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Program begins at 7pm

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CELEBRATING GIRL SCOUT SUCCESS

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Hurricane Help

Girls in SU 54 ran a supply drive after Hurricane Matthew and collected 40 bags of personal care items. The items were sent to a school and clinic in Haiti.

Cookie Palooza!

Girls in Junior Troop 1556 went to Cookie Palooza and had a blast staying up all night!



A Tree-Riffic Time

Girls in Daisy Troop 1863 donated and decorated their first tree for GSSC's Hall of Trees program, where holiday trees are distributed to transitional housing facilities and veterans homes in time for the holidays.



Giving Back

Girls in Troop 2091 volunteered to sort food deliveries and stock shelves at a local food pantry.





WITH SPRING COMES ALL-NEW GIRL SCOUT ADVENTURES!

There may be a chill in the air, but we're already looking forward to a warm and wonderful spring with GSSC!

Our cookie season is in full swing, and this year we are thrilled to be celebrating 100 Years of the first-known Girl Scout Cookie Sale. We hope you'll join us in helping to reach our Council Goal of

selling 100,000 cases of Girl Scout Cookies to commemorate the occasion.

Other noteworthy events to look for include our 2nd Annual Camporee at Camp Edey, our Silver Award Breakfast, Gold Award Dinner and Adult Awards. You can learn more about these events at www.gssc.us.

And finally, let's not forget about summer camp! We've got some terrific new experiences joining your favorite activity lineup.

We look forward to seeing everyone at all of our exciting programs and events this spring!



Yvonne Grant

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A CENTURY OF COOKIE SALES!



Cookie Knowledge

Sale Runs January 6 - May 22

When girls participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program, they get more than life-changing experiences and adventure. They also develop essential life skills—goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics—all while soaring in confidence and practicing leadership the Girl Scout way to lift one another up and change the world!

NEW Girl Scout S'mores Cookie

This crunchy graham sandwich cookie is packed with creamy chocolate and marshmallowy filling. This time honored campfire treat is made with natural flavors and specialty ingredients.



Operation:Cookie

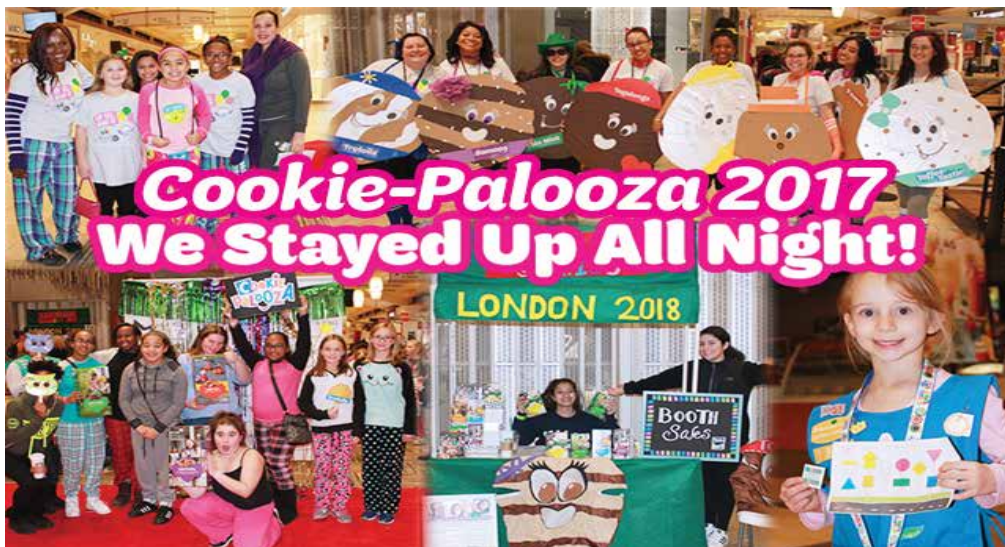
Girl Scouts can help honor our service women and men by asking each customer if he or she would purchase a box of cookies to send to US military overseas through Operation:Cookie.



