

Dear Girl Scout Families,

The Girl Scouts of Suffolk County Board of Directors is delighted to announce Tammy Severino as the new President & CEO of Girl Scouts of Suffolk County. During the last year, Tammy transitioned from Board Member to serve as Interim CEO and has strengthened her dedication to the Girl Scout Mission.

We saw significant growth in both membership and fundraising, culminating in one of the most successful Smith Point Light Show events in its 18-year run. As she takes on the new role, the focus will be on expanding the programs that the Girl Scouts of Suffolk County offer and finding new ways to engage and empower girls throughout Suffolk County.

Tammy has a rich and extensive tenure in nonprofit management, women's empowerment, and philanthropy and has been involved in the many facets of Girl Scouting for years. As a Girl Scout Alumna, Parent, Volunteer and former Board Member, Tammy has truly exemplified the Girl Scout spirit.

We are excited to work with her in this permanent role to ensure continued growth and opportunity for all our membership.

Sincerely,



Donna Smeland
Chair of the Board



[Learn more about Tammy
& her vision for GSSC](#)

Since I was appointed interim CEO in January of 2021, I have seen the magic of Girl Scouts in action. In the face of the pandemic, which has greatly impacted our communities and our families, each of our Girl Scouts rose above to do their part in building a better world. I have seen every facet of Girl Scouts, as an alumna, parent, volunteer, Troop Leader, Board Member and administrator, and I am proud to say that our girls and their families are the embodiment of everything Girl Scouts represents.

As I assume my new role as President & CEO of the Girl Scouts of Suffolk County, it is my vow that we will do everything in our power to encourage our girls to dream BIG and provide them with resources to be their best selves—both today and in the future.

I am grateful to the Girl Scouts of Suffolk County Board of Directors for entrusting me with the responsibility of serving our girls and volunteers. I know how much goes into being a Girl Scout family and I am truly thankful for you. To learn more about the socially, emotionally, and academically empowering programs that the Girl Scouts of Suffolk County has in store this year, please visit the GSSC website or contact us. We want to hear from you, so if there are things you would like to see or ways you can help us continue to grow, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Tammy Severino
President & CEO



Important Dates ✓

- ▶ **World Thinking Day**
Tuesday, 2/22 (*pg. 13*)
- ▶ **Girl Scouts' 110th Birthday**
Saturday, 3/12
- ▶ **Silver Award Breakfast**
Saturday, 3/12
[Register Online](#)
- ▶ **Summer Camp Open Houses**
- Tours: 3/5 & 3/19
- Camp Sampler: 4/9
[Learn more](#)
- ▶ **Volunteer Adult Awards & Dinner**
Thursday, 4/14 (*pg. 10*)
- ▶ **Annual Meeting**
Wednesday, 5/11
- ▶ **Gold Award Dinner**
Thursday, 6/2
[Learn more](#)

SAVE THE DATES:

- ▶ **Girl Fest 2022**
Saturday, 6/11
- ▶ **1st Day of Summer Camp**
Monday, 6/27

A Successful Season of Lights!

Our 18th annual Smith Point Light Show was a remarkable success this year! Between November 27 and January 9, we had over 70,000 visitors drive-through our 1.5-mile trail of beautiful displays and holiday vignettes at Smith Point County Park Campgrounds.

As our show continues to grow, our Girl Scouts are leading the way. This year brought 5 new displays designed by our local Girl Scouts and prominently displayed in our “Girl Scout Way” area of the show. We want to thank and congratulate our winners, Layla C., Troop 2631, Celia G., Troop 1867, Brynn M., Troop 752, Sophia P., Sara S., & Julia S., Troop 760 and Adelaide V., Troop 3658. The contest will be back next year, and we can’t wait to see what our Girl Scouts have planned!

We want to thank our amazing sponsors and volunteers for their support and help in putting together this incredible show. These donations help the Girl Scouts in Suffolk County to reach goals that empower endless opportunities and adventures! And whether it’s helping a girl go to summer camp or offering a STEM program that lets her see the promise in her future, the funds raised by our light show help Girl Scouts learn, grow, and thrive.



Local Long Islanders, Thomas & Joanna, got engaged at our show. Congratulations to the happy couple!



Girl Scout Troop 2631 and their families rented a school bus and came down to the show to support Layla C. for her winning Gingerbread House display.

Our Sponsor Highlight

We want to offer a special thank you to our Event Sponsor, PSEG Long Island. They are a longtime event sponsor and provided additional volunteers to help our staff assemble our larger displays like our beloved Winterland Castle.

"PSEG Long Island is proud to support this wonderful holiday tradition—and the Girl Scouts of Suffolk County," said Peggy Keane, PSEG Long Island's Vice President of Construction and Business Services. "We are committed to strengthening the communities we serve, and helping girls develop leadership and STEM skills in partnership with the Girl Scouts is an important part of that commitment."



Our Light Show Sponsors & Supporters



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Girl Scout Cookies®: A year

The Girl Scout Cookie Program teaches girls entrepreneurial leadership skills that help them succeed in business and in life.

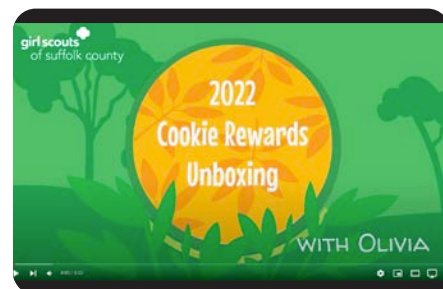
The Initial Sale has ended, and we know this year has had its share of unexpected issues. The start of our cookie season brought new lessons on supply chain infrastructure and technology constraints that have been seen the world over.

But the resiliency and strength of our Girl Scouts is astounding. And we continue to receive inspiring messages from girls who are showing their perseverance. Even against the toughest odds, our girls continue to Climb with Courage!

