

GIRL Talk!

Fall 2021 - News & Program Information

Welcome Back to Girl Scouts!

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Autumn! With the new season comes so many exciting things—back to school, changing colors on the leaves, a crispness in the air, the Mags & Munchies sale is underway, and, of course, the beginning of a new Girl Scout year.

Fall 2021 looks a little more familiar than last year. While we are wearing masks and practicing social distancing, girls are back in school, troops are meeting, and plans are once again being made for activities in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

We were so excited to welcome girls back to day camp this summer and are absolutely delighted with the positive feedback we have received from girls and parents alike. We provided a summer of fun all the while keeping campers and staff safe.

It fills our hearts with joy at the response to Girl Scouts Love State Parks and Fall into Girl Scouts, as well as our Service Unit Coordinator Kick-Off. The level of excitement at each was palpable. We cannot wait to roll out more events for the girls to enjoy.

In the weeks ahead girls will have an opportunity to join us for spooky fun at the Ghoul Scout Haunted Trail, our Pumpkin Patch for the youngest trick-ortreaters, and an array of Council produced programs that will be available in-person, virtual, and hybrid. Our goal is to offer excellent programming—bringing girls back together again and making the most of what we learned during the Covid closures. Be sure to check the calendar for the full roster of programs. Try one or try them all and experience something new.

We are excited to announce that GSSC's Smith Point Light Show will be back again this year and will run for a longer season. The show will open on November 27th and run to January 9th; more days to enjoy the bright lights of the season early on, mid-season, and into the New Year. New this year, refreshments will be available for purchase. Be sure to order yours when you order your tickets for the show.

As the year unfolds, we are excited to return to Girl Scout activities that Suffolk's Girl Scouts have enjoyed year after year as well as introduce new programs—possible future favorites. Girl Scouts of Suffolk County is here to provide programs, activities, and experiences to make memories and build girls of courage, confidence, and character.

Yours in Girl Scouting,



Tammy Severino
Interim President & CEO



Donna Smeland
Chair of the Board



Share Your #GirlScout Adventures!

Share the greatest adventure you've experienced through Girl Scouts with us and we'll post it on our social media!

PLUS you'll be entered into our raffle—20 Girl Scouts will be randomly selected to win a Thirst for Adventure Outdoor Kit. Raffle deadline is 10/22. You could also be featured on GSUSA's pages.



Share Your Story

Fall into Girl Scouts: **Antarctic Adventure**

Girl Scouts joined us at Camp Edey to kick-off the new Girl Scout Year and learn how to get started in the Mags & Munchies Fall Product Program!

Along with their families and friends, girls participated in activities such as yeti yoga, disc golf, snowball toss, creating themed SWAPs and crafts, winning fun raffle prizes, learning about penguins and so much more. It was amazing to welcome our Girl Scouts, volunteers, family, and friends in-person to enjoy a beautiful weekend together. Let's continue to RISE UP together!

View more photos on social media ▶



























Congratulations to:

- ► Layla C., Troop 2631
- ➤ Celia G., Troop 1867
- ➤ Brynn M., Troop 752
- ➤ Sophia P., Sara S., & Julia S., Troop 760
- ➤ Adelaide V., Troop 3658

We are working hard to transform these drawings into displays for our upcoming **Smith Point Light** Show. Check back for more info.

Thank you to the 160+ Girl Scouts who participated in this year's contest. We will be mailing out patches soon!











Kicking Off With **Our Coordinators!**

We recently welcomed back our Service Unit Coordinators to get the new Girl Scout Year started!

It was an amazing day to see so many new and old faces and to be able to meet in-person after this challenging time.

Our volunteers are prepped and ready to go for this year having learned about new updates to come and how we are moving forward together!

Keep an eye on our website and social media for more.



Photographed: Tammy Severino, Interim President and CEO (left) and Service Unit Coordinators/Representatives from the following units - 1, 2, 3, 4, 12. 14, 16, 17, 24, 25, 26, 32, 37, 39, 40, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 60, and 65.

gsLearn

New Online Training

We are excited to announce the launch of gsLearn, Girl Scouts' official online & on demand training platform.