Download this box wrap to show how customers can donate @ gssc.us

Each girl is encouraged to ask every cookie customer to donate a box of cookies to Operation:Cookie. Donating a box to our service personnel is the perfect suggestion for those customers who say they are on a diet or buy their cookies from a Girl Scout in another council. This program lasts throughout the cookie campaign, from December through May.

GSSC's Cookie Goal - 100,000 Cases of Cookies!



Booth Sale Dates: February 3 - May 21

Did you know that the average 4-hour Booth Sale in Suffolk County sells over 170 boxes of cookies? That equals success!

Booth Sales are a great way to help your troop meet its financial goals and help girls achieve their individual goals,

▲ Read about Cookie-Palooza on pg. 17

When You Buy Cookies In Suffolk County ALL Money Goes To Girl Scouts IN Suffolk County



\$4.00/Box = \$1.02 to Cookie Manufacturer & \$2.98 to Girl Scouts in Suffolk County

too. The cookies sold at a Booth Sale should be equally divided among all Girl Scouts who participate in the Booth Sale. The girls can then use those cookie points toward receiving the award(s) that they want. Hosting Booth Sales also gets you closer to making the 21st Century Super Troop Award.

Cookie Troop 100

One lucky troop from EVERY council around the country will win \$100 each to put toward their awesome cookie Take Action or service project. And one VERY lucky troop will win \$3,000 to super-power their project!

Join the nationwide celebration by participating in Girl Scouts of the USA's Cookie Troop 100 - girlscouts.org/cookietroop100

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Cookie Booth Sale Patch

Special Booth Sale Weekend Dates

Hold a booth sale during one of these weekends, sell 170+ boxes & girls will get a patch!



March 24-26
Cookie Diva Patch



April 21-22
Earth Day
Saving The Earth Patch



May 19 - 21
"I Think I Survived
Cookie Season"
Patch

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Beach Blast

Troop 2125 jump-started its GS year with an introduction to the Water Journey with a meeting at the beach.

Seasonal Greetings

Girls in Troop 2514 distributed homemade holiday cards to rehabilitation patients in St. Charles Hospital.



Holiday Cheer

Troop 2600 participated in Operation Christmas Child. The girls filled 16 shoeboxes with toiletries, small toys, art supplies, handmade jewelry and cards.

Santa Smiles

Girls in Troops 3858 and 617 had a great time meeting Santa.



Cupboard Information

Cupboards Open February 3. Council Facilities — Convenient locations throughout Suffolk County.
Note: All Cupboards will be closed from 12pm, Friday, April 4, through Saturday, April 15.

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Birds of a Feather

Girls from Troops 3787 and 288 made 16 bird shelters through the Cornell Cooperative Extension. The shelters will provide safety for ten chicks, increasing their chances of survival.

Stocking Stuffers

Girls in SU 26 stuffed more than 200 stockings and Holiday bags for local hospitals and outreach programs.



Halloween Happy

Girls in Troop 1556 had a great time hosting a Halloween Dance for SU 65.

Tree Time

Girls in Troop 3086 donated and decorated a tree for GSSC's Hall of Trees program, where holiday trees are distributed to transitional housing facilities and veterans homes in time for the holidays.



GSSC PRESIDENT & CEO RECEIVES HONORS



Pictured from left at event: Sarah McCandless, GSSC Board of Directors; Yvonne Grant, GSSC President & CEO; and Scott Maskin, GSSC Board of Directors.

Yvonne Grant, GSSC President & CEO, was recently recognized by the Hauppauge Industrial Association at the *Those Who Make a Difference* celebration.

"It was wonderful to be included among those who have done and continue to do such inspiring work within the community," Ms. Grant says.



Pictured from left at event: Yvonne Grant, GSSC President & CEO; and Donna Smeland, GSSC Chair of the Board.

Yvonne Grant, GSSC President & CEO, was recently honored by Long Island Business News as one of *Long Island's Top 50 Women*.

"I am delighted to be recognized by Long Island Business News," Ms. Grant says. "It's an honor to be in the company of such extraordinary women on Long Island."

GIRL SCOUT WINS 2 GRANDSTAND TICKETS TO MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE

Girl Scout Gwyneth Bridges of Troop 2394 was the lucky winner of two grandstand tickets to the 2016 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade! For the first time in history, the parade featured a float dedicated to Girl Scouts.

