

# GIRL Talk!

GSSC's Magazine - Summer 2022 Issue



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# Save The Date—Upcoming Program!

Girl Scouts Love State Parks is Back!



Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend September 9-10, 2022

### Girl Scout Summer Adventures!

Dear Girl Scout Families,

The end of the school year is often a time for celebration as Girl Scouts all over Suffolk County come together before the summer begins. Your troop may be having a big end-of-year party, working on a take-action project, or celebrating with your Service Unit at a bridging event. But we hope you can take some time to reflect and be proud of all your accomplishments. The past few years have been difficult, and we have had to grow and adapt to meet the changing times. But through it all you have kept us inspired, motivated, and ready to take on new challenges. Girl Scouts have been working to make things better for 110 years, and we are not stopping any time soon.

Our Gold Award Dinner was held in early June, and we were able to celebrate the remarkable dedication of the Gold Award Girl Scout Class of 2022. These Gold Award Girl Scouts are changing the world today, and their ingenuity enables them to meaningfully address some of the most



Photo credit: Melissa Gibilaro, Summer Camp Overnight Assistant Director at Camp Edey.

pressing issues facing our community and the world. Gold Award Girl Scouts are ready to meet any challenges that come their way—in college, their careers, and beyond. We cannot wait to see what they do next.

The Gold Award may be the pinnacle of a girl's time in Girl Scouting, but these girls have been preparing for this moment since day one. Everything a Girl Scout does—from planning her first camping trip to pitching her cookie customers to volunteering in her community—helps her develop the confidence, determination, and resiliency she'll use to make the world a better place. Every Girl Scout already has what it takes to make a lasting impact in her community and beyond.

As you read this installment of GIRL Talk, we hope you find inspiration in the stories of our incredible Girl Scouts. Girl Scouts can do anything, and their commitment to making the world a better place is a thing to celebrate all year round.

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Donna Smeland Chair of the Board





### Important Dates

➤ Summer Camp June 27-August 26



### Save the Dates

- ➤ Girl Scouts Love State Parks September 10-11, 2022
- ➤ Fall into Girl Scouts September 17, 2022

### **Holiday Closures:**

- ► Labor Day, September 5
- ➤ Indigenous Peoples' Day / Columbus Day, Oct. 10

View our online event/ programs calendar

# Nancy Entenmann Award 20

### Congratulations to Celeste Davis, the Nancy Entenmann Award Recipient for 2022.

The Nancy Entenmann Award is bestowed annually upon an individual like Nancy Entenmann whose outstanding contributions have made a lasting impact on the Girl Scouts of Suffolk County. Recipients of this prestigious award exemplify the Girl Scout spirit and are committed to the mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.



She has served in various roles as a volunteer, including Troop Leader, SU Coordinator, and SU Treasurer, and at the council level as a member of the MAC committee and as a National Delegate to the 49th National Convention in 2002.

Celeste is an amazing volunteer who has contributed her time and passion to the Girl Scouts of Suffolk County for 25 years. Find out more about Celeste in this biography written by her daughters, and former Girl Scouts, Sydney, and Taylor Davis.

Celeste McMillan Davis was born in Brooklyn and raised in Queens, New York. There, she joined Girl Scouts of Greater New York as a Junior Girl Scout. Her favorite parts of Girl Scouting were completing badgework and going to day camp. As a teen, she moved to Long Island where she finished high school. She later attended and graduated

from Hofstra University. She met her husband, Roy, while in college, and they later married.

Celeste worked in banking as a commercial lender. She worked her way up to Vice President of the Loan Officer Department of European American Bank, where Donald Trump was her biggest



client. After a successful banking career, Celeste decided to become a stay-at-home mother to raise her two young daughters.

In 1997, Celeste became a Girl Scout leader when her daughter joined the local Daisy troop. Her mother was unable to be her Girl Scout leader, so she was determined to do it for her daughters. She even encouraged her husband to become an adult volunteer so he, too, could join in the fun. As her daughter, Taylor, advanced through the Scouting ranks, her younger daughter, Sydney, also enrolled. Both were actively involved, having earned the prestigious Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards. Despite them aging out of the organization, Celeste stayed put. She has served in various roles as a volunteer, including Troop Leader, SU Coordinator, and SU Treasurer, and at the council level as a member of the MAC committee and as a National Delegate to the 49th National Convention in 2002.



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Beyond Girl Scouts, Celeste is an administrative clerk at the Town of Hempstead Department of Sanitation and co-owner of Big Papa's Barbecue with her husband. She is a cat grandmother to the beautiful Davina Claire. In her spare time, she enjoys cozying up and watching a Hallmark movie.

In April, Celeste was featured in Newsday as one of a few dedicated longtime Scouting volunteers who, despite the demands of work and family, continue to contribute time and energy to help mold the next generation of Scouts long after their children aged out of Scouting. This is now her 25th year with Girl Scouts of Suffolk County. Although the love for her daughters brought her to Girl Scouting, it's her love of Girl Scouting that has kept her here.

### Read the Newsday article: <u>Older Scouts bring</u> <u>wisdom, commitment to organizations</u>



Read the Newsday article: Smart cookies!
How Girl Scouts develops entrepreneurs
Learn more about Girl Scouts and how to become a volunteer today



# Inspirations: Girls Making The World A Better Place!

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Brownie Maggie M. from Troop 2425 knows how important it is to keep plastics out of our landfills and water supplies. She and her mom collected 20lbs of used markers to be recycled.



Girl Scout Troop 890 participated in a CPR/First Aid Course and had a great time learning a new skill and are prepared for anything.



Daisy Girl Scout Troop 2299 marched in the Sayville Memorial Day Parade and Service at Sparrow Park.

# Silver Award Spotlight: Troop 4

By Lisa Muroff & Nancy Eason, Troop Leaders of 4946

It has been a rewarding and wonderful experience working with Little Flower for our Girl Scout Silver Award.

