

# GIRL TALK

## Summer 2021

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For their Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards Multi-age Troop 70173 worked on the Silver Trefoil Memory Garden at Camp Windy Meadows. They pulled weeds, mulched, and added their homemade signs for Girl Scouts to 'walk through' the Girl Scout Law.



## Endless Summer Adventures

We recently announced that our beloved day and overnight camp programs will be in-person for the 2021 summer camp season for girls. **Summer camp registration which is NOW open will allow girls ages 5-17 to register to attend day camp, resident camp, and/or family summer camp options** which follow all COVID-19 guidelines and regulations. 2021 also marks **over 90 years at Camp Seven Hills**, a widely cherished staple in WNY camp culture.

**With a new series of over 50 outdoor programs**, summer camp is a great way for girls to explore leadership, build skills, and develop a deep appreciation for nature. Whether for a day, a week, or longer, Girl Scout camp gives girls an opportunity to grow, explore, and have fun in an all-girl environment under the guidance of caring, trained adults. GSWNY's American Camp Association® accredited camps all **begin in July and run until the beginning of August. Girls do not need to currently be in Girl Scouts to attend camp as all summer campers can sign up for Girl Scout membership at the time they apply.**

**To reach more girls, financial aid is available for girls in Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming counties, with special aid for girls in Monroe County** through a location-specific grant. Also, through funding by the United Way, girls can have "Endless Summer Adventures." The cost of camp varies based on the type of program and length of participation – pricing is available by visiting [www.gswny.org](http://www.gswny.org) or calling 1-888-837-6410.

### 2021 CAMP DATES TO KNOW:

- **Day Camp** will run July 5 to August 13 at Camp Piperwood in Fairport; Camp Windy Meadows in Lockport will run July 5 to July 23;
- And **Resident Camp** will run July 4 to August 6 at Camp Seven Hills in Holland and Camp Timbercrest in Randolph. In person, girls can explore activities like hiking, ropes course, backpacking and kayaking, compass/orienteering, knot-tying, building safe fires, tech-building and designing, archery, the importance of bugs, and more.
- **Family Camp** will run July 30 to August 1 at **the 90th Anniversary Celebration that happened in 2020 and is being celebrated in-person in 2021** and July 23 to 25 at **Camp Timbercrest in Randolph for Family Camp Weekend**. Open to all families to enjoy special event festivities, hiking, swimming, boating, and more.



## CEO Remarks

Thank you to our volunteers and donors for your continued engagement, support, and commitment to serving girls each and every day, especially during this time of transition as we begin to shift to increased, in-person activities. With you and for you, we remain Girl Scout Strong!

Please join us, as we are excited to offer 2021 in-person day and resident summer camps with (family summer camp options – (2020) 90th Anniversary of Camp Seven Hills and Family Camp Weekend at Camp Timbercrest – details above. On June 2nd, we honored 56 Gold Award Girl Scouts at the 2021 Virtual Gold Award Celebration; we sang songs and shared memories during the Virtual Celebration. We also held a separate Gold Award Girl Scout in-person meet and greet photo shoot where girls received their Gold Award pins, certificates, lawn signs and gift bags. Congratulations to all the Gold Award Girl Scouts and we thank all the Gold Award mentors and project supporters for helping to successfully guide girls through the process.



Alison Wilcox,  
CEO of GSWNY

-Alison Wilcox

## Camp Personal Protective Equipment

We are committed to providing all the necessary PPE and sanitation supplies to keep our campers, counselors and entire camp community safe and healthy.

We already have all the masks and hand sanitizer needed for the summer, but we still need \$6,800 in donations to purchase...

- SANITIZING WIPES & LIQUID SOAP
- DISINFECTANT SPRAY
- TOUCHLESS THERMOMETERS
- OUTDOOR HAND WASHING STATIONS

**JUST ONE DONATION  
OF \$25 MAKES A  
HUGE DIFFERENCE!**

**SCAN HERE** with your mobile phone camera to make your donation:



**OR MAIL** your donation in the enclosed envelope. Don't forget to make a note that your donation is for Camp PPE!

**THANK YOU!**

### Juliette Gordon Low Trust and Will for Girl Scout Members



Free service for you as a Girl Scout member!

We all know the importance of having a plan for our futures. Now, you can be sure to leave a lasting legacy. Trust & Will is offering free simple wills to anyone with a Girl Scout membership. It just takes minutes to create.

This is a really easy way to make decisions for yourself and take away the worry and "what-ifs." Using this site, you can also choose to designate some assets to benefit Girl Scouts of Western New York. If that is not your preference, we still stress the importance of getting these personal plans down on paper for your peace of mind!