Confident leaders are prepared leaders, and these online learnings will give you all the info you need to be a great troop leader.

Beginning October 1, volunteers will be able to access this tool from anywhere, anytime, and view content on topics that include: new

leader training, program level instruction, activity plans for our new badges, highest awards, and more!

Leaders can access gsLearn by logging into MyGS. For more information, contact customercare@gssc.us.

Support for Volunteers

Inspirations: Girls Making The World A Better Place!



My greatest Girl Scout adventure was participating in the Girl Scout Cookie Program. I was able to surpass my goal of 400 boxes. It wasn't easy but I had help from my Troop & family. We learned so much together. —Alyssa T.



Girl Scout Troop 428 celebrated all they accomplished this year with an end-of-year beach party!

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Girl Scouts Change the World

Girl Scouts from Troop 991 participated in the beautification of the Suffolk County Police Headquarters for the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 Commemoration.

Congratulations to our Girl Scout Gold Award Scholarship Recipient



In honor of International Day of the Girl, Girl Scouts of the USA announced their inaugural Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award Scholarship.

Congratulations to our Gold Award Girl Scout, Sofia Haskelson! For her project, *Living Through The Eyes*, she implemented an eyeglass donation program to help those who cannot afford them and raised

awareness about eye conditions that affect many individuals. She also made/donated more than 400 fabric eyeglass cases for those in need.





Upcoming Programs For Fall!

As we move forward, we will be offering programs safely for all Girl Scouts with in person, virtual and hybrid models.

Journeys will be back & new badge workshops soon. View Online Calendar

PLUS New & Returning Events:



For Soon-to-be Girl Scouts, Daisies, & Brownies (Grades K-3). Come pick out a pumpkin from our patch and decorate it!

Enjoy Halloween themed music while you decorate your pumpkin and other crafts/activities.

- ➤ Saturday, October 23, 2021 at Camp Edey, 10 AM 3 PM.
- ► Cost: \$15 per girl.

 Adults attend for FREE.

HAUNTED TRAIL Coming Soon...

Celebrate Halloween with a spooky walk through our haunted trail created by older Girl Scouts! New this year, Trick-or-treating.

Our guides will share a scary tale while you hike through our wooded campgrounds.

- ➤ October 27 & 28, 2021 at Camp Edey, 6-9 PM.
- ➤ Tickets from \$15-\$20 pp.

<u>Online</u> <u>Register Online</u>

Inspirations:

Girls Making The World A Better Place!



My greatest Girl Scout adventure was going to NYC with my troop to see Wicked. We took a train, passed out care packages we had made in advance to homeless people in the subway, shared a healthy meal together & made so many happy memories. —Ashley W.



Girl Scout Troop 185 participated in the Back to School Supplies Drive benefitting the Salvation Army of East Northport along with Senator Mario Mattera.



SU 26 hosted their annual Bridging Ceremony at Hidden Pond Park. 4 troops participated, 7 girls bridged to Adults & 2 girls were recognized for their Gold Award.



Girl Scout Troop 2861 celebrated Bridging to Adults with Senator Alexis Weik at The Secret Garden. They talked about their goals for the future. Good luck to these young ladies!

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Get Started with Our 2021 Fall Product Program

Mags & Munchies season is underway and we're excited to *Rise Up* with you this year.

The Mags & Munchies Fall Product program teaches girls the 5 skills to succeed and helps them maximize their troop funds by selling to friends and family.

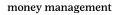
decision-making



goal setting











people skills

business ethics

And this year we've added new training tools and marketing ideas to help you earn great rewards and surpass your goals!

Check out some of our <u>videos and tools</u> to help you get started, including our new <u>Product Program News</u> with important dates and just in-time training. We've got you covered and we're here to help.

It's easy to get started and you can customize your sale:

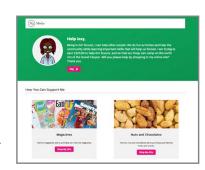
- ➤ Do you want to limit interaction and keep things simple?

 Try an online only approach where customers can order from you online and have the products shipped right to their door.
- ► Have you set a big troop goal for your massive end of year party this year? Try all three stages of the sale and combine in-person and online sales to watch your rebates soar!