Our troop has been together since starting their Girl Scout journey as Daisy's. Over the years the girls have been involved in many rewarding community projects from helping animals through different animal shelters, food drives for the church where we hold our meetings and for our Bronze award, where the girls worked with the Long Island Against Domestic Violence Abuse Shelters. Little Flower offered a different and more personal way for the girls to get involved, which has built a bond with our girls and the children at Little Flower.

Our journey to help Little Flower began in September of 2021 with a backpack drive. Due to Covid it was challenging, however our troop persevered and came up with alternate ways to collect the items needed for the backpacks through community outreach, friends, family etc. They were successful in obtaining over 25 backpacks, lunch boxes along with many needed school supplies such as markers, pencils, notebooks crayons and many other items.

In the fall the girls quickly shifted gears and began to plan for the holidays for Little Flower. They sponsored two cottages with 8 girls in each, for a total of 16 girls. Our troop voted on a Christmas tree theme for each cottage and handmade Christmas ornaments based on the theme.



**Troop 4946:** (Left to Right) Madison Muroff, Sophia Eason, Brooke Doscher, Madison McKinnon, Sharon Huong, Sofia Rae Gallarza; Troop Leaders Lisa Muroff, Nancy Eason, Dawn Doscher (Not pictured)



Additionally, 2 artificial Christmas trees, lights, tree skirts and other decorations all coordinated with the theme, were donated to each cottage. The girls hope that over the years the trees and ornaments will become a new tradition for girls at Little Flower.

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Through community outreach they were also able to make baskets of hot chocolate and cookies, provide an ice-cream maker with various toppings, provide gift bags containing light up necklaces, fluffy socks, and many other snacks for the girls to enjoy while they celebrated the festivities of the Holiday season. Outreach coordination with a local Dance Performance Team also allowed Little Flower to be the recipient of the proceeds from their annual charity Christmas show.

In December, the girls were able to shop and provide all gifts on the wish lists provided by Little Flower for all 16 girls. The action plan was again obtained through community outreach, social media campaigns and family and friends. The troop was able to provide approximately \$5,000 dollars' worth of gifts for the girls in both cottages. In addition to obtaining all the items on the wish lists,

# 946's Project with Little Flower







each girl at Little Flower received a Christmas stocking personalized with their name and filled with many personal gifts.

The list provided to the troop only gave the girl's first name, what she wished to receive, her likes, sizes, and preferred clothing items. The list in turn provided a sense of who the girls at Little Flower are. This helped create a bond with our girls and allowed them to relate, although they had never met. Our girls hoped that with what they had done, that they would provide the girls at Little Flower with a sense of love, acceptance and to know they are cared for by our Troop and not alone in the world. It was an emotional and heartfelt experience for our Troop.

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In the Spring of 2022, our troop looks forward to continuing to help at Little Flower. They will be working on a beautification project planting flowers, bushes, and flowerpots around some of the Statues and gazebo on the grounds for all to enjoy.

It has been truly an experience the girls will carry with them. To give one's time is truly the greatest gift one can give. Our girls have given throughout the years and are happy spreading joy to others. Watching them grow and give back is an honor.

Learn more about the <u>Girl Scout Silver Award</u>. Give back to the community with <u>Girl Scout National Service Projects</u>.

### Girl Scout Silver Award Breakfast

### Congratulations to our Silver Award Girl Scouts!

We recognized and honored two classes (2020-2021 & 2021-2022) of Girl Scouts at the Inn and Spa at East Wind, Wading River on March 12, 2022. It was amazing to see our volunteers, parents/caregivers, and Girl Scouts in-person after these past challenging years.

The Silver Award is the highest award a Cadette can earn and we cannot wait to see what these amazing young scouts achieve in their future endeavors.

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### GSSC's Annual Meeting: Celebrating Resilience

The 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was held at the Juliette Low Friendship Center at Camp Edey on May 11, 2022.

GSSC's President and CEO Tammy Severino and members of the Board of Directors led by Board Chair Donna Smeland, met with council delegates, volunteers, Girl Scout parents and caregivers, and staff to commemorate the accomplishments of 2021 and elect the new Board of Directors. Council Delegates also approved the slate of delegates for the next National Convention to be held in July of 2023.

The Past President Scholarship recipients for 2022 received certificates and were commended at the event, along with 2022's Nancy Entenmann Award recipient, Celeste Davis. And the new Media Girls program was presented to the council as those in attendance were recognized. It was an acknowledgement of the resilience

shown by Girl Scouts and volunteers through 2021 and a celebration of the hope and commitment to the mission that lies ahead.

Watch our State of the Council video Read our 2021 Annual Report





### The Adult Award Recognition Dinner

### The Adult Award Recognition Dinner celebrates the outstanding work of the volunteers of GSSC.

This year's event was held at the Inn at East Wind in Wading River and was the first time we were able to celebrate in-person since 2019. The Disney-themed event had over 450 people in attendance and presented awards to over 300 volunteers.

Volunteers give their time and dedication to help girls become the strong, confident, leaders of tomorrow. They teach leadership, outdoor appreciation, entrepreneurship, and philanthropy while making sure that girls have fun and make new friends. They inspire Girl Scouts to make a difference and change the world. Join us as we celebrate the amazing volunteers of the Girl Scouts of Suffolk County.

President and CEO Tammy Severino and Board Chair Donna Smeland presented awards to volunteers from all over Suffolk County.

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### Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony

We were thrilled to host our Gold Award ceremony in honor of the 57 Ambassador Girl Scouts who earned the Girl Scout Gold Award on Thursday, June 2, at the Inn at East Wind.

The Gold Award is the highest achievement in Girl Scouting and the preeminent leadership award for high school girls. A Gold Award Girl Scout, no matter her background or ability, learns to tap into the world-changing power within her. She identifies an issue that's important to her and develops and implements a sustainable solution with measurable impact for her community and beyond.

With over 160 people in attendance, our girls were presented with their Gold Award by Tammy Severino, GSSC President & CEO, and Board Chair, Donna Smeland. Local officials and invited guests offered their congratulations. And our guest speaker, Dr. Amy Loeb, Executive Director of Northwell Health's Peconic Bay Medical Center, inspired the girls to step into their own power and dream big. It was a wonderful night to celebrate these remarkable young women and their momentous achievements.