[Trustandwill.com/girl-scouts](https://Trustandwill.com/girl-scouts)

## Hometown Heroes Project Sponsor Thank You

We are blown away by the success of the Hometown Heroes Project during our 2021 cookie season! The goal was to help individual troops reach their entrepreneurial goals and thank local heroes and essential workers. Mission accomplished thanks to our eight corporate sponsors and two GSWNY staff teams. In total, these amazing sponsors contributed \$15,710. Plus, we delivered 2,900 donated packages of cookies to heroes across Western New York. None of this could have been possible with our amazing HHP sponsors:

- Mutual of America Financial Group (Rochester, NY) donated 1,000 packages
- Arbor Capital/Dubisz Wealth Management (Amherst, NY) donated 500 packages
- Manning & Napier (Fairport, NY) donated 500 packages
- DK's Plumbing (Hilton, NY) donated 300 packages
- KeyBank (Exchange Street location in Buffalo, NY) donated 300 packages
- Landpro Equipment (Falconer, NY) donated 100 packages
- Lehigh Construction Group Inc. (Orchard Park, NY) donated 100 packages
- Savarino Companies (Buffalo, NY) donated 100 packages
- GSWNY Employees donated 142 packages
- GSWNY Volunteer Experience Team donated 100 packages

Because Mutual of America's donation totaled \$5,000, they were given the opportunity to choose where their donation of 1,000 packages would get delivered. They decided on Bornhava, a support center for children born with developmental disabilities in the WNY community. All other donated cookies were distributed to essential and frontline workers at medical facilities, non-profits, and retail businesses in the Western New York area on behalf of the donors.

Thank you again to all of the sponsors that made the Hometown Heroes Project a success. Because of you, we're able to deliver life-changing Girl Scout programming to 14,000 girls across WNY.

### Celebrating Your Dedication



### Discounted Lifetime Membership for 10+ Volunteer Years

Just in! Girl Scout lifetime membership is now available at a special rate of \$200—reduced from \$400—for renewing volunteers who have served for ten or more years. When you renew as a lifetime member, you'll receive:

- Continuous membership in Girl Scouts
- A lifetime membership card and pin
- 10% off Girl Scout merchandise from [girlscoutshop.com](https://girlscoutshop.com)
- A variety of limited-time discounts from brands led by women
- An invitation to join our annual call hosted by GSUSA's CEO
- Our monthly Girl Scout Network e-newsletter

Best of all, \$25 of your dues automatically fund a year of Girl Scouting for a girl in need in our council. Thank you for your years of service and all you've done to help create the next generation of female leaders. We couldn't do it without you!

**Renew at [gswny.org](https://gswny.org) today!**



## THE MARK OF THE TRULY REMARKABLE.

### 2021 GOLD AWARD GIRL SCOUTS

- |                  |                       |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| Amelia Alexander | Madeline Lagraves     |
| Sophia Benzin    | Rachel Lane           |
| Caroline Blair   | Isabelle Larson       |
| Lacie Castile    | Hallee Mack           |
| Alyssa Chatham   | Arianna McKnight      |
| Lauren Coon      | Bridget McMaster      |
| Sarah Cumming    | Jamie Meyer           |
| Amanda Daubert   | Eva Mihalitsas        |
| Jessica Dawson   | Mallory Musterait     |
| Natalya Denis    | Gabrielle Naassana    |
| Carly Dorsheimer | Margaret Pardee       |
| Hannah Elliott   | Amanda Roth           |
| Sarah England    | Elizabeth Rutalis     |
| Christina Faller | Morgan Schaefer       |
| Ava Flores       | Julia Sherwood        |
| Rae Friberg      | Madhuri Singh         |
| Syvonne Forgette | Alexandra Snow        |
| Emily Gordon     | Emily Styn            |
| Crystal Harmon   | Kaitlyn Swartzmeyer   |
| Jenna Harvey     | Grace Tabone          |
| Nora Hayes       | Lauren Talma          |
| Abigail Horne    | Cynthia Thome         |
| Danielle Jaeger  | Alayna Trautman       |
| Paige Jegierski  | Rachel VanWinkle      |
| Abigail Jones    | Sanna Rose Vollbrecht |
| Hannah Kenefick  | Julia Wasley          |
| Miranda Kimber   | Briana Willick        |
| Grace Kurzweil   | Ivy Yates             |

Girl Scouts of Western New York was proud to present **56** young women with the Girl Scout Gold Award. Given the impacts of COVID-19, the ceremony shifted to a Virtual Gold Award Celebration held on June 2, 2021. A heartwarming part of the Virtual Celebration was when two amazing 2021 Gold Award Girl Scouts, Syvonne Forgette and Arianna McKnight, shared about the impact of Girl Scouts on their lives and completing the Girl Scout Gold Award. Here are two excerpts from their remarks:



*From Brownies to Seniors, my Girl Scout troop loved to go hiking and camping. On our trips we learned basic survival skills, and grew our connection to the environment. We would spend every second we could outdoors, exploring our surroundings. After our meetings we would always climb the tree outside the church where we met. Girl Scouts helped me find my love for nature, and my Gold Award Project helped me strengthen it, and share it with others.*

**-Syvonne Forgette**



*All I had to do was take a step of faith and not give up. As long as I worked hard and took advantage of new opportunities and worked to be creative, I was able to succeed. Completing this project has helped me to build my skill set, as I learned more about perseverance and the importance of collaborating with others. It challenged me to push myself and be bold, and I am so happy that I was able to get this experience and learn what it means to make a real, tangible impact on one's community.*

**- Arianna McKnight**

Gold Award Girl Scouts stand out in their achievement of developing meaningful, sustainable solutions to challenges in their communities and the world. A minimum of 80 volunteer hours was required in order to earn the award. Congratulations to this year's Gold Award Girl Scouts!