To help you get started, Cookie Program training has moved over to [gsLearn](#). You'll get the information you need in a step-by-step guided format. Plus, you still have access to our wealth of in-time training videos.

[Cookie Chats with Kelly](#) are back—Sign up or watch previous sessions.

This year's rewards are extra fun and feature our lovable Koala, Kiana. Your Girl Scouts can learn Koala Fun Facts and have access to games at [littlebrowniebakers.com](#). And if you missed our [Virtual Cookie Rally](#), catch the recording for even more on these friends from down under.



[Watch Our Girl Scout Cookie Reward Unboxing Video](#)



Booth Sales, Stand-A-Bouts, & Catch-Ups, Oh MY!

The #1 reason customers don't buy Girl Scout Cookies? They were never asked.

But all that is about to change as our second phase of the Cookie Program starts. [Booth Sales](#) are back and so are the extremely popular [Stand-a-bouts](#). Want to earn even more? Check out our Special Booth Sale Weekends for a chance to earn these amazing patches:



February 18-20
National Girl Scout
Cookie Weekend



March 18-20
Koalified Cookie
Seller Weekend



April 22-24
Top Koality
Cookie Weekend



Girl Scout Cookie All-Star Selling Tips

A Cookie All-Star is a Girl Scout who sells 500+ boxes of cookies each year.

How do they do it? We asked some of our All-Stars to share the secrets behind their success.

#1 *"Be yourself. Try your best and work hard!"*
—Sofia, Daisy, Troop 861

#2 *"Never Give UP!"*—Sophia, Cadette, Troop 624

#3 *"Go to a popular place where you can see lots of people to sell."*—Ella, Junior, Troop 428

#4 *"Digital Cookie helped me so much to go to my family and friends across the world and across the country."*—Anya, Daisy, Troop 122

#5 *"Be respectful towards the customers and always give them a wave, a 'Good Morning!' and a smile."*—Catherine, Juliette Girl Scout, Troop 62600



#6 *"Think outside the box. Be innovative & have fun!"*—Olivia, Senior, Troop 12

#7 *"Put on a smile and ask friends & family to order."*—Anna, Brownie, Troop 1310

#8 *"Don't break the cookies!"*
—Adelaide, Daisy, Troop 491



#9 *"Don't skip any booth sales if you can...Booth Sales really do help in cookie season because people love getting cookies."*—Danika, Senior, Troop 1126



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Girl Scout Cookie Merchandise

Available at our Girl Scout Shoppes and online!

- Handheld Sign: \$3.00
- Thank You Cards: \$10.50
- Cookie Button: \$1.00
- Post-it Notepad: \$7.00
- Cookie Apron: \$9.00
- Money Pouch: \$5.00
- Cookie Cart: \$30.00

[Shop Online](#)



#10

"I love to do Stand-a-bouts because they help me sell a lot."—Marissa, Brownie, Troop 1478

#11

"Don't hide behind the adults at booth sales. Get in and say 'Hello, would you like to buy Girl Scout Cookies?'."—Sadie, Junior, Troop 1222

#12

"Make sure you are saying exactly what you are selling and be friendly and talk to lots of people."—Lily, Brownie, Troop 428



Big News: Girl Scouts X DoorDash!

This year, Girl Scouts has partnered with DoorDash to bring contactless and same day delivery this season!

We are excited to invite Girl Scouts to learn about the delivery service experience and show you a window into another part of doing business. This program is available from our Commack office and Camp Edey in Bayport.

Sign up for a pre-determined time slot and location. Up to 3 girls and 1 adult volunteer per time slot. This is first-come, first-served.



[Sign Up](#)

The Cookies Are Coming!

Girl Scout Cookie Delivery Day is just around the corner!

Soon the sweet smell of Girl Scout Cookies will be in our cars, living rooms, and garages, before the cases find their way to our customers. To make sure the day goes as smoothly as possible, you need to be organized. For help getting you started we spoke to Girl Scout Cookie Guru, Lynne Alba. She has been handling the "Delivery Day" for her Service Unit for the past 5 years and graciously offered to share some of the secrets to her success.

How do you prepare for your delivery?

Having a delivery schedule in Google Forms has always worked for us. I have 2 troops at a time, in 10-15 minute intervals. Larger troops that may need 2 cars, I will spread out as the schedule is populated. We leave the truck & hand sort each troop's order.

Do you use any tools or apps to keep things organized?

Google Forms, text Messaging and Facebook group for updates about delivery. This includes announcements when the truck arrives, and any setbacks that may occur. I also ensure I have scotch tape, 2 copies of every troop's order, and sharpies. Once a troop is sorted, we tape the order form on the pallet for the troop's arrival. The form always has the time listed to keep us organized. As a SU, a group of 6-8 adult volunteers sort each troop on a pallet. My garage has stored pallets for years. This ensures the boxes don't hit the elements if the weather shifts.

What advice would you offer to new Service Unit Coordinators for Cookie Delivery Day?

Communication is key. As the Cookie Manager for 5 years strong, and the SU Coordinator, I weave the importance of delivery into communications. Having a consistent process that our leaders are used to, and comfortable with ensures a smooth delivery. Also having someone who is really good with math! We have a dad who is super savvy with case counting, he comes in handy.

Any advice for troop leaders & troop cookie managers when the girls have big goals for cookie season-ways to manage cookie inventory, advice for cookie cupboard pickups?

Reminders about the "round up" of cases. If you have big goals, take the extra boxes. Sell them at work, keep them handy. Telling friends & family you have cookies on hand is a big eye opener. Bring those extra cookies to your booth sales. We work together as a troop to set and meet our goals. Spread the love with the cookies & ensure that each girl gets a reward. This will entice them to sell more every year. There is nothing worse than one girl getting the big plush, and one only getting a patch.