Gwyneth entered a council-wide contest where contestants were asked to submit a statement about why they love Girl Scouts in 25 words or less. Here's what Gwyneth had to say, "I LOVE to be a Girl Scout because we help others who can't help themselves. We can change the world."

Congratulations, Gwyneth! Keep up the great work, and keep changing the world!

Pictured from left: GS adult volunteer Allison Bridges with contest winner, Girl Scout Gwyneth Bridges.



FROM L.I. TO LONDON:

*Troop 2305 Aims to Cross Pond in 2018
& is Using GS Cookies to Get There!*



Girls in Senior Troop 2305 during a trip to Savannah, GA. From left: Co-leader Elizabeth Davis; GS Alex Betz, Josephine Davis, Lisa Motti, Valentina Arrieta, Alexandra Claus, Morgan David, Emily Scianno, Megan Rubin, Lisa Berry and Co-leader Gail David.

Girls in Senior Troop 2305 are heading to London in 2018, and they've been putting in lots of hard work to get there. GSSC Magazine caught up with troop co-leaders Elizabeth Davis and Gail David to get all the details!

The Road to the Show

In July of 2015, Troop 2305 took a trip to Savannah, GA, on a fully-funded cookie trip. "It took the girls three years to save for the trip," says co-leader Elizabeth Davis. "After we got back, we asked, 'Ok, where are we going next?'"

The girls unanimously decided on London in 2018. They've been working steadily toward that goal ever since.

Planning for Success

Although the girls are planning to fund their trip in part through money-earning events and sponsorships, the GS cookie sale will play a major role in reaching that goal.

"We have kept track of their cookie sales for many years, and keep a spreadsheet of each year," says Elizabeth. "When we planned for the Savannah trip, we showed

them previous years' sales, and they did the math on how much they would have to sell to get the trip for free. The girls know what they need to sell to get to London, and have all different strategies."

For the girls in Troop 2305, total immersion in the cookie sales is a large part of their success.

"Our girls are involved in all steps of the cookie season," says co-leader Gail David. "They set their own total goal as well as their initial cookie goal. They pick the locations of our booth sales, and interact with the customers and employees at these locations."

Adds Elizabeth, "Goal setting is paramount. Even if the goal sounds crazy, set it and brainstorm a way you can get to it," she says. "Take the [order] form everywhere you go. You may be surprised who will order."

The Benefits

Of course, the end goal is only a part of what the girls in Troop 2305 will gain from their experience. "I think the girls have learned how to work together," says Gail. "They are a wonderful support system

for one another--they all rally around each other to do their personal best."

"They understand the value of a dollar and a box of cookies," says Elizabeth. "They understand the importance of a budget and they look for less expensive options and for ways to DIY."

Leading by Example

Troop 2305 is also setting a great example for their sister troop, Cadette Troop 2109. "Troop 2109 sees what 2305 is doing, and this year they are working to go to the Girl Scout Jamboree in West Virginia in July," says Elizabeth.

Adds Gail, "Our Cadette troop hosted 3-4 booth sales

last year, but this year, they want 10! So I think they [Troop 2305] are rubbing off on them!"

Giving Back

In addition to their travel goals and ventures, the girls in Troops 2305 and 2109 are also very active in the community.

"Our girls do a service project every month," says Gail. "They tell us at a planning meeting in August what they'd like to do, and Elizabeth and I work to make it happen."

"Community service is important to them," says Elizabeth. "These girls amaze us with their compassion and kindness."

Leader Wisdom

So what advice would Elizabeth and Gail give to new leaders? "Let the girls help plan everything and have fun," says Gail. "You will have a better time as a leader, and the girls will feed off your energy and have fun as well."

Adds Elizabeth, "Don't get discouraged and learn to be flexible. I promise it will be worth it!"



Girls in Cadette Troop 2109 as they shop for their Adopt-A-Family project during the holidays. Front row from left: Reagan Mahon, Sara Donovan, and Bianca McCarthy; Back row from left: Jennavieve Davis, Gabriella Linder and Krystal Esposito.

And what about advice to leaders to help lead their girls to cookie sale success? "Set goals big or small--it doesn't matter," says Gail. "Girls can be very persistent when they want to be, so use that to your advantage!"

