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## "I'm A Girl Scout!" Fun Patches

Are there any troops who will be working on the 5 "I'm A Girl Scout!" Fun Patches this year and willing to talk to the media about it?

The 5 patches are Hispanic Heritage Month, Native American Heritage Month, Black History Month, AANHPI Heritage Month, and Pride Month. Please email [marketing@girlscoutsneny.org](mailto:marketing@girlscoutsneny.org) if you are working on these patches and willing to speak to media about your work.



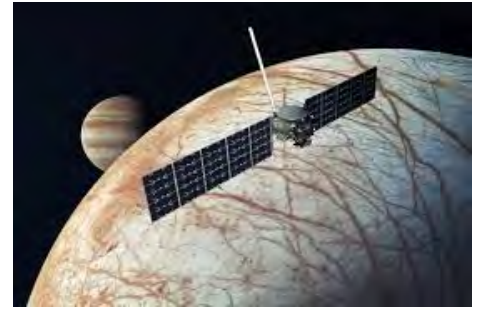
# Upcoming Girl Scout Programs

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

September 14th is International Observe the Moon Night. Learn more about how to observe and what you can do by visiting the NASA link [HERE](#).

Since we're talking about the Moon there is another mission NASA will be launching, the Europa Clipper to Jupiter's Moon on October 10, 2024. There will be at least 2 Girl Scouts from GSNENY whose names will be a part of the "Message in a Bottle" microchip travelling to Europa!

Congratulations Samantha and Glendora!



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](#)

Save the date !

October 11th is International Day of the Girl Child! Keep an eye out for more information on how to participate in future GSExpress issues.



Coming soon the 2024 - 2025 year-long Program Guide. Keep your eyes on the website and event calendar for both the guide and program registration opening 9/9!

**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](mailto: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](#)

# Investiture Ceremony

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!



**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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# Resilient. Ready. Strong.

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

## 988: More than a number



September is Suicide Prevention Month and now every person in every community nationwide can dial “988” to reach trained crisis counselors who can help in a mental health, substance use, or suicide crisis. Learn how [988](#) can help you in a crisis and what it might mean for your community with these [FAQs](#) from our partner NAMI-NYS (Our state’s local chapter of the National Alliance for Mental Illness..

988 is the first step in reimagining our crisis response, but there’s more work to do to ensure everyone receives the help they need — and deserve — in a crisis.

## 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](http://naminys.org)



# 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!

What new adventures will you discover this year? Will you discover a new animal? A new skill? Will you meet people? Renew and never stop adventuring!



Your Year of

Adventure

Troops are forming now—don't miss out. Renew today! [CLICK 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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## *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 [customer care@girlscoutsneny.org](mailto:customer care@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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