

# GSSC NEWS

Winter/Spring 2021 - News & Program Information from Girl Scouts of Suffolk County

## Spring Into Fun with GSSC

*Dear Friends,*

*It may be cold outside, but we are already looking ahead to spring!*

Our [Girl Scout Cookie program](#) is in full-swing, and is a wonderful way for girls to develop important life skills such as goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics. During this unprecedented time of COVID-19, we understand that this cookie season will look a little different than in years past. Be sure to [visit our website](#) to learn all the different ways you can participate in the Girl Scout cookie program.

We are also delighted to continue to offer exciting and innovative virtual programs and trainings. Please be sure to check our [online calendar](#) regularly for program and training availability.

In the constantly changing landscape of COVID-19, we remain committed to bringing our girls and volunteers the best Girl Scout experience possible. Please continue to visit our [Facebook](#) page and [website](#) to stay apprised of updates and announcements regarding COVID-19 as they pertain to Girl Scouts.

Thank you, and we look forward to serving all of you this spring.

*Sincerely,*



Tammy Severino  
Interim President & CEO



Donna Smeland  
Chair of the Board



### Attention GS Ambassadors! *Apply for GSSC's Past Presidents Scholarship!*

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

**Application Deadline: March 5, 2021**

[Learn more & apply.](#)



### Nominate Volunteers for GSSC's Adult Awards!

GSSC volunteers give themselves and their time to the Girl Scout Movement and help girls become strong, confident leaders of tomorrow.

Nominate your outstanding leaders for recognition by **March 31**.

[Learn more & nominate.](#)

# GSSC's Smith Point Light Show Has Banner Year in 2020

## SMITH POINT LIGHT SHOW

*Thanks to the generous support of its sponsors, community members, Girl Scouts, and volunteers, GSSC's Smith Point Light Show enjoyed its most successful show in 2020.*

Thousands of families throughout Suffolk County enjoyed the mile-long trail of glittering light displays on the shores of Smith Point Beach in Shirley, New York.

GSSC was also delighted to unveil five light show displays designed by several Suffolk Girl Scouts as part of its all-new *Girl Scout Holiday Way* display.

Proceeds from the Smith Point Light show help to benefit Girl Scout leadership programs and outreach services, provide financial aid to those in need, and help to maintain stewardship of GSSC's camp properties.

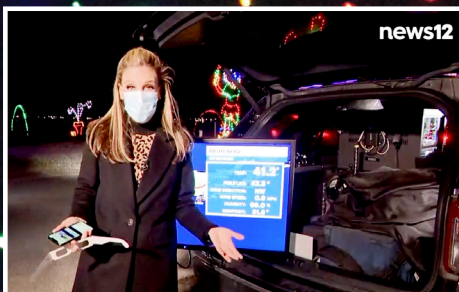
GSSC looks forward to welcoming everyone back to the light show in 2021!



*Suffolk Girl Scout-designed displays in the all-new GS Holiday Way attraction light up the wintry night.*



*GSSC's Smith Point Light Show was off to a great start with extensive video coverage from Newsday on opening night!*



*GSSC was delighted to welcome Samantha Augeri, meteorologist from News12 Long Island, who spent an evening forecasting the weather live from the Smith Point Light Show!*

**Thank You to GSSC's Light Show Sponsors:**



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# GSSC Recognizes 2019-2020 Gold Award Girl Scouts at Virtual Ceremony

***GSSC recognized more than 90  
2019-2020 Gold Award Girl Scouts  
at its Virtual Gold Award Ceremony  
in February.***

The evening began with congratulatory opening remarks from GSSC's Interim President & CEO, Tammy Severino, followed by remarks from GSSC's Chair of the Board, Donna Smeland.

GSSC was also delighted to welcome special guest speaker, Judith Batty, Interim CEO for Girl Scouts of the USA, along with showing a special message from Kathy Hochul, Lieutenant Governor of New York State, and other local officials. Local dignitaries and school superintendents were also present to show their support and extend their congratulations to GSSC's Gold Award Girl Scouts.