As for advice for their girls? "Never let anyone tell you that you can't do something," says Elizabeth.

Adds Gail, "Never give up on your dreams!"



Troop 2305 displays its London-bound booth sale strategy at Cookie-Palooza 2017.

Girls in troop 2305 & their cookie strategies were featured in Newsday!
www.gssc.us/troop2305



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Yee-Haw!

Girls in Cadette Troop 433 hosted a square dance for Service Unit 16 to help raise funds for their Silver Award Project.

Tree Pride

Girls in Troop 3704 donated and decorated a tree for GSSC's Hall of Trees program. The girls love the idea that the tree will go to transitional housing facilities or veterans homes for the holidays.



Caroling For Cans

Girls in Troop 1606 had fun while putting their petals to use by "courageously" going out into the cold to "consider" the needs of others in the community and collect cans of non-perishable food items.



Helping Those in Need

Girls in Troop 1632 took a trip to the Long Island Cares Harry Chapin Food Bank. They learned about the issue of hunger on Long Island, toured the food bank, stocked the shelves and donated 101 pounds of personal care items.



GSSC'S 13TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOW IS A SHINING SUCCESS



Girl Scouts of Suffolk County's Holiday Light Show had a banner year in 2016, with more than 70,000 visitors to its all-new location at Smith Point County Park.

"We were delighted to partner with the County for our biggest and brightest light show yet," says Yvonne Grant, President & CEO of GSSC. "We look forward to another exciting and successful show in 2017."

In a special combination of new displays and some of your favorite traditional ones, the show in December 2016 took the light show experience to a whole new level. Visitors were treated to more than one mile of light attractions, with both bay and ocean vistas, that helped create memories for another holiday season.

Special thanks to Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone, Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory, Legislators Kate Browning, Rob Calarco & William Lindsay III. We also send our deepest appreciation to our set-up crew, which included PSEG LI, IBEW Local 1025, NECA - LI Chapter & GS Staff, and to top sponsors:

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COOKIE-PALOOZA CELEBRATES A CENTURY OF COOKIE SALES



Pictured: Girl Scouts from Cookie-Palooza 2017 wearing the event t-shirt, pj bottoms and arm bands.

It was an evening of festivities, friendship and fun at GSSC's Cookie-Palooza sleepover at Smith Haven Mall. More than 1,500 Girl Scouts and volunteers turned out to celebrate at this sold-out event with special activities, a fashion show, dance party, shopping and more.

"Cookie-Palooza was an exciting way to commemorate the centennial of Girl Scouts selling cookies," says Yvonne Grant, President & CEO of GSSC. "It was a true celebration of friendship and GS spirit."

The 2017 Cookie Season is in full swing! Questions? Let us know at productsales@gssc.us.

"...And Make the World a Better Place."

Girl Scouts of Suffolk County staff & Board of Directors have teamed up to help the relief efforts in Haiti. Collected items to be sent include non-perishable food items and toiletries. For more info, please contact girlscouts@gssc.us

Upcoming Programs - More Info Online

Take the LIVE HEALTHY, LEAD HEALTHY Challenge!

Open to girls ages 5-17 & adults. This challenge will promote a well-balanced life by encouraging healthy eating, developing good habits and promoting physical activity.

Includes: a series of workshops, event patch & more!

Culminating event at Camp Edey on June 10, 2017!



Event Patch



Register @ gssc.us



Safety Sense

**Daisy • March 25 • STEM Center, Camp Sobaco
10AM - 12PM OR 2-4PM • \$12/Girl**

Are YOU prepared? Learn playground, fire, & street safety. Girls receive the Safety Award Pin.



Journey Series: *It's Your Planet, Love it!*

**Cadette • Part I: March 28/ Part II: April 4
JLFC, Camp Edey • 5:30-7:30PM • \$30/Girl**

Attend both sessions of this Journey Series and receive the *Breathe* Journey Book, Award Set and earn all three awards: *Aware, Alert, & Affirm*. Sessions not available for individual purchase.



