

Summer '21: A Season of Joy!

Dear Friends,

We hope this newsletter finds you having enjoyed a joyous Fourth of July holiday. All across the nation, people are beginning to enjoy the simple pleasure of coming together once again. It may not look exactly as it once did, but we will likely not take for granted the pure happiness of being with those we treasure.

While programs, meetings, and cookie sales looked different due to the unprecedented year we all experienced, Girl Scouts of Suffolk County was thrilled to be an important part of the lives of Suffolk County's girls and young women. We are grateful to our volunteers who stepped up to reconfigure and recalibrate their girls' programming to ensure girls from Melville to Montauk had a wonderful experience.

As we all begin to step safely outside, we, as a Council, are beginning a step toward the new normal with an exciting summer of camp. Camp Edey opened for the season on June 28th to a group of excited campers, ready to swim, try their hand at archery, hop into the gaga pit, boat, hike, laugh, and make friends. Extra Covid-19 precautions are in place to make camp not only fun but safe for each attendee. Meanwhile, Service Units and troops are enthusiastically planning meetings, trips, and experiences for the fall ahead, while Council staff are planning events and programs to start the scouting year off with excitement.

Enjoy every minute of this summer season with friends, family, and Girl Scouts. We cannot wait to serve you through this season and in the fall to come.

Warmly,



Tammy Severino
Interim President & CEO



Donna Smeland
Chair of the Board



Renew with Girl Scouts!

There's still time to renew your Girl Scout Membership!

We've had some exciting incentives offered for our early bird registrants. There's still time to earn our exclusive patch and more! [Check out the incentives ►](#)

PLUS save \$200 on a Lifetime Membership!

You qualify if you've been a member for 10+ years OR if you're a graduating Ambassador Girl Scout! [Learn more ►](#)

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Brownie Girl Scout Wins Newsletter Re-Naming Contest

Congratulations to Brownie Girl Scout Samantha A., winner of GSSC's digital newsletter re-naming contest! Thanks to Samantha, the digital newsletter, formally named GSSC News, will now be known as GIRL Talk. GSSC caught up with Samantha to learn a little about her and what inspired her to submit the name GIRL Talk.

► **Why do you like Girl Scouts?**

In Girl Scouts, we do cool things like going on hikes and learning about animals and the Earth.

► **What do you like most about being a Girl Scout?**

My favorite thing about Girl Scouting is seeing my friends, making new friends, and having my mom as a troop leader.

► **What inspired you to choose the name GIRL Talk?**

I chose the name because Girl Scouts is where we can talk to each other without people judging us. [Former First Lady of the United States] Michelle Obama even came to talk to us!*

► **What are you looking forward to doing next year?**

I want to do cabin camping and rock wall climbing.



**Michelle Obama, Former First Lady of the United States, in partnership with GSUSA, hosted a virtual event, Becoming Me, in which Girl Scout troop participation was available nationwide.*

Splash Into Summer at GSSC Summer Camp!

Offering lots of unique & exciting activities from June 28 - August 27!

Enjoy swimming, boating, archery, sports and more!

There's still time to register & have the summer of a lifetime!



[Register Online](#)

Congratulations to GSSC's 2020-2021 Gold Award Girl Scouts!

GSSC was proud to host its virtual Gold Award ceremony in honor of 30 Ambassador Girl Scouts who earned the Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award a girl can earn in Girl Scouting, where a girl must complete a project that meets an expressed need in the community. Completion of the Gold Award provides girls with the opportunity to enhance their leadership skills, career interests and personal values.

Be sure to [read the Gold Award yearbook](#) online to learn about the inspiring projects of these extraordinary young women!



Congratulations Our Gold Award Girl Scouts:

Grier Adams	Sophie Giles	Megan Oswald
Molly Battaglia	Julianna Grenci	Kessandra Pallino
Alexa Brucculeri	Sofia Haskelson	Natalie Pedrazzi
Lauren Callaway	Rebecca Hoover	Amanda Perrone
Catherine Carillo	Josie Hudson	Kristine Pohlmann
Julia Carpenter	Julie Kreymborg	Shannon Reagon
Jessica Claflin	Sarah Linsalata	Nina Ritter
Gianna Derrenbacher	Margaret Marzigliano	Aleena Rubino
Maggie Fleming	Ava McGovern	Cassandra Serpico
Jenna Forestiero	Isabella Mule	Emily Teplansky

GSSC Awards Past President's Scholarships to Five Girl Scouts

Congratulations to GSSC's Past President's Scholarship Award recipients!