We are exceedingly proud of these young women and offer our congratulations for all they have achieved.

#### Join the Girl Scout Gold Award Celebration:

- ➤ Watch our video playlist on YouTube
- ➤ View all the photos from our event
- Read about each Girl Scouts' project in our yearbook













### Congratulations to Our Gold Award Girl Scouts:

Eleanora Alloway
Piper Altman
Adriana Ancilleri
Kristen Arena
Rianna Balz
Zoe Bussewitz
Kristen Cada
Madeleine Casamento
Elizabeth Combs
Mia DeSimone
Olivia Fasano
Zoe Feigel
Lexi Frieder
Victoria Glass
Ashleigh Golden

Carleen Gordon
Megan Guarascio
Julie Hago
Emily Hedges
Alyssa Hubbs
Alexis Huntington
Elisa Hustedt
Kelly Kuhner
Brianna LoFrese
Marissa Lollo
Okiah Makely
Nicole Martiny
Nina Matusiak
Sara Ann Mauro
Madison Mazovec

Heather Mendes
Dana Menier
Ava Moore
Isabella Musacchia
Melina Nicou
Caleigh Nixon
Julia Pappania
Torre Parrinello
Carli Pavlik
Hannah Proce
Olivia Raineri
Abby Rock
Abigail Rothleder
Alexeus Ruland
Christina Russell

Charlotte Sakal
Monica Saluk
Faith Schwartz
Jazmyne Simpson
Madison Slesinski
Sofia Stacchiola
Briana Uebel
Jeanine Uebel
Isabella Vitola
Abigail Wing
Blythe Wing
Claire Wing

### Council Update to Gold Award Proposal Submission Process:

In order for applicants to have a sufficient amount of time to successfully complete the Gold Award and stay in compliance with GSUSA guidelines, <u>all Gold Award proposals must be submitted to the council via Go</u>

<u>Gold Online no later than October 1 of the applicant's year of graduation.</u> Submissions after that date or not submitted via Go Gold Online will not be accepted.

Learn more about this update & the Girl Scout Gold Award

### Girl Scout Cookie Wrap Up: Climb with Courage

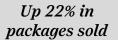
# The 2022 Girl Scout Cookie Sale was a slightly larger adventure than originally planned.

But through it all, our Girl Scouts and Volunteers showed true courage and ingenuity. And business skills? This year our Girl Scouts learned the 5 Skills: goal-setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics, but they also learned real-life lessons on supply



chain management and IT systems. That's a lot for any Girl Scout or volunteer. But the resilience that they showed was remarkable. Our Girl Scouts found new and innovative ways to hit their goals. And whether they tried new techniques like stand-a-bouts and virtual booths using the Digital Cookie platform or old favorites like door-to-door sales and traditional booths, they found a way to persevere and Climb with Courage. Congratulations Girl Scouts!







Up 9% in Girl Scouts selling

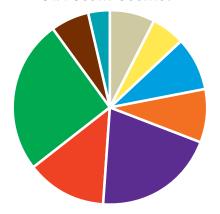


Up 32% in Digital Cookie sales



909,956 packages sold

### What's your favorite Girl Scout Cookie?\*



- Adventurefuls 7.3%
- Lemon Ups 5.3%
- Trefoils 8.3%
- Do-Si-Dos 8.4%
- Samoas 19.3%
- Tagalongs 12.6%
- *Thin Mints 24.3%*
- Girl Scout S'mores 5.9%
- Toffee Tastics 3.4%

\*This data represents the mix of Girl Scout Cookies sold in Suffolk County in 2022.



Fall Product Program 2022 Mags & Munchies

Starting This September



### Back in ACTION at Girl Fest 2022

### Girl Scouts Can Do Anything!

On June 11, Girl Scouts and families from all over Suffolk County came together to celebrate girl empowerment at beautiful Camp Edey. Performances by School of Rock, knot tying from members of the Coast Guard, and a DJ playing tunes kept everyone entertained and energized at this amazing event.

The family-fun event showcased local vendors, like Reflective Magic, Muffin Krafts, Color Street and That's Sweet Bakery. It was also attended by local community partners like Catholic Health Services, Project Hope, and New York Power Authority. Girl Scouts and their families sampled local food trucks, tried arts and crafts, and took rides on pedal boats on the lake at Camp Edey. And of course, the Girl Scout Shoppe was there with event merchandise and gifts.

Our Media Girls were on site to take photos and interview vendors and guests, including GSSC's President and CEO Tammy Severino. Some of their videos were even used in a story that ran on <u>News 12</u>. It was a beautiful day in celebration of Girl Power and the incredible Girl Scouts of GSSC.

### View Photos on Facebook

### Thank you to our vendors:

- ➤ Big Black Food Truck
- ▶ By A Thread
- ➤ Catholic Health
- ➤ Coach Joe Cullen
- ➤ Color Street Nails
- ➤ Frodos Franks
- ➤ Hometown Heroes:
  - US Coast Guard
  - EMT
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct Suffolk County Police Dept.
- ➤ Janine Bullis' Wreaths
- ➤ Kona Ice Long Island

















### ➤ Lyssa Rose

- ➤ LovettDJs
- ➤ Muffin Krafts
- ➤ New York Power Authority
- ➤ Project Hope
- ➤ Reflective Magic
- ➤ School of Rock
- ➤ Selina's Sweets & Treats
- ➤ Sundaes Donuts
- ➤ That's Sweet Bakery
- ➤ VirtualTherapyForKids.com

### Past Presidents Scholarship

### Congratulations to our Past President's Scholarship recipients!

The 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. This scholarship is presented annually to five exemplary Girl Scouts at our Council Annual Meeting. Here are the 2022 recipients:







Kristen Arena



Catherine Bell



Alexa Calvanese



**Emily Glass** 



### Continue your Girl Scout experience by joining a Campus Girl Scouts club.

Whether you spent one year as a Brownie or a decade at Girl Scouts, you now belong to a community of 50 million alums. As an alum, you have plenty of ways to stay involved using the Girl Scout Network. And one of the best is to join a Campus Girl Scouts® club at your college.

