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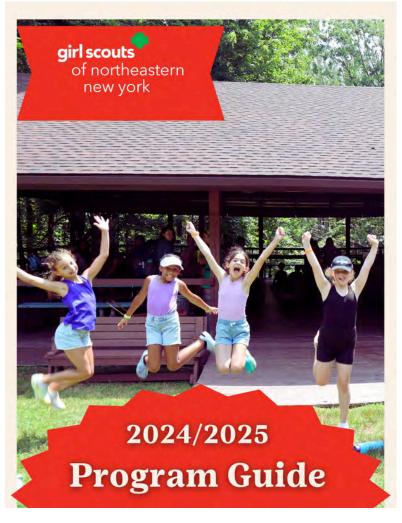
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MY2025 Program Guide



Members have asked for a full-year program guide and we heard you! As of 9/12, registration is open for all MY25 Council programs. You can check out the full-year guide 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!

IT'S SPOOKY SEASON!

Ghoul Scout Archery

10/5/2024 10:00am - 12:00pm J 10/5/2024 1:00pm - 3:00pm B 10/6/2024 10:00am - 12:00pm J 10/26/2024 10:00am - 12:00pm B 10/26/2024 1:00pm - 3:00pm B 10/27/2024 10:00am - 12:00pm J 10/27/2024 1:00pm - 3:00pm C/S/A Camp Is-Sho-Da, East Greenbush

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Enjoy some scary fun while learning and practicing your archery skills. Who knows what you'll find on the archery range, maybe you'll hit a ghost or a goblin! All equipment is provided, and a spooky archery fun patch is included.

Harvest Festival

All Levels

10/25/2024 4:00pm- 8pm

Camp Is-Sho-Da, East Greenbush

Get ready for a fall-tastic night at Camp IsSho-Da that's fun for the whole family! Join
us with your for spooky crafts, a bonfire, and
exciting games that'll have everyone feeling
the autumn vibes. Let's make unforgettable
memories under the starry night sky. See you
there, campers! Patch included.

Fall Family Fun STEAM Day

All Levels
11/2/2024 10:00am - 12:30pm
Camp Woodhaven, Galway
Let's pull out the old cauldron from
Halloween to see if we can experiment to
make a frosty brew to enjoy. Then enjoy a
few more fun experiments and activities
while at camp. It's sure to be a messy event!
Patch included.

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

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**

Investiture Ceremony

This is a FREE event but registration is required.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to sign up!



Resilient. Ready. Strong.

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

Your Daughter vs. Her School Dress Code

School dress codes aren't anything new, but the buzz, drama, and downright controversy swirling around them in recent years has put a major spotlight on what your daughter can—and more pointedly, can't—wear to class. Stories of girls being pulled out of class for "inappropriate attire" are making headlines, going viral, and prompting many girls and adults to question whether or not wardrobe rules are fair.

What happens when dress codes go from simply a topic you hear about in the news to an issue that's directly affecting your girl and her friends? Check out these tips from Girl Scouts' developmental psychologist, Dr. Andrea Bastiani Archibald on how to deal when your daughter is upset about her school's dress code. 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
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 naminys.org

Girl Scout Program Spotlight

Each month in Girl Scout Membership Year 2025, the Girl Scout Experience team will highlight a few Girl Scout programs or celebrations we think will be of interest to members. The month before, we'll share information, and activity ideas to help volunteers and Girl Scouts plan at the troop level.

October 11, 2024 Celebrate International Day of the Girl Child with Girl Scouts!

On International Day of the Girl (IDG) the global community comes together to celebrate the power of girls and highlight, discuss, and take action to advance the rights of and opportunities for girls everywhere. Get your activity guide by clicking here. Then purchase your special patch for this year here



We know that each girl has the power to exercise her potential. We recognize the importance of amplifying girls' voices and advocating for their inclusion in change-making spaces. By supporting and investing in girls, we can make the world a better place. We celebrate IDG not only to give girls a platform to speak out, but to share girls' achievements, triumphs, and contributions as we build towards a brighter and more equitable future for girls everywhere. How will you celebrate? Perhaps you will choose to create a girls' bill of rights or inspire and educate others with a poster campaign. Another option might be to work on Girl Scout Journey like aMuse, MEdia or GIRLtopia to find what Take Action you can do help others assist in making change in your community.



Questions?

Message the team at customercare@girlscoutsneny.org



Fall Sweets and Treats



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For Troop Leaders to have access to the M2 System, you must also be registered/renewed and attend training or view the recording and answer the verification questions. The links to the recording and the questions are below.

Training Recording
Passcode: RrEUg&N7

Questions:

https://girlscoutsneny.jotform.com/242625085435154

Hispanic Heritage Month

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15th - October 15th) and get your patch. You can find the toolkit <u>HERE</u>.



Promote the Vote



What should the future look like? Who should lead us as we work to bring it to life? That's up to you—but only if you vote! Voting is the process by which people cast ballots to choose leaders or decide on important issues. It's a way to show what you believe in and make sure your voice counts. You might not be old enough to vote—yet—but you're never too young to learn about this process and to get your friends, family, and community involved.

The Girl Scout Movement has a long history of advocacy and civil action. From the very beginning, Girl Scouts have used hard work and their passionate voices to create lasting, positive change in the world. Join GSNENY and representatives of Girl Scouts of the USA and the League of Women Voters to learn more about the history of voting, how Girl Scouts can use their voices this election season and what Girl Scout badges you can earn. This program is FREE to all GSNENY Girl Scouts, volunteers and caregivers. Content is recommended for Juniors and up.



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For more information contact customercare@girlscoutsneny.org

Special 57th National Council Session



As members of the Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York (GSNENY), you play a vital role in shaping the future of Girl Scouting. We are reaching out to gather your input and feedback as we prepare for the upcoming Special 57th National Council Session. One of the most important topics being discussed during this session is the proposed increase in membership dues to Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA).

Ways to give your feedback to your National Council Delegates

Town Hall

Wednesday, October 9
6 - 7 p.m.
Zoom
Click here to register

Survey

open 9/24-10/17

<u>Click here to</u>
take the survey

National Council Delegate Nominations



Read about this exciting opportunity and find the application here!

Service Unit Delegate Nominations



It's your time to make a difference!

Between 10/1/24 and 11/30/24, Service Units are voting on delegates and alternates to represent the members of the Service Unit.

Contact your Service Unit Manager for more information.

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.







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

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