***To learn more about GSSC's  
2019-2020 Gold Award Girl Scouts and  
their inspiring projects, you can [download  
the Girl Scout Gold Award Yearbook.](#)***

## ***Congratulations to the 2019-2020 Gold Award Girl Scouts:***

Colette Albertson  
Milena Albertson  
Jennifer Andrews  
Samantha Barcia  
Catherine Bell  
Vanessa Blasi  
Bianca Blasi  
Naomi Blowe  
Sarah Bock  
Maille Bowerman  
Emily Broomhead  
Lindsay Cahill  
Madeline Canonico  
Karalynn Cantwell  
Jessica Castiglione  
Fariyah Chowdhury  
Rebecca Clock  
Grace Colletti  
Nicole Conlon  
Erin Corcoran  
Lillian Cordes  
Gioianna DiGiorgio  
Sara DiMaggio  
Lillian Dookram  
Savannah Farrugia  
Delia Ferrigno  
Diana Fogel  
Kathleen Gennings  
Diana Girandola  
Brianna Griesman  
Alyssa Guiang  
Gillian Hicks  
Caroline Hines

Lucia Ibrahim  
Rina Gabriella Jenne  
Grace Keles  
Caleigh Kilmurray  
Jennifer Kruszewski  
Kathryn Kuroda  
Allison Leute  
Lexi Lewis  
Katie Longobardo  
Sofia Lorente  
Kathleen Loscalzo  
Stella Mancini  
Julianne Martin  
Carly McCaffrey  
Amanda McCague  
Ava McGovern  
Arianna McMorris  
Erin Meagher  
Rose Meschi  
Katie Moore  
Alexandria Morrow  
Stephanie Mullan  
Carly Murray  
Angelina Nappi  
Nicole Nicou  
Aidan Noble  
Mollie O'Hanlon  
Julianna Orkin  
Courtney Palumbo  
Lauren Redelman  
Meghan Reilly  
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Sophia Sacchetti

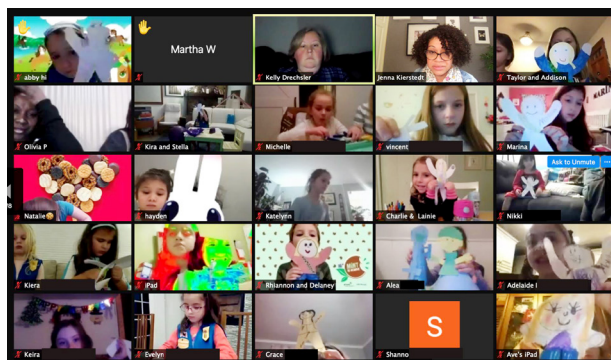
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Melissa Scandiffio  
Emily Scarbrough  
Hailey Schiller  
Jennifer Sebok  
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Symrn Shah  
Sarah Shaljian  
Rena Smith  
Sarah Smith  
Sofia Stirpe  
Nicole Strong  
Anna Tast  
Caitlin Tucker  
Emma Turner  
Natalie Ugenti  
Hailey Van Cott  
Alexa Vargas  
Diya Varma  
Sara Voza  
Emily Waldvogel  
Erica Whitman  
Alisa York  
Katrina Zabransky  
Deah Zajmi  
Erin Zipman



## Girls Had a Great Time at GSSC's Virtual Cookie Rally!



GSSC's Virtual Cookie Rally was a resounding success! More than 400 Girl Scouts joined us for an evening of crafts, special activities, tips on increasing their cookie sales, earning cookie badges and more!



**[Watch the Cookie Rally](#)**



## **Don't Miss These Upcoming Programs!**

***Get a taste of all the fun she'll  
have as a Girl Scout.***

- ***Kraftin' with Kerry***
- ***MythBusters Lab***
- ***The Baking Coach***

**[Register Online](#)**

## **In the Business of Baking: Meet Suffolk Girl Scout & Baking Entrepreneur, Caroline Severino!**

*Cadette Girl Scout Caroline Severino, from Troop 613, launched her own baking business, That's Sweet Bakery, in 2019. The business, which is also certified by the NYS Department of Agriculture, features a variety of cupcakes and cookies, along with regular and vegan brownies.*

*GSSC News caught up with Caroline to learn what inspired her to begin her own business, how her Girl Scout experience helped her along the way, and more.*



▲ Caroline Severino, owner of That's Sweet Bakery, prepares to bake up another delicious recipe in the kitchen.