Journey In a Day: *It's Your Planet, Love It!*

**Junior • April 1 • STEM Center, Camp Sobaco
10AM - 2:30PM • \$30/Girl**

Girls will receive the *Get Moving!* Journey Book, Award Set and earn all three awards (*Energize, Investigate, & Innovate Awards*.) Please bring lunch to have during the lunch break!



Sweetbriar Nature Center

**Brownie-Junior • April 12 • Sweetbriar Nature Center, 62 Eckernkamp Drive, Smithtown, NY
Brownie: 10AM-12PM; Junior: 1-3PM • \$16/Girl**

Earn TWO badges at Sweetbriar Nature Center! Enjoy the preserve and meet some of the resident animals. Bring lunch and relax with your troop before or after the program. Brownies receive *Hiker & Bugs Badges*, Juniors receive *Animal & Camper Badges*.



**For even more programs,
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All Levels & Adults



Getaway Weekend

- OUT IN THE OPEN AIR -

Friday-Saturday, May 5-6 • Camp Edey • 5PM - 5PM

Learn outdoor cooking, camping skills, games & more! Dinner, breakfast & lunch included. Cost is \$39/person.

And don't miss these other Getaway Weekends:

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Brownie-Ambassador & Adults



Traditional Troop Camping

Enjoy the Outdoors the Girl Scout Way!

Dates from now through June. See details online.

Sessions: Begin 5PM, Friday to 12PM, Sunday

Cost: \$12/Person

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Booth Bliss

Troop 617 held a Fall Product Booth Sale in its local community and had a great time!

An Open Book

For their Silver Award, Cadettes from Troop 288, SU 3, created the e-book "Do You Want to (plan a) Party?" The girls wanted to help others plan events by sharing their own experiences.



Aviation Awesome

Olivia from Troop 12 attended Aviation Day at LI MacArthur Airport. She learned about the airport, TSA, and how to use a flight simulator.

Ice Cream Time

Girls in Troop 1802 made homemade ice cream to complete their Home Scientist Badge.



GIRL SCOUT TAKES TOP HONORS IN NATIONAL SCIENCE COMPETITION

Ambassador Girl Scout Sarah Adamo, Troop 2930, was a Regional Finalist in the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology. Since 1999, the Siemens Competition has been recognized by colleges and universities as the premier math and science research competition in the U.S.

Sarah and her lab partner advanced to the regional finals as one of the final five project teams in New York State, and presented their project at the Long Island Science and Engineering Fair in February.

Here's how Sarah explains her project: "I discovered that the tiny sea anemone, *Nematostella Vectensis*, responds to the drug nicotine. Since it is the simplest animal with a nervous system, I can learn how the nicotinic system has evolved from *Nematostella* all the way to humans."

Science & Girl Scouts

Sarah's time in Girl Scouts has contributed to her interest in science. "Girl Scouts always

made me ask questions, learn more, and experience success and failures," Sarah says. "The GS Badges have inspired my love of community service as well as instilled the quest for learning more and trying new things."

"Girl Scouts gives you unique opportunities as you grow."

For Sarah, Girl Scouts has played an important role in her life. "Girl Scouts gives you unique opportunities as you grow," she says. "You become focused on your individual interests and can share them with others. Life becomes so busy during the Senior and Ambassador years, that it's the lessons learned in Daisies that whisper in your ear--how to treat others with respect and honesty."

And what advice would she give to younger Girl Scouts?



Pictured: Girl Scout Sarah Adamo works in the lab on her science project for *Nematostella Vectensis*. Photo Credit: Dr. Joanne Figueiredo

"Don't be afraid to try new activities and to stay active as you get older," Sarah says. "Girl Scouts teaches you to stretch yourself and have fun."

Looking Ahead

For now, Sarah is focused on earning her Gold Award, where she hopes to assist the Atria Garden Club in planting a garden in the spring.

Post-high school, she looks forward to continuing her science research at college, where she wants to become a pediatric orthopedic surgeon. "I have a long road ahead," Sarah says. "But 'girls can do anything.' Being a part of Girl Scouts has been a privilege."

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Floatin' in NYC

Girl Scouts from Troop 192 & 2287 had the incredible opportunity to be on the Girl Scout Float during the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Adopting an Officer

Girls in Girl Scout troop 2402 showed local law enforcement their gratitude and support by adopting a police officer.