If your school doesn't have a club, you can start one yourself. All you need is the guidebook and a little Girl Scout-style initiative! Learn more.

### In Loving Memory

### "Ours is a circle of friendships, united by ideals." —Juliette Gordon Low

Deneen Sigmamn served the Girl Scouts as a volunteer for more than 50 years. She was a beloved troop leader, SU volunteer, and served on several council boards like the Membership Advisory Committee (MAC) and the Product Sales Committee and helped out at many council events like the Fall Product Rally and Cookie-Palooza.

"Deneen was one of the kindest, strongest, people I have ever met" said Kelly Drechsler, GSSC's Director of Product Sales and Retail. "I am a better person for knowing her". Deneen was always willing to lend a helping hand or just be supportive when we needed it most. She received many award during her time as a volunteer at GSSC including the Beacon Award, Thanks Award (I and II) and was awarded the Nancy Entenmann Award in 2019.

The Girl Scouts of Suffolk County lost a great friend and mentor when Deneen passed away peacefully on May 18th, 2022 She lives on in our hearts and in the hearts of all the Girl Scouts she inspired. She is an incredible example of what it means to be a Girl Scout and we can't thank her enough.



### Membership Moments



2022 Overall Membership is up 7.7%





When you renew your membership by September 30, you'll continue your amazing journey with Girl Scouts and receive the Powered by Positivity Renewal Patch.

Renew Today



Congratulations to Girl Scout Anna Di Biase from Troop 1335, SU 25for winning our membership renewal raffle for a family trip for four to Kallahari Resorts.

### Paint Your World Purple!

It's renewal time at GSSC and we recently celebrated with our Girl Scout sisters around the country in the Girl Scouts Paint Your World Purple Event hosted by Kristen Bell.



Watch Girl Scouts' Behind The Scenes TikTok video



# Girl Scout Pathways: Community F



Community Programs, formerly known as Explorations, is a Girl Scout pathway where Girl Scouts have their meetings during recess in school. The pathway is led by council staff who work with school officials to arrange the meetings. Community Programs, formerly known as Girl Scout Explorations, are held in schools from October until May.

Girl Scouts in Community Programs wear uniforms, earn badges, and take part in the Girl Scout Cookie Program. They also have access to council-led programs like GIRL Fest or Fall into Girl Scouts. Girl Scouts in Community Programs are well, Girl Scouts.

For the 2020-2021 school year the Community Programs experience, like all Girl Scout pathways had to pivot. The program went virtual, and meetings were held via Zoom. Girls could earn badges and work on crafts with facilitators online. And even though we couldn't meet in person, the fun times and sisterhood of Girl Scouting went on; at a time when we all needed it the most.

This year Community Programs are back, and girls were able to take part in the Girl Scout "Becoming Me" program partnership with Michelle Obama. The Becoming Me program encourages girls to explore the truth of

their own story and the power of their voice while hanging out with friends!

Each meeting begins with The Girl Scout Promise. The girls learn all the core values of Girl Scouts in a fun twenty-minute session. They are always reminded to be a sister to every Girl Scout. Girls are encouraged to ask questions as they learn about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) in a way that engages them from the start. First, they learn that these subjects are fun, then they learn that they can do these types of projects and before you know it, they are using this knowledge to make the world a better place.



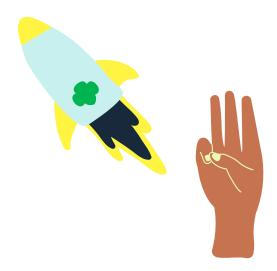




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What Girl Scout troop would be complete without the Girl Scout Cookie Program? Girls participating in the Community Programs pathway sell lots of cookies. The girls learn the five skills important to any business: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills and business ethics. They create their own cookie business as they set goals, meet deadlines, and learn to talk and listen with all kinds of people. And the skills they learn are designed to help them succeed long after the cookies are gone.

So, what can a Girl Scout in the Community Program pathway do? Anything she wants. She is a Girl Scout after all.







# Inspirations: Girls Making The World A Better Place!

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Daisy Girl Scout Troop 3737 created and donated a "Free Little Library" to the West Islip community and earn the "Make the World A Better Place" Rosie Petal.



Girl Scouts from SU 20 participated in the Copiague Memorial Day Parade. This is the first time they've been able to march in 2 years and did an amazing job! Their service unit is so proud of them.



Girl Scouts from SU 4 planted an Autumn Blaze Maple Tree, donated by Lowe's in Medford, at Mount Sinai Elementary School in order to fulfill the Girl Scout Tree Promise. Great job!

### Once a Girl Scout, Al

More than 50 million women participated in Girl Scouts during their childhood. But not everyone starts a Girl Scout adventure as a child. Girl Scout Volunteers believe in the mission, leading with their hearts to help Girl Scouts unlock their limitless potential and make a lasting difference in the world.

Karin Jensen-Mirabile joined the movement as the leader of her daughter's troop because she wanted her daughters to be Girl Scouts. She became involved with her Service Unit because she found a network of like-minded individuals who cared about bringing girls together and making sure they have access to programming that inspires them. She joined the staff at the Girl Scouts of Suffolk County and found an occupation that was founded in her passion for the mission. And though she was unable to join as a child, Karin is and always will be a Girl Scout through and through.



"There is truly no way to try and express the impact that GSUSA & GSSC have had on me! I was a mom to four little ones with no friends and I found a community where I was listened to and my opinion was important. I found a career and I know that my involvement was able to make a difference in the lives of hundreds of girls. How can you quantify that impact? From meeting the amazing women in Suffolk County that I had the pleasure of working with, on a volunteer level and a professional level; to meeting other GS professionals from across the country, whether at Edith Macy or at their home council in California; to meeting the leadership of GSUSA as a much younger and impressionable volunteer and then as a star-struck/fan-girl staff member, Girl Scouts has impacted everything I do in my life."



