00PM
Lake George

Galway

Girl Scout Silver & Gold

Award Workshop

Oct 15, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Virtual

Owl for You: Teen Leaders
Oct 18, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
East Greenbush

Looking Ahead

Fall Family Harvest Festival

Oct 24, 4:00 - 8:00 PM East Greenbush

Space Science

Adventures Overnight

Nov 08, 1:00 PM -Nov 09, 12:00 PM Lake George

<u>Highest Awards for</u>
<u>Caregivers and Girl Scout</u>
<u>Volunteers</u>

Nov 11, 6:00 - 7:00 PM Virtual

ARC: Babysitter Training
Nov 22, 9:00AM - 4:00PM
East Greenbush

Find MORE programs here! <u>Program Guide or Calendar of Events</u>

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

Financial Assistance if available for year-round programs in our Council.

To learn more or apply, click HERE

Resilient. Ready. Strong.

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



What Our Country Needs Right Now Is You

In a time when politics are extremely contentious, your girl might be anxious, scared, or just have questions about what she's seeing and hearing, and as a parent, you want to help. So where do you start? "Now more than ever, we have to stand together as one people, one nation—regardless of our opinions, race, religion or beliefs, gender, who we love, what language we speak, or where we come from," says Girl Scouts' developmental psychologist, Dr. Andrea Bastiani Archibald. "But unity doesn't mean abandoning

the things that make us different from one another, and it doesn't mean standing by or looking the other way in the face of bigotry and hatred. Real unity is what you get when a lot of very diverse people come together to form one complex yet seamless whole. It's about equality, inclusiveness, and dignity—values I think we as parents all hope to instill in our children." Moving forward together takes leadership, and not just from one person. We all have a role to play. Here are a few ways you and your girl can lead...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

School Open House Help



We're so excited—it's officially open house season! This is one of our favorite times of year, as families get to learn more about what we do and how they can get involved. While starting new troops within our communities!

We have been approved at over 170 open houses in our council footprint!
We're looking for volunteers to help us cover schools open houses in your communities.

Your support makes such a difference—whether it's greeting families, sharing information, starting new troops, welcoming new girls or simply being a friendly face representing our program. We need your help!

If you're available to help, please email CustomerCare@girlscoutsneny.org and let us know which dates or schools work best for you! There are several dates below that we really need help with, but open houses are not limited to these dates! We'll provide all the materials you need—you just bring your enthusiasm!

Open House Nights We Need Help With:

September 18th

September 22nd

September 24th

September 25th

October 1st

Thank you so much for your willingness to help ensure every girl who wants to become a Girl Scout has the knowledge to do so! We couldn't do this without you, and we're thrilled to kick off this season together

Troop Leader Training



This free training provides a general overview of Girl Scouting, covering specific policies, standards, and guidelines GSNENY holds to each troop. This training is required for all new Troop Leaders, but all volunteers are encouraged to attend and are always welcome. We recommend all leaders take training every 3 years to ensure they receive the latest information and access to the newest resources! Multiple trainings are offered monthly, both inperson and virtually. Additional classes available upon request.

Register **HERE**

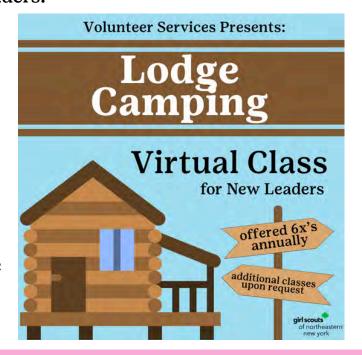
Lodge Camping

Planning an overnight trip or going camping but don't know where to start? If you are planning on staying in a lodge and not using a fire, come and join us as we talk you through the experience. This training is recommended for all Daisy and Brownie Leaders.

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- -Identify the value of an overnight experience
- -Understand progression as related to Girl Scout experiences
- -Know how to work cooperatively with the girls to plan & carry out an overnight
- -Understand policies and safety guidelines related to Girl Scout trips
- -Understand the importance of evaluating the process & experience

Register HERE!



Flag Retirement Ceremony





GSNENY is hosting a flag retirement ceremony at Hidden Lake Camp in Lake George to commemorate Veteran's Day and remember all those who have sacrificed for our country. Fun Patch available for each registered participant. Families are welcome to attend. If you have an American Flag that requires retirement, please bring to any GSNENY Service Center by October 30th.

Register for the ceremony **HERE**

JGL Happy Hour



Open to any adult who would like to attend. Come mingle with current and former Girl Scouts, learn about the organization and celebrate our founder's birthday. GSNENY staff will be hosting events at three (3) locations this year!

Pre-register to receive a patch to wear proudly on your uniform! Food and drink available for purchase. This is an adult event, alcohol will be present.

Register **HERE!**

Girl Scouts Unite



Join us for an unforgettable experience in Washington, DC, from July 23-July 25, 2026. Bring your whole family and celebrate all the ways that Girls Make History. She'll make new friends and make her mark, while embracing all the amazing things she can do and be—with 10,000 attendees by her side!

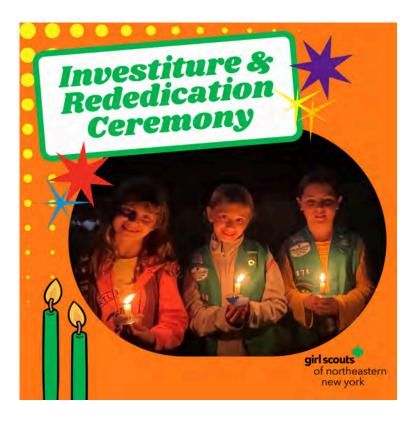
You'll hear from inspiring speakers like Space Gal Emily Calandrelli, meet Girl Scout book authors Sayantani DasGupta and Yamile Saied Méndez, and participate in interactive workshops, all while making memories and having a blast. Don't miss the chance to let your girl feel a part of something bigger than herself.

Save 20% when you register by October 3, 2025. LEARN MORE!



Investiture and Rededication Ceremony





We will be hosting a combined Investiture and Rededication Ceremony to kick off the 2025-2026 Girl Scout Year!

An Investiture Ceremony welcomes new members, while a Rededication Ceremony is a way for returning members to celebrate and renew their commitment to the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Both ceremonies are traditions that allow members to reflect on the ideals of the Girl Scout Movement and celebrate the millions of Girl Scouts, both past and present, in their dedication to make the world a better place.

Registration is required for this event. Girl Scouts (girls and adults) with 2026 memberships will receive a patch.

Register **HERE!**

GSNENY Service Center Hours

9 am - 3 pm, Monday - Friday

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 <u>customercare@girlscoutsneny.org</u> 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!

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

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