Ya Gotta Have 'Art'

Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors from Service Unit 25 painted lovely autumn night scenes with Bob from *Happy Little Brush Strokes*. Their first paint night was such a success, that it won't be their last!



Hall of Trees

Brownie Troop 118 donated and decorated a tree for the Hall of Trees program, where holiday trees are distributed to transitional housing facilities and rest homes in time for the holidays.



GIRL SCOUT RECEIVES MEDAL OF HONOR



Pictured from left: Donna Smeland, GSSC Chair of the Board; Alexandra Gurovich, Girl Scout Medal of Honor Recipient; & Yvonne Grant, GSSC President & CEO.

Girl Scout Alexandra Gurovich from Troop 131 was awarded the Medal of honor at a Board of Directors Meeting for GSSC. The Medal of Honor is given to a Girl Scout who has helped save the life of another.

Alexandra was at the scene of a major car accident. She rushed to the aid of the driver whose car was overturned to see if she needed to administer First Aid, which she learned in Girl Scouts' First Aid training.

Alexandra called 911 and waited with the injured driver, talked with her, offered to call the driver's family, and kept the driver conscious and calm until EMS arrived.

Alexandra's quick thinking and compassion brought calmness and stability to someone in a life-threatening situation. Girl Scouts pledge to help people at all times, and her actions were no exception. Way to go, Alexandra!

Celebrate Girl Scout Week Patch



Sew-On Photo Patch. 2" round. All Fun Patches are unofficial and are not to be worn on the front of the Girl Scout sash, vest or tunic. All fun patch designs are exclusively owned by Girl Scouts of the USA. **\$1.50**

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Remembering Fallen U.S. Military

Date of Flag Placement: Saturday, May 27, 9:30AM

Date of Flag Removal: Saturday, June 3, 9:30AM

(Rain date: Sunday, June 4, 1PM)

Contact Pam Mercouris at gssccalverton@gmail.com



SPRING INTO SUMMER

It's not too early to start dreaming of summer fun in the sun at Camp Edey & Camp Sobaco: June 26 - September 1!

We've got your old favorites, including boating, fishing, sports, games, crafts & more! PLUS we have some new surprises!



CAMP EDEY

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lessons, horseback
riding, specialty
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It's a Girl's World!

Girls Only Entering 1st-6th Grade

Have an awesomely exciting summer at Camp Edey, located on 95 acres of wetland preserve on the beautiful Sans Souci Lakes in Bayport. Enjoy paddleboating, fishing and more. Serving girls entering 1st-6th grade. Earn a different patch each week!

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For Girls grades 5-9!

All the fun of day camp plus lodging, meals, snacks and activities such as a glowing night hike, campfire sing-a-longs & more!

Pixie Day Camp

This half-day camp is great for our littlest campers, ages 3-5, at Camp Edey! Enjoy water play, crafts, nature walks and more!

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Girls & Boys entering 1st - 6th Grade

Unlock your inner explorer at Camp Sobaco with field trips, on-camp adventures, Discovery World STEM Center, hands-on experiments, demonstrations and more!

All located on 41 acres of Pine Barrens in Yaphank.

Your World, Your Way!
Girls entering 7th-9th Grade

Designed by girls, for girls! This exciting program is filled with unique activities and special off-camp trips or overnight events each week!



G.I.R.L.

go-getter / innovator / risk-taker / leader

POWERED BY GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scout Kylie Cast, from Troop 1865, recently appeared as a welder and recorded a voiceover for a Girl Scouts of the USA Public Service Announcement (PSA). She shares about her experience below.

Tackling the Challenge

Kylie was actually welding for the PSA, even though she had never done welding prior to filming! "It was very fun and interesting," Kylie says of her experience. "I was taught within 5 minutes by the owner of the shop in Brooklyn. It was surprisingly pretty easy to learn and was fun once I got the hang of it!"