Pictured from left: Lynne Alba and Co-Leader, Dawn Thomas.

Lynne has been a Girl Scout Volunteer since 2016 & recently stepped up to be the SU Coordinator for SU40. She volunteers at many council events and is a member of the Product Sales Committee.



Ways to Participate—

There's no one way to be a Girl Scout. Juliette Girl Scouts are registered girl members, in grades K-12, who want to be part of the Girl Scout experience but may not be able to participate in a troop setting. Juliettes earn badges and highest awards with the guidance of a caregiver or another adult mentor. They can participate in council and SU programs and earn virtual badges from GSSC and from councils around the country. Juliettes are Girl Scouts, they just don't go to troop meetings.

Catherine B. has been a Juliette Girl Scout since the 8th grade. When her troop disbanded, and her best friend and Girl Scout sister moved to Syracuse; she was unsure where she stood in Girl Scouts. "Before becoming a Juliette, I never really heard about it. I didn't even know that it was possible to be a solo Girl Scout! I began to question how I would get my journeys, Gold Award, and other badges done."

But Catherine learned that being a Juliette gave her the freedom to participate in Girl Scouts in a new way. "I make my own meetings. If I feel like having a meeting on a Saturday, then I will have the meeting on a Saturday. This is perfect for me because with my 3 AP, 1 dual enrollment class, and my abundant extracurriculars, it gives me flexibility in my schedule to make sure that I always fit in my time for Girl Scouts."

Catherine can plan out what badges she wants to earn. And when badge requirements call for group interaction, she's able to restructure activities to complete the assignments.

"Nothing can limit a Juliette [from] completing a badge; the innovative mind will always find a way."



Catherine is a Gold Award Girl Scout and a Cookie All-Star from SU 26. She will be graduating from school in June.

"During my first year as a Juliette, I took a twist on how to earn badges. [My best friend and I came up with the idea to facetime each other while doing badges]. Believe it or not, we did the 'earning a badge virtually' [thing] before it was cool."

She also participates in Service Unit and council level events and wants her sister Girl Scouts to know that being a Juliette doesn't limit your opportunities for group experiences.

"My biggest community service project to date is completing my Gold Award as a Freshman in high school. Many girls complete it as a Junior in high school. I knew that I wanted to take a lot of AP classes and I knew that I needed a lot of time for that." She built a media room at the Central Islip Recreation Center complete with things like video game consoles that she had donated. Her goal was to give children a place to go and to encourage them "to stay off the streets" and away from gangs. But she's also committed to inspiring pride in her community. "I wanted to show the rest of the island [that] we are the same as everyone else. The best thing is there is a change in my community."

—Girl Scout Juliettes

But Catherine's Girl Scout journey doesn't stop at her extensive service to the community; she's also a Girl Scout Cookie All-Star, and usually sells 1000 boxes a year. "I tell people this all the time; I do not do sports; I sell Girl Scout cookies. People think I am hysterical when I tell them this, but it is the truth." She uses the Digital Cookie Platform® to accept credit cards as she reaches out to customers in her school and beyond. And she uses booth sales to help meet her goals. Being a Juliette "does not stop me from selling cookies. I sell cookies like every other Girl Scout."

Her advice on being a Cookie All-Star year after year? "A really good tip is to be confident in yourself. Do not be afraid to ask people [to buy] cookies. Through selling cookies, I was able to build up my confidence. I became a leader in my community who is not afraid to speak up. Selling cookies taught me to be fearless when I am with other people."

Catherine has found a way to incorporate Girl Scouts into her busy life, and she's proud of her accomplishments.

"I learned to embrace the green, and be proud of who I am. I am a proud Girl Scout in my community, and I strive for a change."

And she made sure to include her extensive work as a Girl Scout in her college applications. "I wrote about my Gold Award project for my college essay. I was inspired to take something so near to my heart and talk about it with many admission counselors." One of her acceptance letters, (she's received 8 so far) even included a handwritten note from the admission counselor that stated "You are a world changer! I am excited to have the Central Islip Girl Scout on campus!"

The Girl Scout journey doesn't have one path; it's as adaptable and innovative as the Girl Scouts who lead it. Juliette Girl Scouts can do anything Girl Scouts in a troop can do. And with girls like Catherine leading the way, there's no end to what can be accomplished.



Catherine met with local officials to discuss her Gold Award Project and the impact it has in her community. Pictured from left: Hon. James O'Connor, Town of Islip Councilman; Tammy Severino, GSSC's President & CEO; Catherine Bell, Gold Award Girl Scout; Krupa Lauricella, GSSC Board Member & Legislative Aide for Councilman O'Connor; and Hon. Andrew Garbarino, Representative for NY's 2nd Congressional District.



Here is Catherine inside the completed media room that she created/designed for her Girl Scout Gold Award project.

[Learn more about Girl Scout Juliettes »](#)

Questions? Contact customercare@gssc.us

A Call For National Delegates!

Apply to become a National Delegate for GSSC and attend the 56th National Council Session, July 2023 in Orlando, FL.

The National Council of GSUSA convenes in session every three years and consists of delegates elected by Girl Scout councils, delegates representing lone troops outside the United States (USA Girl Scouts Overseas), members of the National Board of Directors and the National Nominating Committee, past presidents of GSUSA and other persons who may be elected by the National Council.

The National Council of Delegates is responsible for giving broad policy direction to the future of the Girl Scout movement in the USA. Members act on proposals directed toward the fostering and improvement of Girl Scouting and receive a report from the National Board of Directors on its stewardship of the movement in the past three years.

You can apply to be a delegate for Girl Scouts of Suffolk County. Delegates serve a three-year term and must be registered members of GSUSA and 14 years old or older.

[Learn More & Apply Online](#)



Volunteer Adult Recognition Awards

Celebrating Our Amazing Girl Scout Adult Volunteers at the biggest party of the year!