This scholarship is awarded annually to five exemplary young women who personify the ideals of Girl Scouting, and who exhibit academic excellence and outstanding community service.



Jennifer Andrews



Kristen Cada



Kaitlyn Marcis



Hannah Proce



Diya Varma

Girl Scout Cookie Donations Lift Spirits for Essential Workers

GSSC recently donated 1,200 boxes of Girl Scout cookies through GSSC's Operation:Cookie campaign to employees of Stony Brook University Hospital!

This year, in addition to sending GS cookies to U.S. military, GSSC also sent cookies to local frontline essential workers to show them appreciation for their commitment to service and strength in the face of a pandemic.

"This has been such a trying time for so many. We are proud of our hospital teams that brought thousands of Long Islanders through this pandemic," says Joan Dickinson, Director, University of Community Relations at Stony Brook University. *"Handing them a box of cookies to say thank you goes a long way in showing appreciation. Boxes have already been distributed through our catering office and HealthierU team to our medical intensive care unit and neonatal intensive care unit."*



"We are honored to partner with the generous donors of our community in supporting frontline essential workers during such a challenging time," says Tammy Severino, Interim President & CEO for GSSC. *"The distribution of Girl Scout cookies shows these extraordinary women and men that their efforts and dedication are greatly appreciated and not forgotten."*

Donations such as these are made possible in part by the hard work and dedication of our Girl Scouts throughout Suffolk County. During GS cookie season, Girl Scouts solicit donations from potential cookies customers to support Operation:Cookie. Many thanks and much gratitude to our Girl Scouts and volunteers for their help in making donations like these happen!



Inspirations:

Girls Making The World
A Better Place!



For their World of Girls Journey, Girl Scout Troop 2425 held a Book Donation Drive and collected books about women from around the world. This expanded into a town donation with 19 boxes of 950+ books donated to The Book Fairies for libraries in underserved areas.



Congratulations to Girl Scouts Ava, Sophia, Lily, Madelyn, Violet, Sylvia and Ashleigh from Service Unit 26 for winning in their school districts' Science Fair!



Girl Scouts from Troop 12 wanted to say "Thank You!" to our US Military men and women by delivering Girl Scout Cookies to the 106 Rescue Air Wing in Westhampton Beach.

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Girl Scout Cookie Season is a S-U-C-C-E-S-S!

This cookie season was a season unlike any other, but our Girl Scout still prevailed!

Girls achieved their goals by "thinking outside the cookie box." Booth sales went virtual and Digital Cookie sales were up 70%! Troops hosted drive-thru booth sales and Walk-A-Bouts, all while our Girl Scout families brought Stand-Abouts to a whole new level.

More than 250 girls sold more than 500 boxes of cookies and became Cookie All-Stars. They celebrated with a special virtual Disney experience and a virtual paint night at the end of June.

Thank you to our volunteers, Girl Scout families, and our amazing Girl Scouts for their hard work and resilience this cookie season!



COMING SOON: MAGS & MUNCHIES FALL PROGRAM!



We can't wait to Rise Up with you this Fall!

The Mags & Munchies Program begins September 20 with new products, new tins, and some very adorable Penguins!

Save The Date: Fall Into Girl Scouts: Arctic Adventure!



Saturday, September 25 at Camp Edey!

Kick off the Girl Scout year at our Fall Rally! Learn about the upcoming Fall Product sale, enjoy arctic-themed activities and more!

[Learn More](#)

Don't Miss the Design A Display Contest!

You and your troop can help design NEW light displays for the Girl Scout Holiday Way attraction at the Smith Point Light Show!

This is a great opportunity for troops or individual Girl Scouts. PLUS all participants receive the exclusive 2021 light show patch! Several designs will be chosen!