### **What inspired you to start your own business?**

I've been baking with my mom since I was three years old. I used to stand on a chair to pour ingredients or mix the batter. As I got older, I liked to watch baking and cooking shows and competitions—like *Chopped Jr.*, *Zumbo's Just Desserts*, *Sugar Rush*, *Kids Baking Championship*, *Holiday Cookie Challenge*, *The Final Table* and so many more. Then, in 2019, I went to New York City with my mom for a conference. There were a lot of women business owners at the conference. I had a chance to speak with them and learn about their business experiences over the years. I realized I could bring my love of baking into a business. I was able to put together the things I had learned into something important to me—baking, business, and women.

### **How did Girl Scouts play a role in your business inspiration?**

I've been selling Girl Scout cookies for years. I've worked at booth sales since I was in Daisies and have been in the environment of selling products and making people happy for awhile.



▲ A tray of delightful cookie confections by That's Sweet Bakery.



▲ Holiday orders are prepared and ready to go for distribution.

### **How did the skills you learned from selling Girl Scout cookies help you in beginning and maintaining your own baking business?**

Learning how to balance my schedule was super important. I learned how to handle the financial part as well as how to make things look enticing for potential customers. I learned how to treat my customers well and to say thank you. These were all things I learned selling Girl Scout cookies.

### **What is the most important thing you've learned from running your own business?**

Being able to balance everything is really important. It took me some time to work it all out but now I can get everything baked and packaged, attend an event, and still be prepared for tests and homework because my grades are really important to me.



## Why is Girl Scouting important to you?

Girl Scouts has given me opportunities and experiences I don't think I would have had otherwise. And, with Girl Scouts, I have made and kept friendships that have lasted for a really long time. My friends from my troop mean a lot to me.

## What advice would you give to other Girl Scouts who want to start their own business?

If it's something that you love doing and that is super important to you, then go for it. And, since you are a kid, make sure you have some support because doing it on your own is hard. Having someone to support your dream is so helpful because they are encouraging you.



▲ Cupcakes, a specialty at That's Sweet Bakery, are ready to be enjoyed!



▲ An assortment of delicious cookies from That's Sweet Bakery.

## Which is your favorite dessert to bake?

I love making cupcakes. I love all the parts – the cake part, the fillings, and the buttercreams. Each component is so different but when you bring them together, the flavors can explode and be something even better.

## And of course, we have to ask: Which is your favorite Girl Scout cookie?

My favorite Girl Scout cookie is the Lemon-Ups. I like the little bit of tartness they have—they're refreshing.

Follow Caroline and her terrific treats on Instagram! [@ThatsSweetBakery\\_NY](https://www.instagram.com/ThatsSweetBakery_NY)



## GSSC Contest Alert: Re-name GSSC News!

Submit a NEW name for the GSSC News e-newsletter by March 31 & Be Entered to Win a Special GS Prize Pack!  
Contest Open to All GS Levels!  
(Individual Entries Only.)

Questions? [customercare@gssc.us](mailto:customercare@gssc.us)



Submit Entry

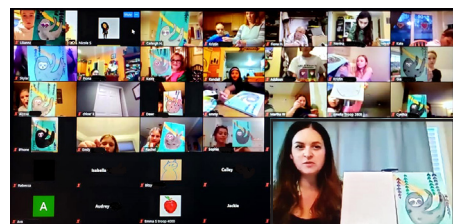
## Inspirations:

Girls Making The World  
A Better Place



## Helping Those in Need

Girls in Troop 2776 filled more than 30 boxes of toys and toiletries to be shipped to children worldwide.



## Paint Party

Girls in SU 65 held a Virtual Paint Party! Seventy-six Girl Scouts painted a cute sloth together. Everyone did a great job!



## Food for Families

Girls in Troop 914 shopped for enough food to provide three Long Island families a full Thanksgiving dinner from turkey to dessert. The girls also made cards to go with the food donations to St. Gerard's Church.