Join us for our Disney-themed dinner and enjoy dancing, raffles & much more.

- **Date:** Thursday, April 14, 2022
- **Place:** The Inn & Spa at East Wind
5720 Route 25A, Wading River
- **Times:** Check-In & Cash Bar at 6 pm;
Program at 7 pm.
- Early Bird Registration (3/1 - 3/25) \$55 per person.
Regular Registration (3/26 - 4/4) \$65 per person.

[Learn More](#)

*Payment & registration MUST be received by 4/4, 11:59 PM.
Reservation deadlines will be strictly enforced due to the venue's policies. This is an adult-only event. No refunds.*



Volunteer Training

When you volunteer with Girl Scouts, you'll uncover new strengths and build on them. And we're here to help you shine.

Check out these online resources and in-person training courses that you can access to make the most of your volunteer experience.

gsLearn Digital Trainings

We have a number of new trainings for leaders and volunteers on our online platform [gsLearn](#). Watch our [How to Access gsLearn video](#) to get started. Here are the new online trainings available:

- ▶ **Go for Gold! Introduction to the Gold Awards**
Leaders will learn all about the Gold Award process, see examples of past projects, and identify resources to guide girls through earning the highest awards.
- ▶ **Inclusion for Girls with Disabilities**
Leaders will learn how to make their troop inclusive for girls with physical and non-physical disabilities, including badge activity modifications and resources for girl support.

Volunteer Connections: Navigating Communication & Conflict

Monday, March 14, from 7-8 PM, Zoom. [Register](#)
GSSC and GSNC invite you to a virtual training where you'll discover how understanding communication styles helps alleviate miscommunication and conflict with others and ways to navigate conversations.

Adult & CPR Certification

Girl Scout Leaders are required to hold certification in Adult and Pediatric AED/CPR/First Aid.

Acceptable courses for leaders to take are either fully in-person or blended learning (online/classroom). Council accepts certification from any one of the partners/organizations below.

Upon completion of your CPR certification, please email a copy of your certificate to our Volunteer Training Manager, Nicole Wolfrath at nwolfrath@gssc.us.

• Girl Scout Council Partners

We have two local partners who offer courses at a discounted rate for leaders. You may contact them directly to sign up for a course.

- ▶ **Brentwood Legion Ambulance Company:** Contact Christine at cpr4leaders@yahoo.com
- ▶ **ICA Training Academy:** They will provide on-site training throughout Suffolk or you can attend training at their facility in Bohemia. Contact Frank at frankh@icatrainingacademy.com

• Additional Organizations

These organizations will provide instruction in various locations. Please check their website for locations. Prices will vary. Be sure to register for the Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED course.

- ▶ [American Red Cross](#)
- ▶ [American Heart Association](#)
- ▶ [National Safety Council](#)
- ▶ [American Safety & Health Institute](#)

Moving Forward with GSSC

We want to take this time to thank our membership for their resilience and dedication over the last year and a half during these unprecedented times. Because of you, our girls have been able to continue developing their leadership skills while having fun and making lifelong friendships.

As of today, Girl Scout membership in Suffolk County is up 2.8% with girl members up 3.4%. We have also seen a 1.3% increase in our adult members.

There are over 870 Girl Scout troops throughout Suffolk County participating in community service, leadership and working to make the world a better place. We also have several community troops operating in school districts across Suffolk County offering Girl Scouts during the school day.

As we move into the spring, look for our [Daisy for Day](#) programs. Come see what Girl Scouts has to offer you and your pre-K girls.





Enter the “Girl Scouts to the Moon and Back” Essay Contest

Early in 2022, NASA will launch the Artemis I mission around the Moon and back to earth.

This is the first step toward NASA’s goal of sending the first woman and first person of color to the Moon.

Here’s the exciting news: by entering the Girl Scouts to the Moon and Back essay contest, Daisies through Ambassadors could win a Space Station badge that’s been to the Moon on the Artemis I. Fifteen winners from each Girl Scout level will be selected.

Girl Scouts can go to girlscouts.org/moonandback to review official contest rules, complete the free Space Science badge activity for their level, and submit a contest entry.



Participate in Girl Scout's National Service Projects

Girl Scouts make the world a better place, and they have been for over 100 years.

All across our country and our world, Girl Scouts are leaping to the aid of others by engaging in wonderful acts of service and kindness.

Whether by writing letters to senior citizens, honoring first responders, taking part in a citizen science project, or promoting voting and democracy, now your troop can get involved in these unique Girl Scout activities too.

Honoring Our Everyday Changemakers:

Small acts of kindness and gratitude can have an incredible impact on your community! You pay it forward by recognizing the people in their communities who have supported them in finding their unique paths.

Girl Scout Health & Wellness

Life isn’t always easy, but dealing with tricky emotions doesn’t have to be so hard. 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! Try out these other unique ways to boost your mental health:



Resilient. Ready. Strong. Program

You already know Girl Scouts is fun. Guess what? It’s also a great way to build your inner strength so that you’re ready for anything! Unlock the Girl Scouts: Resilient. Ready. Strong. patch and strengthen your mental wellness.

[Program Level Activities »](#)

[Buy The Patch »](#)



Making Raising Girls with Confidence a Whole Lot Easier

Raising awesome girls to be happy, healthy, and successful is simpler than ever with help from Girl Scouts. We’re proud to stand with parents/caregivers as they raise up the next generation. From knowing how much to help with her homework to navigating sensitive issues in the news with your family. [Explore here »](#)



Self-Care Can Help Troop Leaders Be Their Best Right Now

Just remember, troop leader: you are enough! If your best isn’t what it normally is right now, be forgiving and show yourself a little love. Borrow some ideas and tips for rolling with the changes like a Girl Scout from our Volunteer Experts [Explore here »](#)

Find more activities online from Girl Scouts of The USA

Opportunities for Older Girls

Girl Scouts Doesn't End After Brownies—Older Girl Scouts Do AMAZING Things!