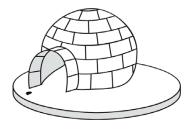
Get Started Online

New This Year:

- ➤ Dual Supporter Landing Page: Now your customers will be directed to one page instead having separate links for magazine and nuts & candy sales.
- ➤ Choose Your Delivery Option: Girls and families can choose which customers will have access to the online girl delivery function for the initial sale. Learn More.







Rewards



Watch our rewards video to see what you can earn!



Quick Links

- · Troop Guidebook
- Social Media Toolkit
- The Products
- For Fall Sellers
- For Fall Volunteers
- · Activity Guide



Share Your Story

Is your troop using the proceeds for something special this year?

Share your story with us





SMITH POINT LIGHT SHOW

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November 27, 2021 to January 9, 2022

(Closed December 24, 25, 31 & January 1.)

Smith Point County Park, Shirley, NY

Proceeds benefit Girl Scout programs for girls & families across Suffolk County.



Special Girl Scout Offer Starts October 19!

\$20 Car Ticket + 2 Event Patches

Registered Girl Scouts and their families can save \$5 when they purchase a Girl Scout ticket. Plus receive (2) FREE Smith Point Light Show



event patches with each order. (Available for purchase at a discounted price) Offer ends November 16, 2021, 11:59 PM.

NEW THIS YEAR: Refreshments available for purchase!

Pre-order yours online with your ticket More details soon!

Learn More at www.smithpointlightshow.com

Introducing the NEW Daisy, Brownie & Junior Collection



Inspired by classic Girl Scout looks from the '90s and made for today's girls, this color-coordinated collection makes it fun and easy to create a wardrobe that's the perfect fit for you. Our new collection even features eco-conscious fabrics and materials—because Girl Scouts know going green is always a good look. Visit <u>girlscoutshop.com</u> to see how this new collection fits our vision for a more sustainable future.

Want to see it in-person? Visit our Girl Scout Shoppe in Commack ▶

New Girl Scout Badges 2021



Presenting 28 new badges that spark her imagination.

They're here: 28 new ways for Girl Scouts of all ages to explore their world, whether online or unplugged!

The newest class of badges take on even more topics that Girl Scouts and their families care about, like



getting outside, using technology to run girls' cookie businesses, and growing girls' digital leadership skills to make the world a better place.

View Badge Explorer

Buy Online



All Our Girl Scout Shoppes are Open!

(By Appointment Only)

Come shop in-person for everything you need to start the new year.

Commack:

442 Moreland Rd, Commack

- ➤ Monday, Tuesday, and Friday: 10 am 5 pm
- ➤ Thursday: 10 am 6 pm

Camp Edey:

1500 Lakeview Ave, Bayport

➤ Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 9 am - 5 pm

Riverhead:

854 E Main St, Riverhead

► Monday: 9 am - 5 pm

Book Appointment



Curbside pick-up for online orders will be available at all locations. See hours above.

Shop Online

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Inspirations:

Girls Making The World A Better Place!

Girl Scout Troop 1631 got a lesson on car care by the owners of Bohemia Auto Care. They learned how to read the dashboard, check fluids and tire pressure & more as part of the Car Care Badge.





Girl Scout Troop 211 took action to beautify their school

by planting flowers in pots to line the front walkway and cleaning. Plants were donated by a local nursery.



Girl Scout Olivia P from Troop 12 had a super successful Girl Scout Cookie season and became a Top Cookie Seller. She looks forward to the new Girl Scout Year and reaching even higher goals.



"My greatest Girl Scout adventure was bridging to Brownies. It was so exciting crossing the bridge with all my friends. And now we will have more adventures." —Sandra L.



"My greatest Girl Scout adventure was camping in the Delaware Water Gap this summer. While we were there, we hiked at Bushkill Falls."
—Madeline B.



Girl Scout Troop 2323 stuffed over a dozen brand new backpacks full of school supplies for students in need. The girls are excited to begin a new school year by helping those in need.

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Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:

To serve God and my country,

To help people at all times,

And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I say and do,
and to

respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout.