Why Girl Scouts?

Dear Girl Scout Family,

As summer winds down and your family gets ready for the start of an unprecedented new school year, we want to assure you that Girl Scouts is here to support your girl with programs and experiences to help her thrive.

For 108 years, Girls Scouts has been a steady, positive force in the lives of millions of girls. In this challenging time, we continue to provide girls opportunities to learn, grow and have fun in a safe environment.

With our strong focus on fostering personal well-being and healthy relationships, developing skills in finance and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), and giving back to the community, Girl Scouts has never been better positioned to develop future leaders.

If you would like to help expand our sisterhood, please invite friends to join us at an upcoming virtual open house. We also welcome rising kindergarteners in a new program open to all. Called “Ready, Set, Kindergarten,” it’s a four-part online series designed to boost social skills and self-confidence and get girls ready for the big changes school will bring.

Stay tuned for special programs for new girls and for an exciting line-up of fall activities for all our go-getters, innovators, risk-takers, and leaders.

Enjoy these last days of August.

Eileen M. Higgins
Chief Executive Officer
Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore

Next week, join Girl Scouts as we celebrate the 19th Amendment!

We're celebrating Women's Suffrage all month long; next week, August 26, marks the 100th anniversary of Women's Equality Day. We invite you to join our council and GSUSA in celebrating the beginning of women’s access to the right to vote. Honor the advances in our nation's history that came about from the suffrage movement — and the women who lead the way.

Seniors and Ambassadors will "Race to 19!", Wednesday, August 26. Girls will discover that with the passage of the 19th Amendment there were still many women who were discriminated against and that even today, there is still much work to be done! Girls will also discuss historic female leaders, take part in a role-playing strategy debate, and learn the importance of voting with a myth-busting activity.
Then, on **Friday, August 28**, girls can "**Step Out With Suffragettes!**" as they learn about the first national event of the women’s suffrage movement with a neighborhood, mile and a half long walk.

You can also honor the legacy of the women who fought for voter equality by exploring their stories and the National Parks where important events happened through **GSUSA's Girl Scout Ranger program**. Explore the struggle for women’s rights and unlock a limited-edition 19th Amendment Centennial patch.

Register Now - Race to 19!
Register Now - Step Out With Suffragettes
Unlock the Limited-Edition Ranger Patch

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**GIRL Thoughts**

We’re already more than halfway through August, which can only mean one thing, the start of a new Girl Scout year!

This week we asked, what are you most looking forward to with the start of the new Girl Scout year?

**Molly, Troop 175**

Because of the pandemic, we had to cancel a lot of fun things. I am looking forward to getting back together with my Girl Scout troop. We enjoy activities like playing mini golf, hiking at Allaire State Park, going to the Microsoft Store for activities, and most of all our annual Cinco de Mayo dinner! This year was different, but we made it fun! I also had an opportunity to deliver special signs to graduating Girl Scouts, which was really special!

**Lizbeth, Troop 50270**

I am most excited about starting my seventh year as a Girl Scout Cadette and getting back on the water with the Jersey River Runners, the GSJS canoe team! This summer, we hosted a virtual camp out. This year I completed my Bronze Award project - "Comfy Quilts" with another troop member, Lacy. I also love selling cookies and am excited to get back to booth sales! I also really like working on community service projects with my troop, doing Journeys and the Summer Challenge.

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**Exploring the World of Cybersecurity**

**Hands-on Cybersecurity**

Love learning new things? Why not check out our NEW CyberSecurity program! Discover the world of cybersecurity and learn to protect yourself online with experts from AT&T’s Cybersecurity team.

Girls will earn THREE cybersecurity badges, all while learning how to spot phishing and the importance of multi-factor authentication. Participate in

**2020 Summer Challenge**

There are just over two weeks left to take part in our 2020 Summer Challenge! Girls who complete 10 tasks by **Monday, September 7**, will receive a FREE Fun Patch!

Don’t forget to wear your uniform, take lots of pictures and most importantly, HAVE FUN!
hands-on activities to crack passwords and investigate logs for signs of hackers. These virtual sessions run **August 24 - 28**, beginning each day at 11:00 a.m.

### 2020 Holiday Card Contest!

Show us your creative side! Draw a Girl Scout-themed wintery scene for council's 2020 Holiday Cards. We'll be selecting two winning designs to feature on this year's holiday cards.

Artists of all ages are invited to submit their artwork. Please, no holiday-specific designs. This is a great individual, family or troop activity. The submission deadline is **Sunday, August 30**.

### Are You Ready?

Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors, gather the essentials and have your plan ready as we earn a council-exclusive patch!

Complete all five steps, and be prepared in case of an emergency with our ongoing Girl Scouts at the Ready program. This program runs through **Sunday, August 30**.

### 2020 Phenom Awards Celebration

Join us for our fifth annual Phenomenal Women Under 40 celebration, **Wednesday, September 23**, at the Program Activity Center in Farmingdale. This year we’ll be honoring 10 incredible women from Monmouth and Ocean counties.

### Girl Scout’s Golf Outing

Mark your calendar and join us, **Tuesday, October 6**, as we tee off at our annual Girl Scout Golf Classic at Rumson Country Club. Let's enjoy a day on the greens and golf FORE Girl Scouts!

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- **Girl Scout Journeys**
  - **Think Like A Programmer**
    - Ongoing; register at any time (JCSA)
  - **Your Voice Matters - Census 2020**
    - Now through September 30 (All levels)
  - **Step Out with Suffragettes**
    - Fri Aug 28; This is an all-day event (Open to all)

- **Daisy, Brownie & Junior**
  - **Your Voice Matters - Census 2020**
    - Now through September 30 (All levels)

- **Cadette, Senior & Ambassador**
  - **Your Voice Matters - Census 2020**
    - Now through September 30 (All levels)
  - **Girl Scouts at the Ready**
    - Now through August 30 (CSA)

- **Volunteer Opportunities**
  - **Volunteer Expo**
    - Fri Sep 25, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.
  - **Zooms Ins and Outs**
    - Thu Sep 17 & Tue Oct 13, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
  - **Basic Outdoor Skills Training**

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- **CollegeLab**
  - Seniors & Ambassadors
    - Aug 24 - 28 (CS)
- **AT&T Virtual Cybersecurity Week**
  - Tue Aug 25, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. (SA)
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**Check Out the Complete Online Activities Calendar**

Have a question? Don't be shy!

**Contact us for more information.**

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