In addition to earning badges and participating in our product programs, they lead community service efforts, participate in exclusive mentoring opportunities, volunteer at Council-wide/SU events, and earn leadership and community problem solving awards. They also take on making the world a better place by earning the highest awards in Girl Scouts—the Girl Scout Gold Award, Silver Award, and Bronze Award. Learn more about these awards and other opportunities for older girls.

Girl Scout Bronze Award

When Girl Scout Juniors team up to make a difference in their community, they learn important leadership skills, discover new passions, and watch how seemingly small actions make a big difference. It all adds up to the Girl Scout Bronze Award—the highest honor a Junior can achieve.

You can pursue your Girl Scout Bronze Award if:

- *You are a Girl Scout Junior in 4th or 5th grade (or equivalent)*
- *You have completed a Junior Journey*

Review the [Girl Scout Bronze Award guidelines](#) and [Bronze Award Important Reminders](#) to get started.

Girl Scout Silver Award

When Girl Scout Cadettes (*up to 4 in a group*) focus on an issue they care about, learn the facts, and take action to make a difference, they gain the confidence and skills that will catapult them to lifelong success. It all adds up to the Girl Scout Silver Award—the highest honor a Cadette can achieve.

You can pursue your Girl Scout Silver Award if:

- *You are a Girl Scout Cadette in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade (or equivalent)*
- *You have completed a Cadette Journey*

Review the [Girl Scout Silver Award guidelines](#) and [Silver Award Important Reminders](#) to get started.

For Volunteers/Leaders: Take the "Introduction to Bronze & Silver Awards" on [gsLearn](#). Then sign up for our Bronze & Silver Award Q&A Workshop, Via Zoom: [Thursday, March 3](#) or [Wednesday, June 1](#)

Girl Scout Gold Award

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn. Once achieved, it shows colleges, employers, and your community that you're out there changing the world. Join a century of women who have done big things. Learn more about [Gold Award](#), the history of the Gold Award, and the benefits of going Gold.

You can pursue your Girl Scout Gold Award if:

- *You are a Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador in high school (9th-12th grade, or equivalent)*
- *You have completed two Senior or Ambassador Journeys OR earned the Girl Scout Silver Award and completed a Journey*
- *You completed "Go for Gold! Introduction to the Gold Award" on [gsLearn](#).*

[Learn how to Go For Gold!](#)

After your gsLearn Training, sign up for our Gold Award Q&A Workshop, Via Zoom: [Wed., March 9](#).

Past Presidents Scholarship

Awarded to 5 Graduating Girl Scout Ambassadors.

GSSC's Board of Directors established the Past Presidents Scholarship Fund in 1988 to award educational scholarships to outstanding Girl Scouts in the following categories: Academic Achievement, Community Service, Girl Scouting, and Personal Challenge.

You can pursue this scholarship if:

- *You are a graduating Girl Scout Ambassador and are continuing your education.*
- *You have contributed to Girl Scouts and your community through your outstanding performance and accomplishments. (2 references & official school transcript required.)*

Application & References deadline is March 11.
[Learn more & apply.](#)



Media Girls Program

Are you interested in media and public speaking? Our new Media Girls program is designed to provide girls with hands-on experience in developing communication skills while they explore the ever-changing media environment.

This program is open to outgoing Girl Scout Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors who love Girl Scouts and are not afraid to be in front of a camera. We're looking for 10-15 Girl Scouts who are ready to build our program with courage, confidence, and character. Program activities include:

- ▶ Develop public speaking skills and speak at local events
- ▶ Create Girl Scout videos and hone your photography skills
- ▶ Interview with media on TV, Radio or for print/online publications
- ▶ Star in Council videos/publications and participate in Girl Scout events throughout the year
- ▶ Help younger girls with learning new skills, make new friends, & have fun!

Online Application includes a photo/video submission and questions about yourself and what you want to learn through this program.

[Learn More & Apply Online](#)



Me & My Girl Scout: Vision Board Activity

At the start of each year, we start thinking about what lies ahead. The fact that it coincides with the start of our Girl Scout Cookie Program is just a bonus. Goal setting is one of the most important skills your Girl Scout will learn, and it all starts with you!

Maybe she wants to earn a certain number of badges, or learn a new skill, like archery. Maybe your Girl Scout wants to work with her troop to help the community, or maybe she's always wanted to be a Cookie All-Star. Talking to your Girl Scout about her goals will help her plan to achieve them.

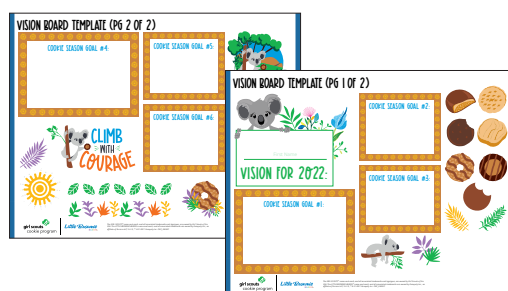
Our Girl Scout Cookie baker, Little Brownie, has shared this project that you can do at home with your Girl Scout to help turn her dreams into a reality. This Vision Board project comes with instructions and images that can be printed at home. It may even get her one step closer to earning one of the NEW Cookie Business Badges.



Try it today and share your vision board with us!



[Download the Instructions and Clipart Templates Here](#)





Celebrate World Thinking Day

Every year over 10 million Girl Scouts & Girl Guides across 150 countries around the world celebrate World Thinking Day on February 22.

It began in 1926 as “Thinking Day” when Girl Scouts & Girl Guides met for the 4th World Conference. They agreed to celebrate an annual day when Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world express their thanks and appreciation for our international movement. The annual tradition took the name World Thinking Day in 1999 during the 30th World Conference to further emphasize the international aspect of this day of friendship.