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# It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

We know this cookie season will be unlike any other, but we have new tools and information to help you succeed.

**Get Started**



## ◀ Meet Hope

Little Brownie's newest mascot for this year! Check out the fun-filled world with games, videos and activities about Hope. [My Cookie Friend](#)



## Digital Cookie

It's the ultimate way to supercharge your cookie sale and this year it's even better! Create your personalized site and send emails to customers. This year you can also use the Digital Cookie platform to create a QR code.



[Learn More](#)

## Buy Cookies Online

You can buy cookies online, ship them to your home and support a Girl Scout Troop in your area!

[Find Cookies!](#) (Troop sites are randomized during search.)

You can also support GSSC and buy cookies directly from us and ship to your home. Scan the QR code ▶ or [Click Here to Buy Online](#).



## More Resources

- Join one of our [Cookie Chats with Kelly](#) & we'll answer your questions!
- Check out Little Brownie Bakers' [We've Got This Toolkit](#)
- Try a virtual cookie booth! Get started with these ready-to-use social media graphics. [Virtual Cookie Booth Social Resources](#)
- Find information on the [Cookie Entrepreneur Family Pin](#) and [Cookie Business Badges](#) and [share your cookie story](#) to inspire others around the country.
- Enjoy special resources for [Troop Leaders & Volunteers](#) to help you find your way and inspire your girls.
- More content from GSUSA is available at [girlscoutcookies.org](#)

**Resources**

**We're in this together. And together, We've Got This!**

## Shop Cookie Items



### a. Cookie Yard Sign

This customizable sign can be used to show your Digital Cookie personalized site to your friends and neighbors. 24"W x 16"H Corrugated plastic sign with galvanized steel H Stake. **\$10.00**

### b. Caticorn and Cookie Reversible Youth Face Covering

This youth-sized face covering features a smiling unicorn kitty on one side and Girl Scout cookies on the other! Soft and stretchy ear loop straps adjust for a closer, more comfortable fit. **\$16.00**

**c. Thank You Cards Set** Give these cookie themed cards to your favorite customers to show that extra appreciation. 3.5" x 5" Card with graphic on the front, blank inside with blank envelopes. (50 qty.) **\$10.50**

**Full Details & More Items Online!**

**Shop Online**



## Questions?

**We are here to help!**  
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# Earn These Patches & Rewards!

Here are just a few of the rewards you can earn! Rewards are cumulative up to 399 boxes. [See ALL rewards online.](#)



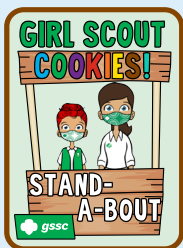
You can earn This **Phone Selfie Light** when you sell 150+ boxes through Digital Cookie.



When your Troop sells 2000+ boxes overall, each Girl in Troop that participated gets a **Mint to Achieve T-shirt.**



Earn the **◀ We've Got This Patch** when you sell 12+ boxes.



Host a Stand-A-Bout and sell 70+ boxes to earn the **Stand-A-Bout Patch.**  
[Plus earn the Booth Sale Patch](#)



Earn the **Journal & Cookie Decals** when you sell 150-199 boxes.



Earn an **American Girl Doll ▶** when you sell 500+ boxes. (Styles may vary)  
[Or choose another 500+ reward.](#)

[Learn More Online](#)

# Inspirations:

*Girls Making The World A Better Place*



## Virtual Weaving Project

Girls in Troop 133 did a weaving project where they weaved a coaster to give to a loved one.



## Books & the Bronze Award

Girls in Troop 1151 were a week away from completing their Bronze Award when COVID restrictions were enacted. They were granted an extension and made a Little Free Library for the local civic association.



## Showing Support

Girls in Troop 1324 hosted a family food train for Stony Brook Hospital staff. They delivered food and made signs to show their appreciation for healthcare workers during the pandemic.

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## Cookie Season is HERE!

Celebrate cookie season with the latest collection of Girl Scout Cookie apparel, accessories, and marketing items for all ages.