Contest Guidelines:

- ▶ You must be a registered Girl Scout for the 2021-2022 Girl Scout Year;
- ▶ Your theme and design proposals should be consistent with the Girl Scout mission and ideals; entries using copyrighted characters or designs will not be considered;
- ▶ Our displays are built using rope lighting or bulbs on wooden frames. Your ideas should be both grand in scale and streamlined in design—the simpler the better!
- ▶ If you choose to use a word in your display, it must be 5 characters or less;
- ▶ All entries must be submitted no later than Friday, August 6, 2021;

What You'll Win:

- ▶ Tickets to see GSSC's Smith Point Light Show
- ▶ Large sign at the display identifying the designer(s)
- ▶ Photo op at your display
- ▶ Bragging rights as the designer(s) of a site at Long Island's brightest light show!

[Learn More & Enter Contest](#)



▲ Last Year's Winners ▲

Inspirations: Girls Making The World A Better Place!



Girl Scout Alyssa from Troop 2091 participated in GSSC's Baking With Jenn and baked this fresh fruit tart. She also made mini tarts with the leftover custard & Toffee-Tastic® cookies as the crust.



Girl Scout Troop 4000 participated in the 13th Annual Great Brookhaven Cleanup to keep their community beautiful and clean.



Girl Scout Emma from Troop 84 had a great time experimenting during GSSC's Mythbusters Lab program.

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Introducing Our NEW Mystery CamperGram!



Treat your camper to a collectible tin filled with assorted items, such as, slime, tattoos, squishies and other items.

Purchase online or campers can purchase at the Trading Post at Summer Camp. Only \$10 each.

[Buy Online](#)

(Items inside may vary for each campergram based on inventory. While supplies last.)

Shop Our Summer Camp Kits!

Whether you are attending Summer Camp or hanging out in your own backyard with friends, treat yourself to one of our fabulous Summer Camp Kits! (Limited supplies) **\$29.95 each**



Scented Kit

Includes a scented pillow, scented pencil case, scented back pack buddy, scented pencil, a trefoil headband, a pair of cool socks, squishy, and a Girls Run The World fun patch.



Outdoor Kit

Includes a color changing water bottle, rainbow colored stunt streamer, pizza themed note pad, glitzy jump rope, pitch catch game, hacky sac, awesome pair of sunglasses, and a Keep Shining fun patch.



Camp Kit

Includes a camp vibes pillow, bag to carry your bathing suit in, waterproof cell phone case, camp vibes journal, tie dye camp bear, versatile headband/scarf, and a Day Camp fun patch.

[Buy Online](#)

Style and colors will vary for each kit based on inventory. Limited supplies remaining.



Our Girl Scout Shoppe is Now Open!

(By Appointment Only)

Shop for uniform items, journeys and badges, end-of-year celebrations and much more!

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday: 10a - 4p

442 Moreland Road,
Commack, NY

Appointments are 30-minute sessions. Book back to back sessions if you need more time.

[Make Appointment](#)



Online Shopping and Curbside Pick-Up Still Available

Pick-Up your Online Order
at our Commack Shoppe

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Due to limited staff, pick-up from Edey or Riverhead must be requested by email: customercare@gssc.us

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Girls Making The World A Better Place!



For World Thinking Day, Girl Scout Troop 3693 made Pinwheels for Peace. In collaboration with the Town of Babylon, they were able to find a permanent home for them at Town Hall.



Girl Scouts from Service Unit 48 hosted an Earth Day Art Show. Girls were asked to create a piece of art from recycled materials.



Girl Scout Troop 2125 ended the Girl Scout year with amazing activities such as Night Hikes, Goat Yoga, Sea Turtle Rescue, Letters to Veterans, Paper Good Drive, Ice Skating, Bluebird Habitat Building with a Beach Breakfast and so much more!



Gold Award Girl Scout Carly (Troop 1104) shared a special moment with Daisy Girl Scout Lena (Troop 1246) at the site of Carly's Gold Award project.



For their Bronze Award, Troop 2440 wanted to thank Healthcare Heroes for their hardwork during the past year. They made mask lanyards for the staff at Bristol in West Babylon and taught others how to create lanyards.



Girl Scout Allie from Troop 1186 participated in our Think Outside the Cookie Box Booth Weekend by hosting 2 Stand-a-Bouts. She was able to reach her goal of 1000 boxes of cookies this season!

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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.

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