World Thinking Day is a way to celebrate with girls all over the world by doing the same activities around a shared theme. In 2022, the theme is “Our World: Our Equal Future: The Environment and Gender Equality.” To earn your World Thinking Day Award, you’ll explore how girls and women are disproportionately affected by climate change and participate in the Girl Scout Tree Promise. Check out the activity guides below to get involved and learn about how you can make a difference in the world.

- ▶ [Activity Guide for Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors](#) (PDF)
- ▶ [Activity Guide for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors](#) (PDF)

As a Girl Scout, you are part of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. This World Thinking Day, take a moment to celebrate our global sisterhood as we come together and take action to make the world a better place.



Earn the World Thinking Day 2022 Award

GSSC's World Thinking Day Program

Join us on Tuesday, February 22 from 5-6 PM at the Juliette Low Friendship Center at Camp Edey, Bayport.

Girl Scouts will earn the World Thinking Day 2022 Award (worn on the front of the uniform) by completing these 3 steps:

1. Choose an environmental changemaker, who is a woman making strides in the environmental field such as Greta Thunberg
 2. Complete three activities that will help them understand the issue, practice using a gender equality mindset, and take action. For this program, the girls are going to play pesticide bingo, make upcycle crafts from single use plastics, and learn how they can change the rules and make a difference
 3. Write a letter to the world
- Program cost \$15 per girl.

[Register Online](#)



▲ Purchase items at the ▲
[Girl Scout Shoppe](#)

Upcoming Girl Scouts Programs—

Our in-person programs have returned and we can't wait to see our Girl Scouts in action. Register your troop or sign your Girl Scout up as an individual. Space is limited, [register today!](#)

Legend

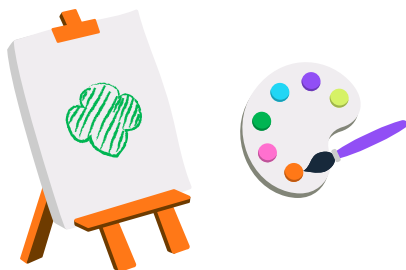
Daisy  Brownie  Junior  Cadette  Senior 
Ambassador  Volunteer  All Levels  Earn Badge 

Patch Program: Winter Olympic Games Challenge

Get into The Athletic Spirit! The 2022 Winter Olympics are scheduled to take place from February 4-20. Watch the games, learn about the history & participate in our patch challenge. Complete 10 out of 20 requirements. Patch can be pre-ordered online through the Girl Scout Shoppe.

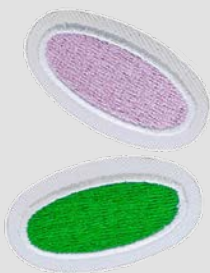


[Learn More & Take The Challenge](#)



Daisy Clover & Rosie Petals

The Clover and Rosie petals are 2 of the 10 petals that Daisies can earn. The Clover petal teaches girls to use resources wisely and the Rosie petal is about making the world a better place. In this program we will read Clover and Rosie's stories together, make a collage, decorate a flowerpot, play a game, and have a snack. Receive a Certificate for Clover and Rosie Petals. You will have to purchase the Petal Pack separately.



2/23 ♦ 2-3 PM ♦ Main Office, Commack ♦ \$15/GS
[Register Online](#) *Cadettes, Seniors, & Ambassadors can volunteer.*

Mammal Track Detectives

Has your pet dog or cat ever left tracks in the snow or mud? Other wild animals leave these tracks too like raccoons, squirrels, and deer! You will make your own mammal track field guide to bring with you on a hike to look for evidence of our local wild mammal friends!

2/26 ♦ 1-2:30 PM ♦ Welcome Center, Camp Edey
♦ \$15/GS ♦ [Register Online](#)

Jeweler

If you enjoy putting on your favorite necklace or bracelet, this program is for you! You will learn to make different kinds of fun jewelry with nontraditional items. You will create necklaces, bracelets, and rings for you to take home for yourself and a friend!

2/28 ♦ 5-6 PM ♦ Main Office, Commack ♦ \$15/GS
[Register Online](#)

Snacks

When you eat them, they'll give you the energy to think, hike, run around, dress up – and do all the other activities you love to do! You will try a savory snack, a sweet snack, a snack for energy, and a “slurp-able” snack!

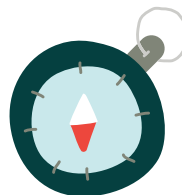
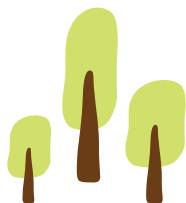
3/1 ♦ 5-6 PM ♦ JLFC, Camp Edey ♦ \$15/GS
[Register Online](#)

New Cuisines

Culinary possibilities are as diverse as the globe of people who cook them. Wherever you go in the world, a version of pocket bread holds something delicious, and your sweet tooth can be satisfied with everything from date syrup to lingonberry jam. In this program, you will cook up dishes from across time and distance and find out where your taste buds want to travel!

3/2 ♦ 5-6:30 PM ♦ JLFC, Camp Edey ♦ \$15/GS
[Register Online](#)

Earn Badges, Learn Skills & More!



Board Game Design Challenge



Engineers are people who like to know how things work. They design and build things people use every day, like computers, phones, roads, bridges, and cars. They use their imaginations to solve problems and create new products. In this program, you will be an engineer for a day and invent your own board games and design your own game spinners. Earn the Board Game Design Challenge Badge.

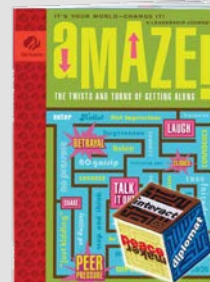


3/3 ♦ 5-6 PM ♦ Main Office, Commack ♦ \$15/GS
[Register Online](#)

aMAZE Journey



Life is a maze of relationships and in this journey Cadettes maneuver through all its twists and turns to find true friendships, plenty of confidence, and peace. This Journey Series will run in 3 sessions. You must attend all to complete journey. You will get the aMAZE Journey Book and Award Set. You will need to complete Take Action Project on your own.