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Kylie, in true Girl Scout fashion, wasn't apprehensive about welding for the first time ever. "I wasn't nervous welding," she says. "I was only nervous that I was going to mess up

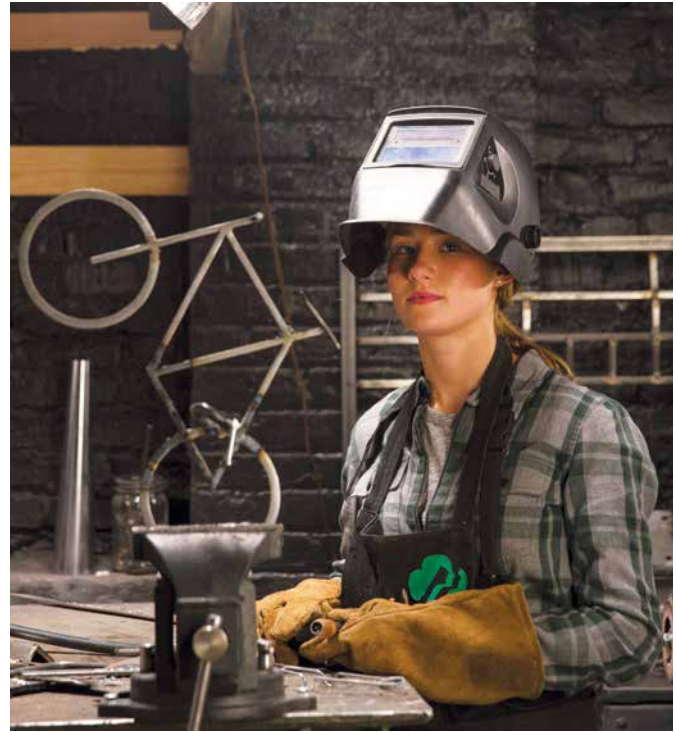
the welding itself during the shot!"

And how did she feel when she was asked to come back and record the voiceover? "When I was asked to record a voiceover, I wasn't fully sure what it was for," Kylie says.

"When I arrived to record, I was told that I would be doing the voiceover for the entire commercial! I was very excited as I wasn't expecting this to happen."

Stepping into unexpected roles of leadership and excelling at them is a quality that Kylie has been able to hone during her time as a Girl Scout.

"Girl Scouts surrounds you with people who are there for the same reason you are: to make a difference in the community and to learn what it takes to be a G.I.R.L. (Go-Getter, Innovator, Risk Taker, Leader)," Kylie says. "Girl Scouts has helped guide me in becoming a leader and has made me



Pictured: Girl Scout Kylie Cast prepares to weld on the set while filming GSUSA's Public Service Announcement. Photo Credit: GSUSA

more mature. Doing activities that help the community and the environment has opened my eyes to the importance of giving back."

Looking Toward the Future

As for advice she'd give to younger Girl Scouts, perseverance is the key to success. "Don't let one wrong turn deter you from your destination." Kylie says. "There is something to be learned from every mistake, which will make you stronger than you were before."

As for her future plans? Kylie looks forward to attending film school. "I want to continue acting and learn all aspects about film and the industry itself," she says.

Your Girl Scout Adventure Begins Now!

Two ways to get started:

Basic Starter Kit – we build it for you

Kit contains everything a girl needs for a great year in Girl Scouts. We've eliminated the guess work and included The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting, American Flag Patch, Insignia Tab, World Trefoil Pin and Membership Pin. Just select your Official Uniform Item (tunic, sash, or vest), Journey Book, Troop Numerals, Council ID Set, FREE BAG and you're on your way!

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The essentials kit is for a Girl Scout of any grade level who wants to select what they need for the year. Simply choose items from a list of Official Essentials. When your total reaches \$50 for one grade level kit, you qualify for a FREE BAG. Let the adventures begin!



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C. GIRL SCOUT COOKIE APRON - Ready. Set. Prep. This inspiring apron is the perfect gift for every cookie lover--young or old. Screenprinted with all your favorites. Velcro® neck closure and tie back. Front pocket. Cotton canvas. Designed for girls, but one size fits most. Imported. **\$20.00**

D. GIRL SCOUT CUPCAKE LINERS - Use these adorable paper cupcake liners when you're baking something sweet. Green with heart, star, flower and trefoil doodles. Standard size cupcake liners. Package of 50. Imported. **\$3.25**

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RSVP to Charlene at cpalmer@gssc.us