

## Summer Camp!

Celebrate Girl Scout camping traditions at one of our day camps: Green Forest, Cookie or Promising Acres! Sharpen your outdoor skills. Hike a trail, climb a rock wall and explore the natural world. Play games and sing songs. Try archery and cook over a fire. Swim, swim, swim! We listened to you and planned our 2015 day camps for K – 8th graders around your favorite camp activities. Themes include *Mix it Up*, *Nature Around Us* and *Focus on Fire*. A special guest will visit every week. The “late night” option, when girls can stay until dark to tie-dye and cook s’mores over a campfire, is back! Girls in 6th – 8th grade have two-week options, *I Survived* and *Camp Special Agents*, which include an overnight experience.

Camp Hoffman is the place to go for girls in grades 2-12 for overnight adventures! New programs include *Whitewater Rafting*, *Cupcake Wars*, *Survivor Hoffman*, and *Rangers*, along with a new *Bike Newport*

program taking place at Camp Rocky Farm. Theme camps include *Percy Jackson’s Camp Half Blood*, *Muggle No More*, *Mockingjay* and *CSI: Hoffman*. Our beautiful camp property on Larkin Pond includes hiking trails, a low and high ropes course, sail boats, canoes, paddle boards, a gaga pit and fields to play games.

At both day and overnight camps, there are leadership opportunities for older girls who want to be part of the team!

**Adults, do you miss going to camp? Sign up for *Linger*, an overnight program, July 25 – 26, at Camp Hoffman for women 18 years and older. You can also apply online at [www.gssne.org](http://www.gssne.org) to work at one of our camps!**

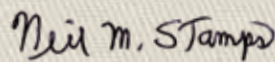
Camp is open to all girls and financial aid is available for families that qualify. Bus transportation to day camp is available for an additional fee.



## Greeting from the CEO

*One of the snowiest winters in the record books has affected the entire community. While children have enjoyed perfecting their re-creation of "Olaf", students will be in school until late June, vacations have been canceled, and everyone is tired of shoveling. The weather has also significantly impacted the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale, with booth sales canceled because of the dangerously cold temperatures and slippery sidewalks getting in the way of girls going door-to-door to take orders. I am asking for you to help girls throughout our Council achieve their goals. In order for us all to accomplish this the Cookie Sale will now be extended through April 12. Girls, whether you are going to use the Cookie Sale proceeds to earn cool incentives, travel to Europe, or go to camp this summer, I encourage you to come up with a revised marketing plan to ensure your success. As an added bonus, I will be inviting the top sellers to the Council office to enjoy a lunch with me! By supporting the Girl Scout cookie program you are helping girls achieve their goals and develop skills that will last a lifetime. Please visit [www.girlscoutcookies.org](http://www.girlscoutcookies.org) to find out where you can purchase your favorite variety. Parents and volunteers, a sincere thank you for your tireless commitment to this program.*

Sincerely,



Neil M. Stamps

## Family Partnership Campaign



Did you know it costs \$469 a year for one girl to participate in Girl Scouts? Registration fees paid by parents do not cover the actual cost to run our programs.

GSSNE, along with the help of our generous donors, subsidizes these costs so Girl Scouting continues to be affordable for everyone. But, we need your help!

In Girl Scouting, girls develop confidence in themselves, gain leadership skills, and give back to their local communities. Please join us in building girls who are leaders of tomorrow and who will make the world a better place. Whether your gift is \$18 or \$100, 100% of your Family Partnership donation will benefit girls locally in our Council; every gift matters!

**Did you know you can make a Family Partnership donation any time throughout the year?** Even if you have already registered. Please visit [www.gssne.org/donate](http://www.gssne.org/donate) or contact Jill Martens at 401-331-4500 x1304 or [jmartens@gssne.org](mailto:jmartens@gssne.org) to donate today!

## January 11

Kelly Bates, center, WJAR NBC 10 Meteorologist & this year's Honorary Cookie Chair, joined us for the Great Girl Scout Cookie Party at a Providence Bruins game.



Since the cookies were delivered in January, and between snow storms, troops have been holding booth sales around Southeastern New England.

## February 27 - March 1

Girls around the country celebrated National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend. We kicked off the fun with our friends on The Rhode Show and were joined by Amy Simonini, Operations Manager from *A Wish Come True, Inc.*, the recipient of this year's Cookie Sale Service Project.





Did you know six out of ten girls stop doing something they love because they feel bad about the way they look?\*

Through a partnership with Dove and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), Girl Scouts has created Free Being Me, a global leadership initiative focused on helping girls better understand global definitions of beauty.

We are grateful to Dove for supporting GSSNE for the second year in a row by providing us with a \$12,000 grant to continue this exciting program here at our council.

Free Being Me will continue to help girls define beauty for themselves and boost their self-confidence in the process. For more information and background on Free Being Me, go to [www.free-being-me.com](http://www.free-being-me.com).