5-6:30 PM ♦ Main Office, Commack ♦ \$35/GS
♦ Session 1: 3/11 - [Register](#)
♦ Session 2: 3/18 - [Register](#)
♦ Session 3: 3/25 - [Register](#)

Samoa Slime



To celebrate the Girl Scout Birthday, come join us as we honor our favorite crisp, caramel, coconut-covered cookies by creating a Samoa inspired slime! Includes a Slime Fun patch.

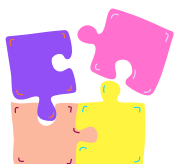
3/8 ♦ 5:30-6:30 PM ♦ Main Office, Commack ♦ \$15/GS
[Register Online](#) *Registration Closes Sunday, 3/6 at 5 PM.*

Lemon-Up Candle Making



To celebrate the Girl Scout's Birthday, come join us as we honor our favorite crispy lemon cookies baked with motivational messages, by making a Lemon-Up inspired DIY candle! Includes a Candle Making patch.

3/9 ♦ 5-6 PM ♦ Main Office, Commack ♦ \$15/GS
[Register Online](#) *Registration Closes Monday, 3/7 at 5 PM.*



Simple Meals



Like any good chef, you are going to experiment with different dishes and discover what flavors you really enjoy. As you experiment, you will learn some important kitchen basics along the way. You will whip up a great breakfast, fix a healthy lunch or dinner, create a delicious dessert, and design your own unique meal!

3/18 ♦ 5-6:30 PM ♦ JLFC, Camp Edey ♦ \$15/GS
[Register Online](#)

My First Cookie Business



When you sell Girl Scout Cookies, you run your very own business! Find out how to sell cookies and excite your customers. Then decide how you'll use the cookie money with your Girl Scout friends.

3/28 ♦ 5:30-6:30 PM ♦ Main Office, Commack ♦ \$15/GS
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Join Our Team—We Are Hiring!

Working at Girl Scouts is more than just a career. We work hard to make a difference in the lives of girls every day. As the largest youth-serving agency on Long Island, we are committed to building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. We're seeking talented, forward-thinking individuals who share our vision.

Girl Scouts of Suffolk County is an equal opportunity employer that values diversity in the workplace. We believe diversity in backgrounds and experiences makes us a stronger organization that is better able to relate to girls who reflect that same diverse makeup.

Current Openings:

- ▶ Coordinator of Camping Services
- ▶ Older Girl/Highest Award Coordinator
- ▶ Summer Camp Team
- ▶ P/T Product Sales Support
- ▶ P/T Product Sales Cupboard Aide
- ▶ P/T Community Program Facilitator



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& Apply Online](#)

Meet Our New Team Members!



Amy Keyes, *Director of Operations*

My job is ensuring all facets of GSSC are running as smoothly and effectively as possible. My daily responsibilities focus on maintaining and improving all our properties including our two camps. The biggest project I'm in charge of is the Smith Point Light Show, which I am already hard at work on and very excited about! One of my daughters is a Daisy and both of them go to Camp Edey for summer camp.

1. If you could earn a badge in any category, what would it be? *I'd love to earn a badge in sewing or knitting or crocheting. I've tried to learn a few times without any success.*
2. If you could teach a badge in any category, what would it be? *Probably public speaking. My job before I came to Girl Scouts involved a lot of speaking at public meetings and I've come to realize it's a skill not a lot of people have.*
3. What is your favorite Girl Scout Cookie? *Samoas, but Thin Mints are a close second!*



James Wiegand, *Assistant Camp Ranger*

My job is the upkeep of our campgrounds and office buildings. I also meet and coordinate with outside contractors and plan for upcoming projects. One of my daughters was a Brownie Girl Scout.

1. If you could earn a badge in any category, what would it be?
- I would love to learn about computer graphics.
2. If you could teach a badge in any category, what would it be?
- It'd be for carpentry and building.
3. What is your favorite Girl Scout Cookie? *Thin Mints are my favorite.*



Nancy Bresnihan-Medina, *Community Program Coordinator*

I am responsible for the management of our Girl Scouts Explorations Community Program. I coordinate with our program facilitators, assist at the program when needed and work with other departments to make the Girl Scout experience in our community accessible and fun for our girls.

1. If you could earn a badge in any category, what would it be? *- Life skills because I enjoy cooking. I love to gather family and friends for a beautiful, delicious, and decadent meal. I love to watch everyone's faces as they take their first bite and their looks tell it all. I love to see their eyes closed with expressions of pure joy and contentment..*
2. If you could teach a badge in any category, what would it be?
- Inclusion and tolerance. I think the world needs more tolerance and kindness to have a peaceful exchange of ideas. It's ok to have different opinions, but we must be able to find common ground to succeed.
3. What is your favorite Girl Scout Cookie? *Samoas are by far my very favorite. One bite of the sweet toasted coconut drizzle with just the right amount of chocolate. Yum!*

Meet Our New Team Members!



Amanda Adair, *Outdoor Program Specialist*

For my job, I create and facilitate outdoor programs for our Girl Scouts as well as STEM and cooking programs. I was a Daisy Girl Scout and I went to Camp Edey for Summer Camp when I was in 6th grade.

1. If you could teach a badge in any category, what would it be?
- *I would want to earn the Trees badge because I would love to learn more about trees!*
2. If you could teach a badge in any category, what would it be?
- *I would teach any of the animal badges such as Pets, Animal Habitats, Animal Helpers, and Voice for Animals.*
3. What is your favorite Girl Scout Cookie? *Samoas are my favorite!*



Graciela Cuji, *Bilingual Membership Specialist*

My job is helping Spanish speaking families understand what we have to offer, help girls join Girl Scouts and place them in troops, and make the experience fun and easy.