### Funder Highlight: RACF Rochester Women's Giving Circle

RACF Rochester Women's Giving Circle funded Creating Women Leaders of Tomorrow - An Out-of-School Time (OST) Program of Girl Scouts of Western New York. The newly expanded Creating Women Leaders of Tomorrow OST program provides 250 underserved K-8 girls (mostly ages 6-10) in the Rochester community with Girl Scout leadership development opportunities that emphasize STEM and Entrepreneurship/Financial Literacy; as a foundation for academic achievement, continuity, future marketable skills and career pathways. GSWNY actively outreaches to Rochester city girls with minimal exposure to Girl Scouting to participate in this free-of-charge program.

Rochester Women's Giving Circle (RWGC) and RWGC liaison Nancy Bodziak are tireless supporters of all things Girl Scouts! She recently attended the Daisy Race Car Virtual Troop event held on March 13, 2021, facilitated by Krystal Osei, GSWNY Community Partnership Specialist. During this exciting event, girls made model cars and then tested scientific principles like friction and inertia by using their model cars on different surfaces.

About the program, Bodziak said, "What a fun Saturday morning! Thank you for inviting me to the Daisy Car Race Zoom meeting. It was great seeing that the girls were engaged, learning, and best of all, having fun. I do admire the patience you and your co-leader display with your young learners. You let them know that they are important to you and that you have confidence in their ability to achieve success. I think they understood that they were participating in the 'grownup world' of knowledge. And they are adorable."

Thank you to Rochester Women's Giving Circle for your investment in our girls and for all you are helping us to accomplish!



**2020 check presentation of \$15,000 award with RWGC Liaison Nancy Bodziak and GSWNY staff members Krystal Osei and Melanie Bloodworth.**

# Remember When



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Read article to right.

**Scouts Stage Canal Cleanup**  
PITTSFORD GIRL SCOUTS cleaned along the Barge Canal's water edge from Bushnell's Basin to Lock 32 Canal Park as part of their contribution to the community during the Girl Scouts' 1982 70th birthday. "Gift of Water," an action project centered on the theme of water. Under the guidance of the Pittsford Recreation Department, the group completed the cleanup along the canal and planted 500 pine tree seedlings near the former Pittsford landfill area off Marsh Rd. Among the many girls involved were (standing l to r) Julie Hamblin, Sue Rawcliff, Julie Diehl, Susan Woodman, and Chris Torrens; and (kneeling, l to r) Kathy Woodman, Sandy Woodman, Alicia Young, and Cindy Levy.

## Scouts Stage Canal Cleanup

Pittsford Girl Scouts cleaned along the Barge Canal's water edge from Bushnell's Basin to Lock 32 Canal Park as part of their contribution to the community during the Girl Scouts' 1982 70th birthday "Gift of Water," an action project centered on the theme of water. Under the guidance of the Pittsford Recreation Department, the group completed the cleanup along the canal and planted 500 pine tree seedlings near the former Pittsford landfill area off Marsh Rd. Among the many girls involved were (standing l to r) Julie Hamblin, Sue Rawcliff, Julie Diehl, Susan Woodman, and Chris Torrens; and (kneeling l to r) Kathy Woodman, Sandy Woodman, Alicia Young, and Cindy Levy.



**RELATED:** Girl Scouts of the USA has also made a pledge for Girl Scouts to plant 5 million trees by 2026! Find out more, including how to get an exclusive Tree Promise Patch at [girlscouts.org/treepromise](https://girlscouts.org/treepromise)

## Friends of Timbercrest

Friends of Timbercrest is a volunteer organization supporting Girl Scouts of Western New York's Camp Timbercrest with the mission to preserve, enhance, and promote the camp in partnership with GSWNY.

Annually, a generous Friends of Timbercrest donor sponsors a Girl Scout Lifetime Membership for a graduating senior each year.



The 2021 recipient of a Girl Scouts Lifetime Membership is **Aniyah Harris**

of Buffalo, NY. Besides being a camper, Aniyah has attended Camp Timbercrest for CIT training.

## The Girl Scout History Museum

The Girl Scout History Museum will support work to engage girls, staff, and volunteers in bringing history to life in today's Girl Scout programs. The museum will be free and open to girls, leaders, and the public during regular hours at the Lockport Service Center; for council-sponsored history programs; and camp programs at Windy Meadows. We fully expect that the Girl Scout History Museum and related GSWNY history programs for girls and leaders will prove to be a draw for even more visitors to Niagara County.

The project featured below, installed in 2020-2021, was generously supported by the Grigg-Lewis Foundation and includes historical and timeline graphic panels



Look out for the future opening date.



## Save the Dates

**GSWNY Service Centers and Shops will be closed for the following dates:**

June 18, June 21 for Juneteenth, July 2, and July 5 for Independence Day

Check out [gswny.org](https://gswny.org) for details and modified business hours.

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of western new york

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