\*Dove Global Study, 2010



### Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

The traditional Sox for Socks game is Sunday, April 19 when the **Pawtucket Red Sox** take on the Rochester Red Wings. Gates open at 11:30 and tickets are FREE with a donation of a package of socks, underwear or diapers (1 per person), which will be donated to GSSNE's community service project, Project Undercover. Girl Scouts will have the opportunity to participate in an on-field parade, flag ceremony, National Anthem and first pitch. Contact Laurie Pansa, [lpansa@gssne.org](mailto:lpansa@gssne.org), for more information.

Want to ship up to Boston? The **Boston Red Sox** are hosting a Scout Day on Thursday, July 30. Scouts who attend will receive a special patch. Tickets are available for \$30 or \$32, and prices include a donation which will help support the Girl Leadership Experience Center. Visit [www.gssne.org](http://www.gssne.org) or contact Cindy Rollins, [crollins@gssne.org](mailto:crollins@gssne.org), 401-331-4500 x1000 to purchase tickets.

### March 14

#Cookiecreation contest wrap-up party at Pinkberry, with 92 PRO FM & Hot 106. Lucky winners received Taylor Swift & New Kids On The Block concert tickets!



It's not too late to join the fun of the cookie sale...a picture of YOU could be here!



Small (140+ packages) or large (500+ packages) polar bear

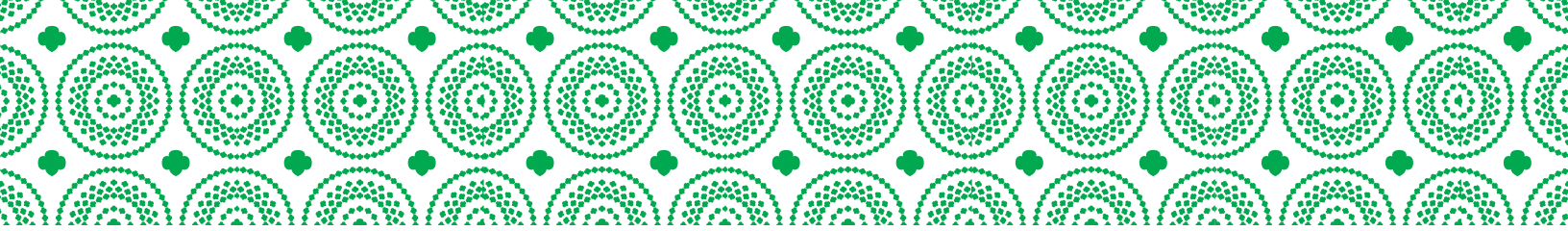


Sunglasses and Cross Body Zipper Bag (250+ packages)



Photo Booth Prop Shop Kit and more (750+ packages)

The Cookie Sale has been extended to April 12. There's still time to sell #onemorebox...or as many boxes as it takes for your Girl Scout to earn camp credits, get an incentive, or reach a goal!



# Volunteer Spotlight

Marianne Pizzi was a Girl Scout from Brownies through Cadettes, and recalls attending troop meetings in a small kitchen in her school and participating in activities like cooking and crafts. Similarly, Amanda Hanlin-Hochler was a Girl Scout for



9 years and remembers earning her Silver Award by organizing a community field day at Capron Park and learning how to cook in a dutch oven.

When Amanda's co-leader stepped down after one year, Service Unit Manager

Diane Pelrine started a search to find a new leader. Diane, who has been a volunteer for 25 years, shares her love of Girl Scouts with prospective leaders. "I want other ladies to see that besides being good for the girls, it's fun for adults too. I also don't ever want to see a girl who wants to be a Girl Scout miss out because

there are not enough leaders," she says.

Since meeting for the first time 6 years ago, Marianne and Amanda have perfected the troop planning process. "When the program guide comes out, we plan the first half of the year and send a schedule to the other parents," says Marianne. Today, they co-lead Cadette Troop 907 in Wrentham/Plainville and Marianne also helps to lead a Brownie troop for her younger daughter.

Both women compare their co-leader relationship to a marriage. "We spend more weekends together than we do with our husbands!" says Amanda. Like a married couple, they have different personalities. Marianne is the one "crazy enough to follow through with plans", while Amanda is good at organizing calendars, excursions, and fundraising efforts. Having once been there herself, Amanda's advice to new leaders is to "attend Service Unit meetings, talk to people who have been leaders for awhile, and get

as much family support from other parents as possible."

Their "marriage" has even persisted long-distance. When Amanda moved to the Berkshires, they changed the troop meeting time to Friday evenings to accommodate their work-week schedules. "We survived because the girls in our troop are all active so we can do many activities with them," says Marianne.

To learn how their Cadette Troop earned the Bronze Award last year, what the troop does for an annual fall fundraiser, and where they went for a trip, along with a slideshow of photos, visit [www.gssne.org/misc\\_Volunteer.html](http://www.gssne.org/misc_Volunteer.html).



