

# HISTORY COMMITTEE



By honoring  
**OUR PAST,**  
we lead the way to  
**OUR FUTURE.**

## ABOUT

The History Committee has been charged with preserving and protecting the documents and materials which reflect the history of the Girl Scouts of Western New York. Our role is to foster knowledge and garner appreciation of the rich history related to the Girl Scout movement.

## OUR MISSION

GSWNY History Committee will collect and maintain an historical collection, its nature relative to Girl Scouting and its members with a special emphasis on GSWNY. The committee will promote interest in the history of scouting within the council and disseminate information about its history through programs, presentations and displays. We will serve as a resource for the council and the community.

## JOIN US!

The History Committee welcomes both girl and adult volunteers who are interested in history.

For more information, please call **1-888-837-6410** or email [girl.experience@gswny.org](mailto:girl.experience@gswny.org)

## COLLECTIONS

- A permanent documentation collection
- A display collection
- A circulating collection – used for programming, education, and awareness of Girl Scouting by girls, adults and the community.

## MEMORABILIA

Our council has a long and rich history that dates back to 1916. Through generous donations from alumnae and their heirs, we are fortunate to own a wide variety of memorabilia.

### *This includes:*

- Uniforms, badges, patches, and insignia
- Library of books and publications
- Photographs and historical documents
- Camp Artifacts
- Scrapbooks
- Newspaper articles and pictures



*Girl Scouts Founder*  
**Juliette  
Gordon Low**

## SERVICES OFFERED

### *Presentations*

Committee members are available to share parts of the collection with groups of Girl Scouts and community organizations.

### *Patch Programs*

#### *Archive Patch Program*

A program to help Girl Scouts of all ages become familiar with the history of Girl Scouting.

#### *Ceremonies Patch Program*

Learn about Girl Scout Ceremonies of the past and develop new ceremonies of your own.

### *Memorabilia Loans*

Borrow items from the circulating collection of memorabilia.

## DONATIONS

We gladly accept donations of Girl Scout history or significance.

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