We asked Karin, now a Lifetime Member, to share her story and some thoughts on Girl Scouting.

What is your favorite Girl Scout memory?

Well, for this one I need to give you four memories! FIRST: The first is as a Leader for my 4 daughters--being able to be by their side as they represented our local community, our council and Girl Scouts on a whole, were some of my favorite memories. SECOND: As a volunteer trainer with GSSC, I had the best time! Meeting new people, sharing my experiences and helping to make their GS experiences even a little better was the best! And I love to sing GS songs, so what better place than in a group of leaders hoping to share them with their troops! THIRD: As a staff member-some of my greatest GS friendships were created with the amazing staff at GSSC. But most important to me was my time working with the highest awards (Bronze & Silver) girls & their leaders and the Gold Award Support Team and the remarkable young women who worked so hard to achieve this prestigious award. I'm proud to say that I am still in touch with many of them today! FOURTH: As the grandmother of Girl Scouts! It's so exciting to watch and see how my granddaughters are enjoying their troops. All are different experiences--some meet only one time a month; others meet weekly, but in each case, their leaders are giving them a wonderful foundation for their futures! And seeing my daughters share their GS memories with their daughters is an added blessing!!

# ways a Girl Scout



#### What were your favorite Girl Scout activities?

➤ From SU Encampments to the annual Square Dancesthey were so much fun! My absolute favorite was a Primitive Camping trip that my Junior troop took. From the torrential downpour that caused us to huddle in the corner of the tent to try and keep out of the rushing water, to watching the girls look up to a Senior troop that was working on a survival badge! Memories for a lifetime.

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### What made you decide to be a Lifetime Member of Girl Scouts?

➤ This was something that I had always heard about during my tenure as a volunteer. Once I came on staff back in 2006, I knew that I had to do it. What better way to show my commitment to this organization than by committing to a Lifetime Membership? If you know me, you know that I LOVED my Girl Scout pins. And you receive a really beautiful pin as a Lifetime Member! There are many perks that come with the membership--connection to other Lifetime Members, the ability to participate in roundtables, discussions, etc. Even now, as a retired member, I still participate whenever I can!!

#### Why do you think Girl Scouting is important?

➤ I could probably say "See Above", but it's more to that. The one thing that sits with me, through all the years, and we are looking at about 35 years all in total from my first Daisy troop—Girl Scouts gives girls and young women the ability to look at a situation, weigh the consequences and then make a choice! From a simple decision on what game to play as a Daisy Girl Scout, to deciding how to spend their cookie proceeds as a Brownie Girl Scout; growing as a Junior Girl Scout to making decisions on a

Bronze Award project; building as a Cadette Girl Scout as to whether to try and apply for a Destinations' trips and leading up to the Senior & Ambassador Girl Scouts, where the choices in front of them are bigger and more important, GS has given them that skill. And for those that maybe don't go all the way through the program, that foundation is STILL THERE. And, hopefully, when they are in that position to make a decision, whether in Middle School or High School, etc., they can rely on those tools and the decision will be based on the facts before them and again hopefully, not be pressured by those around them. So, YES, I do believe Girl Scouts is important--for these and so many other reasons--for both girls and adults. If we all used "Discover, Connect & Take Action" in our daily lives, I think we would all be in a better place! And I believe that every time someone sits around a campfire, or even a BBQ and makes a s'more, they are reliving a memory and a moment in time. Every girl should have that opportunity...

Karin was the Girl Scout leader to all four of her daughters. Her oldest daughter Amy earned her Silver Award, and her daughter Alicia earned the Medal of honor for saving a friend's life. Karin had many roles at the Girl Scouts of Suffolk County's Membership Department and worked in Training, Highest Awards, Volunteer Development and Community Relations. She has 9 grandchildren (8 girls and 1 boy), and her oldest grandchild Madlyn earned her Bronze Award this year in SU13. Karin's story and her love for Girl Scouting is an inspiration to us all.



Become a Girl Scout Lifetime Member

### What I Love About Outd

By Amanda Adair, Outdoor Program Specialist

Do you feel happier when you are outside? Most people do. Being surrounded by nature makes people feel more energized according to a 2010 study from the Journal of Environmental Psychology.

The outdoors always improves my mood. I even notice that when I am walking the short distance from my front door to my car, the shining sun, the birds chirping, and the warm spring breeze will make me feel much happier than I did minutes earlier when I was cooped up inside. This energy that nature brings me has inspired me to pursue outdoor education where I can combine my passions of environmental conservation, wildlife, and working with kids.

I started organizing and facilitating outdoor programs with the Girl Scouts of Suffolk County in November of 2021. This was a special time in everybody's lives where our usual Covid-focused lifestyles were transitioning into a more normal and social routine. Girl scouts were anxious to resume their fun activities where they could see their friends and make new ones.

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During the peak of the pandemic, nature was very therapeutic to many and I saw this increase in appreciation in the girls who attended my programs. My favorite programs to run are the bird hikes where girls learn to identify local species of birds based on the time of the year and then venture out onto the trails of Camp Edey to look for them. I even bring a special guest – my own pet dove, Dumpling, who loves to interact with the girls. In these hikes we focus on earning our Eco Learner for Daisies, Eco Friend for Brownies, and Animal Habitats for Juniors badges. These badges focus on protecting our wildlife – in this case birds. We learn ways that we can make small changes in our everyday lives to protect birds, especially since we have lost nearly 3 billion birds since 1970 (Cornell Lab of O).

My second favorite program is Mammal Track Detectives where I help girls create a local mammal track field guide with vinyl animal feet models that they can stamp onto their guide. We learn about wild mammals in our area and then search for tracks and other evidence of these mammals on our hike through Camp Edey. Sometimes we would even see a live mammal such as a squirrel or a chipmunk! This program helps girls earn their Trail Adventure for Daisies, Hiker for Brownies, and Eco Trekker for Cadettes badges. These badges focus on going on a hike with a purpose, and ours was to use our field guides to search for clues that wild mammals may have crossed the same path.