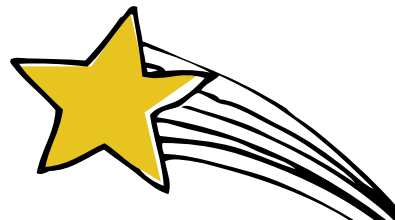
## Leading Women Awards



Please join us on April 9, 2015 from 5:30pm-8:30pm at Guidnessett Country Club for a very special evening to help us honor incredible women who exemplify the Girl Scout Mission by building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. Our honorees are: **Laurie White**, President of the Providence Chamber of Commerce, **The Honorable Governor Gina Raimondo**, **Daynia LaForce**, Head Women's Basketball Coach for the University of Rhode Island, **Judy Sansone**, Senior Vice President of Front Store Business and Chief Merchant at CVS Health, and our very own **Elizabeth "Betty"**

**Cugini**, Honorary Board Member, who will be the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award. **Barbara Morse Silva** from WJAR NBC 10, a Girl Scout alumna, will be the master of ceremonies and will showcase the incredible journeys which each of these women have taken.

To find out more about the **Leading Women Awards** or to purchase tickets, visit [www.gssne.org](http://www.gssne.org) or email [scholewa@gssne.org](mailto:scholewa@gssne.org). Tickets are \$75.00 per person and must be purchased no later than April 2nd.



## Double Your Donation



We are proud to announce that GSSNE received a \$100,000 challenge grant last month from The Champlin Foundations. This donation will help outfit the new "Girl Leadership Experience Center" with technology. **For every dollar we raise from now through October 15th 2015, The Champlin Foundation will match it.** To donate to the Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England's Leadership Center and assist in this important effort visit [www.gssne.org/donors\\_DonateOnline.html](http://www.gssne.org/donors_DonateOnline.html).



THE CHAMPLIN FOUNDATIONS



## SAVE THE DATES

### Camp Open Houses

Sunday, May 17th  
2pm – 4pm

Camps Promising Acres, Cookie, Green Forest and Hoffman

*Take a tour, view the waterfront and meet camp staff!*

### Annual Meeting

Monday, May 18th

Cocktail Reception  
5pm-6pm

Dinner and Meeting  
begins at 6pm

Potowomut Country Club  
East Greenwich

### Gold Award Ceremony

Saturday, May 30th

9:30 am – 11:30 am

Quidnessett Country Club  
North Kingstown, RI

### Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

Saturday, June 20th

10am-4pm

Camp Hoffman  
West Kingstown, RI

*Rain date June 21*

## Program Patches and Boxes

New and revised Council Patches and Program Boxes are now available! GSSNE offers a variety of patches that girls can earn while exploring topics not covered in the Girl's Guide. Visit the Sarah Hazard Nomer Museum at Camp Hoffman to learn about Girl Scout history and earn your museum patch. Discover more about Massachusetts, Connecticut or Rhode Island and earn a state patch. Explore the Zoo. Plan a trip to Boston. Keep your heart healthy! Investigate the beach, explore the outdoors or go camping with your friends. Fort Adams and Society for Decorative Painters also offer their own patch program. Patch requirements are available on our website in the Current Program section and council patches may be purchased in the Girl Scout Shop.

New *Free Being Me* program boxes have been created for your troop to borrow. These activities encourage self-confidence and positive body image. Patches are available for *Free Being Me* participants for free at the Council Store while supplies last. GSSNE program boxes have been revised; topics include ceremonies, crafts, fishing fun, songs, games, sports and more! Check out the list on our website and call the office to reserve.

## Museum Open Houses

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Sarah Hazard Nomer Museum at Camp Hoffman, a series of Open Houses and drop-in workshops, designed for small groups of Girl Scout friends, young and old, will be held this spring. Troops who would like to schedule a tour can contact Gert Shea, [gshea@gssne.org](mailto:gshea@gssne.org), 401-331-4500 x1204.

On **Saturday, April 18, from 10am – 2pm**, explore the gadgets and gizmos that the museum is full of! Practice your square knot, learn about flags, share a SWAP, and more.



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The Girl Scout Retail Stores are featuring items you can use to **BLING** your booth, **ATTRACT** customers, and say **THANK YOU** to cookie volunteers!



Tote Bag \$4.95,  
Patch \$1.25,  
Car Magnet \$6.75

**HONK** if you ♥  
Girl Scout Cookies!

### Cooking over a campfire?



The shop has two mess kits to choose from, for \$25.95 or \$32.95.

Show off your love of camp with a t-shirt (\$5) and necklace (\$7)!



Surprise your camper with a fun Camp Care Package – perfect for sending some love from home! Camp Hoffman packages are \$25 and new Day Camp packages are \$20. Packages can be purchased

when registering for camp, or by contacting Louise, [lmoore@gssne.org](mailto:lmoore@gssne.org), 401-331-4500 x1201.

### Girl Scout Store

500 Greenwich Ave. Warwick, RI  
Monday-Friday, 9am-5:30pm, Saturday, 10am-3pm

### Friendship Shop Camp Hoffman

W. Kingston, RI, Wednesday and Saturday, 10am-2pm

### We would like to thank our sponsors:



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