1. If you could earn a badge in any category, what would it be?
- *Barbie—Be Anything Do Everything or any of the Cybersecurity Badges.*
2. If you could teach a badge in any category, what would it be?
- *Any coding for good patches. I recently took up some coding classes and I really think the next generation of youth should learn coding to thrive in society.*
3. What is your favorite Girl Scout Cookie?
- *Tagalongs, but I really want to try the new Adventurefuls.*



Gina Recchia, *Retail Sales Associate*

Part of my job is assisting customers and helping with overall retail needs. Currently I've been focusing on visual merchandising and making our space even more beautiful! I have been a Girl Scout all my life. I started as a Brownie and continued on to receive my Girl Scout Gold Award. My mom was my leader throughout and now she works for GSSC as a Membership Specialist. Girl Scouting truly is part of our family tradition.

1. If you could teach a badge in any category, what would it be? *I'd choose the Space Science badge. My family has always loved science and I have many memories of me and my dad looking through our telescope at the moon. The universe we live in is so vast and it's important to try our best to learn about it!*
2. If you could teach a badge in any category, what would it be? *I'd choose the Outdoor Art Badge! I took a Studio Art minor in college and have worked with many different mediums such as film photography, painting, ceramics, and book making.*
3. What is your favorite Girl Scout Cookie? *Tagalongs! Putting it in the freezer is my favorite way of eating it.*

Inspirations: Girls Making The World A Better Place!

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Girl Scout Ambassador Troop 159 hosted their "Last First" Girl Scout Cookie Booth recently.



Girl Scout Troop 230 answered the call for supplies needed at nursing homes. They donated pop its, stuffed animals, candy and hand sanitizer.



Troop 3693 earned the Native American Heritage Month patch by learning about Long Island Native American history. They found out whose land they live on, how to make Fry Bread & made posters about Native American Women.



Girl Scouts from Troops 771 and 20 spent their Sunday at the Juliette Lowe Friendship Center baking bread. They donated 28 loaves to local food pantries for Thanksgiving.



Junior Girl Scout Troop 341 had an amazing year learning new skills, marching in a parade, earning their horseback riding badge at Deep Hollow Ranch, and their GS Way badge at Camp Norwesca.



Girl Scout Troop 799 created handmade Snowmen using rice & socks. They decorated them along with snowflake ornaments & donated them to Avalon in Nesconset.

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Girl Scout Troop 1194 are working on their Sisterhood Journey. As part of the project, they worked together to make a sisterhood collage.



Daisy Girl Scout Seraphina from Troop 1246 hosted a Stand-A-Bout Cooke Booth in front of her home.



Girl Scout Troop 890 were recently recognized at their local district's Board of Education meeting for completing and earning their Girl Scout Bronze Award. Congratulations!



Brownie Girl Scout Troop 2425 earned their Money Manager & Give Back Badges by using their troop funds to donate toys to Taylor's Hope, a foundation that raises awareness for Histiocytosis and provides toys to children.



Girl Scout Troop 1842 celebrated Veteran's Day by visiting the Long Island Stare Veteran's Home in Stony Brook. They placed American Flags and chalked the walkway with messages of "Thanks!"



Girl Scout Junior Troop 2179 participated in a virtual experience with NASCAR Hall of Fame. They learned about the science behind both cars and race cards as well as designing a model, engineering a balloon car, and more.

What's New at the Girl Scout Shoppe!

Coming Soon: Badge in a Box!

The Girl Scout Shoppe is creating kits for badges & fun patch activities.

Includes instructions, theme inspired games and activities, plus a fun Girl Scout shop item. Try the activities as a troop or at home with your favorite Girl Scout. Limited stock available so get yours today!

March Box: Celebrate HERstory with this kit celebrating Women's History Month! Includes a Women's History Month Patch, Girl Scout Trefoil Tech Mirror, and Card Making Supplies.



Strike a Pose

Girl Scouts are loving the new official merchandise. We want to see you in your Girl Scout Best!

Share your photos and tag us:

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442 Moreland Rd, Commack

- Monday, Tuesday, and Friday: 10 am - 5 pm
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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



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New! GSSC Plush Blankets

These velvety soft blankets are a warm and welcome addition to any home.

Comes in Black/White Plaid or Graphite Grey. 100% polyester, fully hemmed, dimensions: 50" x 60", brown leather patch etched with 'GSSC' on bottom corner of blanket. Pre-order by Feb. 18 for only \$25.00 each. (Regular price \$28.00 each.)



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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.

Girl Scout Graduation Regalia

Cap off her Girl Scout experience with the graduation regalia to match. Shop the cords, stole, and tassel that will distinguish her achievements on graduation day.



Girl Scout Graduation Regalia Tassel

Hats off to you, Girl Scout graduates! Green and white tassel features 1" gold tone trefoil charm. Polyester with metal charm. Imported. **\$12.00**

Girl Scout Graduation Regalia Cords

Congratulations, Girl Scout graduates! Personalize your graduation day look with a finishing touch that represents all the adventures and achievements of your Girl Scout experience. These green and white regalia cords twist and connect in a top knot. Ends are knotted and embellished with a fringe tassel. 28" long complete with 1" gold tone trefoil charm. Polyester with metal charm. Imported. **\$25.00**



Girl Scout Graduation Regalia Stole

Girl Scout graduates, you deserve recognition! This regalia stole was designed to honor all the adventures and achievements of your Girl Scout experience on your special day. Embroidered with a solid white trefoil on one panel, this green satin accessory features classically styled pointed ends. Intended for junior high and high school graduations. Polyester satin. Imported. **\$35.00**