I have also enjoyed working with the older girls on completing their Outdoor Journeys and am excited to do more in the future. Next year I am hoping to offer more plant based hikes where we can learn about native local species. I also want to help girls begin some SciStarter projects to inspire them to engage in citizen science. And

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finally, I would love to start a "Bird and Bat Box" program where girls can help build and place nesting houses for threatened bird and bat species, which is a cause I am extremely passionate about.

Outdoor programs are so important to me because they allow me to teach girls about environmental issues and share my interests and passions with them in a safe and fun space. I watch girls who walk into the program



very quiet and hesitant, leave the program full of energy, sharing their ideas openly and making friends easily. The outdoors brings out a special side to all of them and you can hear and see their passion for the outdoors during these programs. I am excited for them to share their love of the outdoors with their friends, families, and schools and grow up to make the world a better place.

Look for our upcoming programs on our <u>online</u> <u>calendar</u> and in a future program guide.

Learn more about Girl Scout Summer Camp.







#### About Amanda Adair

She creates and facilitate outdoor programs for Girl Scouts of Suffolk County as well as STEM and cooking programs. She was a Daisy Girl Scout and went to Camp Edey for Summer Camp when she was in 6th grade. Amanda will be at our



Summer Camp this year helping out our counselors and campers. She looks forward to the upcoming Girl Scout year with new programs and adventures.

### Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge

Get outside, have fun, earn a patch by completing the activities for your level.

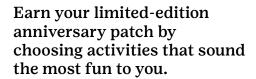
#### Girl Scouts Love State Parks

Let's celebrate our shared love of the outdoors. September 9-11, 2022

### Creating our future: Celebrating 110 years of Girl Scouts



For 110 years, Girl Scouts have found a way to dream big and do good. From reaching the outer limits of space to stocking their local food pantry, there is no challenge too big or need too small for a Girl Scout to tackle. Since day one, girls have found a way to create a better future for themselves, their communities, and the world. Let's celebrate the problem solvers, go-getters, dreamers, and doers who are creating a better future for us all. Just wait and see what they do next.



You're part of Girl Scout history. Let's celebrate 110 years of Girl Scouts by doing what we do best: making a difference in our communities and creating a better future. Earn your limited-edition patch by downloading the activity sheet and completing your favorite activities. Then wear your patch with pride! Complete a select number of fun activities based on your grade level and wear your patch with pride.

View Activity Sheet for Girl Scouts











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# Coming Soon: GSSC's 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



### Did you know that 2023 marks the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Girl Scouts of Suffolk County?

The first Girl Scout troop in Long Island (12th overall in the nation) was formed in Huntington in 1915, just three years after Juliette Gordon Low started the movement in Savannah, Georgia in 1912. In 1935, seven individual councils began delivering Girl Scout programs in Suffolk County. Those councils were united as the Suffolk County Girl Scout Council in 1968.



### Share your Girl Scout Story with Us!

Were you a Girl Scout or a Girl Scout Volunteer? We're collecting Girl Scout Alum stories and photos to share on our social media in celebration of our upcoming anniversary. Send in your photos and memories and help us commemorate this momentous occasion.

### Share Your Story



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As part of the Primitive Camper Badge, Girl Scouts in Troop 334 built a wilderness shelter. It was 40 degrees that night and instead of sleeping in the tent they brought, they decided to test out their shelter and slept inside it.



participated in the Suffolk County's State of the County event with an opening Flag Ceremony.





Girl Scout Troop 1037 from North Babylon visited residents at the Dominican Village in Amityville. They assisted the residents there with creating a winter watercolor painting.

### Meet Our New Board Members



### Felicia Thomas-Williams - Read full biography.

Ms. Thomas-Williams is the Principal of Brentwood West Middle School and a passionate child and community advocate. As an administrator, she has worked diligently to empower students to hone in on their leadership abilities with a new perspective on the importance of being globally aware and socially responsible. She has collaborated with several organizations and implemented various resources to empower her students and her community to reach their highest potential. She holds membership, has served in a leadership capacity, and has been recognized for her commitment to the community by numerous organizations.



### John O. Udaze

Mr.Udaze is a certified behaviorist with 10+ years of experience, culturally competent in providing behavioral healthcare centered on quality, compassion, and trust. He has a diverse knowledge of managing major diagnosis of concern including Autism. Mr.Udaze's career has touched many organizations such as Behavior Change Success Corporation, United Cerebral Palsy (Suffolk County), Federation of Organization and more.



### Marjorie Mesidor - Read full biography.

Marjorie Mesidor is Partner at Phillips & Associates. She is a Partner at the firm, recognized for her outstanding service to clients who have been subjected to sexual harassment or discrimination based on race, gender, disability, and other protected characteristics. Ms. Mesidor regularly prosecutes employment actions against Fortune 500 companies and smaller organizations accused of discrimination including claims of sexual misconduct. She has had overwhelming success in achieving significant awards and settlements for her clients.



### Maria Marino

Maria Marino is a sales and marketing specialist for Sir Speedy in Westbury, Hauppauge and Melville. Maria has strong leadership in Sales and Project management. A driven professional who is a team player and is excited to meet new people and learn about their story. Maria is very creative and strategic in providing creative and "outside the box" client solutions from conception to completion. A strong team player and dynamic presenter with a solid business acumen in Marketing, Sales and Project Management.

### Meet Our Newest Team Members



### Marion Fernandez, Receptionist

As part of the customer care team, my responsibilities include welcoming and assisting guests. I also answer the phones throughout the morning and respond to emails all while sending out mail and accepting deliveries. I was never a Girl Scout, although I did attend one meeting when I was in elementary school. I did like the idea of being a Girl Scout but never joined due to other after school activities.

- 1. If you could earn a badge in any category, what would it be?
  - I would choose entrepreneurship I think it's essential for us to learn at a young age how to generate and manage our money.
- 2. If you could teach a badge in any category, what would it be?
  - I would choose health, I am currently in school for psychology and would love to emphasize the importance of our mental and physical health.
- 3. What is your favorite Girl Scout Cookie? My favorite are the new Adventurefuls!