**d. All I Want Are Girl Scout Cookies Ceramic Jar** White, ceramic jar features a classic cookie design and "All I Want in Life are Girl Scout Cookies" imprint in black with a solid black trefoil on back. Approximately 9" H x 6 1/2" D. **\$25.00**



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**e. Cookie Team Hoodie**

This soft and comfortable hoodie features kangaroo pockets and banded cuffs and bottom. With green screen print, cookie images and 1912. Girl sizes XS - XL: **\$24.95**, Adult Sizes SM-2X: **\$29.95**

**Shop Online**

*Full Details & More Items Online!*

f.



**f. Money Pouch**

11" x 5 1/2" Vinyl, Zip top pouch, 2-Sided. **\$5.00**

## GS Shoppe Curbside Pick-Up Info



Available at the  
**Commack Shoppe**  
442 Moreland Road,  
Commack, NY  
Monday-Thursday: 10a - 4p

Due to limited staff, pick-up from Edey or Riverhead must be requested by email: Ann at [apicariello@gssc.us](mailto:apicariello@gssc.us) and/or Maria at [mracca@gssc.us](mailto:mracca@gssc.us)

**Shop Online**

## Check Out This Year's My Girl Scout Kits!

New program materials & apparel.  
**PLUS** purchase \$60+ for one grade level & receive a **FREE** drawstring bag!  
Limit of 10 free bags per transaction.

**SHOP HERE**



## Shop The Older Girl Collection



### Official Cadette, Senior, Ambassador Cargo Vest

Add your Girl Scout insignia and all those hard-earned badges, or simply wear this vest as a lightweight layer. Designed for utility and style, it features two zipper pockets, two cargo pockets with snap closures, and an elastic cinched waist. [Full Details](#). **\$34.00**

**Shop Collection**



### Official Cadette, Senior, Ambassador Pocket Sash

This sash was created with an interior pocket sized perfectly for a cell phone and necessities like an ID or money. Made with soft woven twill and 4-way stretch spandex, this close-seamed sash moves with you and drapes flawlessly. [Full Details](#). **\$14.00**



## Check Out the Girl Scout Essentials Guide!

Find everything you'll need in this interactive catalog for an amazing year of Girl Scouts!



**View Here**



## Inspirations: Girls Making The World A Better Place



### Sending Valentines

Girls in Troop 2232 participated in the National Service Project with AARP and made Valentine's Day cards for residents at a local rest home.



### Spreading Holiday Cheer

Girls in Troop 1478 brought holiday cheer to the residents of a home for those with disabilities. The girls decorated a tree and included mini stockings with each resident's and staff member's name.



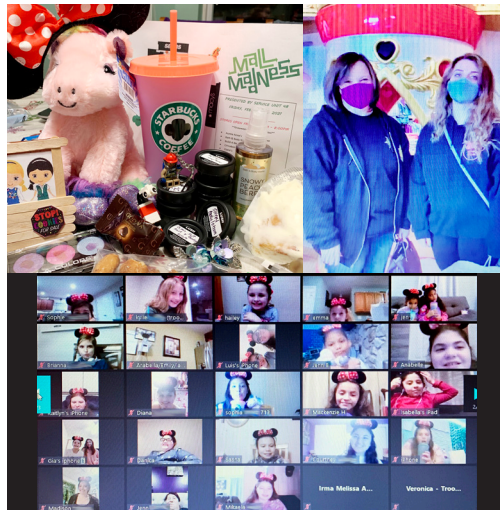
### Kindness Garden

Cadette Makenzie from Troop 2670 spearheaded a beautiful kindness garden in memory of a beloved teacher from Kings Park School District, who died tragically last year.



### Making the World a Better Place

Girls in Troop 1986 did a *Take Action Project* where they each created a poster to educate and explain how stereotyping is hurtful. The posters are displayed at their school to facilitate constructive conversations.



### Virtual Shopping Party

*No Cookie-Palooza? No problem!*  
Girls in SU 48 had the mall brought to them, complete with video clips and mall maps. The girls searched their bags to see in which stores they were "shopping" while together on Zoom.



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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.

Building girls of  
courage, confidence,  
and character,  
who make the world  
a better place.

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