### Join Our Council Team!

We're seeking talented, forward-thinking individuals who share our vision of helping girls and young women change the world for the better.



- ➤ Director of Finance
- ➤ Director of Fund Development
- ▶ Bookkeeper
- ➤ Executive Assistant
- ➤ Membership Support Specialist
- ➤ Retail Support Specialist (P/T)

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### Meet The Media Girls

GSSC is excited to launch a new older girl program for Juniors and above, who love Girl Scouts and aren't afraid to be in front of the camera. Our media girls will create videos, interview with local media, and develop their public speaking and photography skills.

They will help the Marketing and Communications department by creating content our girls can engage and identify with. The Media Girls program will develop around their input and expand as they lend their skills to the younger girls of GSSC. Get to know GSSC's 2022-2023 Media Girls as they share a little bit about themselves!



#### Amani B., Troop 506

I am a Black Belt in Tang Soo Do, I run Track and I am a gymnast. I love Social Studies and Science, which will help me achieve my dream of becoming a Plastic Surgeon. I find joy in giving back to the people that have helped me in my life and the people that can't afford things. I want to become an actress. This has always been my dream and I would love to achieve it. Media Girls will really help.



#### Maddie B., Troop 174

A little bit about me. I love roller skating, horseback riding, and cheerleading. My favorite subjects are Math, Social Studies, Technology, and Home Economics. As a Girl Scout, I spend most of my time participating in Service Unit events and giving back to our community. Last summer I completed my Bronze Award with my troop, we collected

items for 100 Hygiene Kits that were donated to VIBS. Currently, we are working on our Media Journey and looking forward to completing our Silver Award next year.



#### Gabriella C, Troop 2118

Gabriella looks forward to building her public speaking skills and gaining confidence through Media Girls. As a Girl Scout, she has become a more independent thinker and enjoys helping others. She loves the amazing friends she has gained through Girl Scouts.



#### Camdyn G., Troop 1556

I enjoy decorating, designing, and baking. I pay attention to small details and consider myself to be a perfectionist as I take pride in all that I do and I always strive to put my best foot forward. I absolutely love spending time with my beautiful chickens. Having them has inspired me to want to become a veterinarian; specializing in working with farm animals. I love outdoor

adventure and traveling. I plan to go to London next year and I am going on another wilderness canoeing trip this summer.



### Callie H., Troop 1380

My interests include doing well in my academic subjects, my favorite one being History. I also enjoy participating in many sports including basketball, volleyball, track, and soccer. When I grow up, I'd like to become a Physical Therapist. My favorite thing about Girl Scouting is that it provides me with opportunities to experience a lot of different things, help others, and bond with my community. Finally, I enjoy being a role model.



#### Diana H., Troop 1116

I play the violin and I'm an alto in the chorus. I'm in the Chamber Orchestra for my school. I love trying out all different types of sports, but my favorite is tennis. My favorite subjects in school are Living Environment and Algebra! When I grow up, I want to be a fashion designer or criminal justice lawyer. My favorite thing about Girl Scouts is the friends you make and

the opportunities it gives you! I've made so many new friends I never would have spoken to If it wasn't for Girl Scouts!



#### Addie I., Troop 215

I am a fifth-grader at RJO and a second-year Girl Scout Junior. I am currently working towards my Bronze Award. I have been a Girl Scout since kindergarten. I am in Troop 215; which is a multilevel troop with girls from many different schools. I love to play soccer and am the captain of my team. My favorite subject in school is Math. My favorite food is pasta and mac and cheese. I love to ride my bike and go to Woodlock with my family.



#### Jasmine L., Troop 133

I am a freshman at Commack High school.
I started fencing this year after I got onto
my school's fencing team and started taking
outside-of-school classes to improve my skills
and hopefully become a starter. I love art,
digital, and tradition, but I am more experienced
in traditional. I want to pursue art when I am
older and I have been taking a variety of art
classes. I am also addicted to anime.



Emma M., Troop 1103

I am a competition team dancer. I also enjoy assisting in dance classes and teaching little kids about dance. I like to sing and perform and I love to help other people and animals. In Girl Scouts, I love all the opportunities to help others through community service. I also met some of my good friends through Girl Scouts.



Jordyn M., Troop 1414

I am 9 years old and I am in 4th grade. I like to ride horses, do gymnastics, and cheerleading. I like to meet new people. My favorite color is pink.



#### **Lily M., Troop 1641**

My favorite thing about being involved in Girl Scouts is making new friends, helping others, and going to Girl Scout summer camp. My favorite subjects in school include Art and Math. I enjoy volunteering at a local animal shelter, playing soccer, and basketball, and making crafts. When I grow up, I would like to be a teacher.



Peyton M., Troop 924

I'm a girl who likes to game and read. My current passion is about saving the bees. My favorite thing about Girl Scouts is going camping and everything outdoors. (And the cookies!). Currently, I want to be a graphic designer. Some of my favorite animals include otters, llamas, and giraffes. I love playing the violin and recently played in the SCMEA festival orchestra concert.



Olivia P., Troop 12

I am a freshman in high school and a Girl Scouts Senior! My favorite subject is Geometry. I am on the JV tennis team and varsity track team. I sing in my school's choir, play the string bass in the orchestra and play the bass guitar outside of school! I have lots of favorite things about Girl Scouts, although I would have to say that selling cookies and giving back to my community are my top two!



#### Hailey Q., Troop 622

I am 9 years old. I love to dance and am on a competitive dance team. My favorite styles of dance are lyrical, hip hop, and musical theater. I also love swimming and am on the swim team. In my free time, I love drawing, painting, sculpting, and all arts and crafts. My favorite subject in school is math and I am part of my school's Math Olympiads team. My favorite

thing about being a Girl Scout is selling cookies and all the fun activities I get to do with my troop!



#### Elizabeth R., Troop 113

I am Elizabeth, but please, call me Lizzie. I run Cross-Country and Track & Field. In school, I am a part of Voices & Visions, which is a magazine for poetry, photography, and other media. I am a part of Mock Trial, I enjoy it because I want to be a lawyer in the future. Besides my extracurriculars, I love reading and drinking coffee! My favorite part of Girl Scouts

is that Girl Scouts is a safe community for girls to learn and grow, in my experience as a Girl Scout I have learned a lot!



#### Brianna S., Troop 3686

I enjoy ice skating, soccer, dance, volleyball, singing, playing the violin, and of course, Girl Scouts. My favorite subjects in school are Art and Math. When I grow up, I want to be a teacher. My favorite thing about Girl Scouts was working on my Bronze Award and going to Rocking Horse Dude Ranch with my troop. I also really enjoy Girl Scout camp and selling Girl Scout cookies; just not in the cold.



#### Keira S., Troop 771

I enjoy writing, cooking, musical theater, and listening to music! Although I love cooking, I prefer baking. Some of my favorite things to bake are cookies and banana bread. I have been playing the viola for five years. I have also been involved in numerous clubs during middle school, including Student Government, Classbook Club, Art Club, and Chamber

Orchestra. I love being a part of the Girl Scout sisterhood, especially my troop. We always have so much fun together, no matter what we are doing!



#### Rebecca S, Troop 1380

Rebecca loves to take photos and teach young girls new skills. She looks forward to gaining more confidence when speaking in public through Media Girls. As a Girl Scout, Rebecca enjoys the fun activities, especially outdoor themed, and has learned a lot through the Girl Scout Cookie Program such as money management and marketing.



#### Emily Z, Troop 1380

Emily loves to engage with others and has a true interest in media. She looks forward to learning more about public speaking through Media Girls. As a Girl Scout, she enjoys making friends and helping her community.



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Cadette Girl Scout Troops 655 and 1534 rehearsed for the Flag Ceremony for Flag Day at Minnesauke Elementary School. Many of these girls have been Girl Scouts since Kindergarten and have continued their journey together.



Brownie Troop 1478 made blue and yellow hearts with sunflowers and medical supply kits to be sent to Ukraine. In doing so, they worked towards earning their First Aid Badge.



Daisy Troop 136 and Brownie Troop 3658 recently took a trip to Huntington Town Hall where they learned about local government from Huntington Town Supervisor Ed Smyth, Councilman Sal Ferro, and Councilwoman Joan Cergol. The girls had so many great questions and the best part was sitting on the Town Board Dais.

### What's New at The

### Monthly Girl Scout Kits

Each month there will be a kit designed to highlight an important theme. Kits generally include a patch, fun crafts, merchandise, and educational info.

Look for our next kit for National S'mores Day in August

Other Available Kits



### **NEW Council Items**

#### Chiller Bottles \$9.00

Stay hydrated all summer long with the double wall insulated clear 16 oz Chiller Water bottle. Features include straw lid, top rack dishwasher safe, and comes in purple and green with 'GSSC' logo.



#### GSSC Tote Bag \$20.00

Fit all your Girl Scout essentials in our canvas tote with forest green accents and GSSC logo with trefoil. Durable 10oz, 100% cotton twill with deep exterior pockets. Dimensions: 14" H x 14.5" W x 5.5" D. Approx. 1.117 cubic inches.



#### **GSSC Volunteer Tee** \$18.00

Show your council pride with our Volunteer shirt! Mint green ladies V-neck tee with forest green trefoil logo and GSSC lockup on shoulder. Tee is 60% cotton 40% polyester lightweight jersey material. Available in sizes XS-3XL (3XL comes in grey)



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### Bridge to the Next Level

Bridging Kits are great for Girl Scouts flying up to the next level! Each kit comes with a special pencil and bridging fun patch, along with a Bridging Certificate, Membership Star, Disc for Membership Star, and Bridging Arc in clear plastic bag. Kits for Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts include Brownie Wings.



Please note: The certificate design, patch and pencil included in the kits vary from that shown in the image.

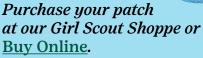
- ► Bridge to Brownie National Kit \$8.00
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- ► Bridge to Ambassador National Kit \$8.00

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### Summer Bucket List Challenge

Jump into the great outdoors by participating in our summer challenge!

Complete 10 out of 20 summer-themed activities from our list by August 31, 2022. Some activities may require adult assistance.





# Girl Scout Gold Award Items & Gifts

#### Gold Award Journal: \$20.00

Stay golden as you plan your next big project with this journal! Keep track of everything from brainstorming to your brightest ideas with the ribbon bookmark and accordion folder for extra notes. Plus, an elastic closure keeps it all secure on-the-go. Hardbound journal features a metallic Girl Scout Gold Award emblem shining against the black background. 80 lined sheets. 8 3%" x 5 ½". Made in USA of Imported materials.

#### Gold Award Keychain: \$16.00

Your ambition unlocks adventure! Keep your keys handy and honor your achievements with this charming keychain, featuring the Gold Award emblem. Clip it to your backpack,



handbag or lanyard and shine on. Arrives in gift box. Goldtone metal starburst charm with Gold Award emblem on key ring with lobster claw clasp. 3 ½" x 1 1/3". Imported.

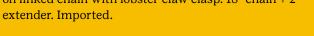
#### Gold Award Car Magnet: \$8.00

Honor this amazing milestone and share your Gold Award pride on the road! Round die-cut magnet features "Proud parent of a Gold Award Girl Scout" in white around the Gold Award emblem in gold on a black background. 5" x 5". Made in USA.



#### Gold Award Charm Necklace: \$34.00

Shine on like the world-changing, groundbreaking Girl Scout you are with this Gold Award necklace.
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Goldtone metal starburst charm with Gold Award emblem on linked chain with lobster claw clasp. 18" chain + 2"



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# Girl Scout Activity Zone



Whether your troop has a big adventure planned or takes a break over the summer, we encourage all our girls to take some time to try something new. Is there a new hobby or skill that you've always wanted to learn? Try making a personal goal this summer to take on a new challenge.

The <u>Girl Scout Activity Zone</u> on girlscouts.org lets you sample a full assortment of Girl Scout tested activities that are organized by grade level.



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**Troop Resources** 

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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.