The Right is Ours

Dear Girl Scout Family,

Throughout the month of August, Girl Scouts is celebrating an important milestone in equality and women’s history - the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, granting women the constitutional right to vote on a national level.

We’re commemorating this historic event to share with our girls what it took to win a decades-long battle for the right to vote and what we can learn from the struggle.

It’s a compelling story of courageous leaders like Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony who mobilized women - and men - to fight for suffrage. On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment was ratified, marking a significant step for women’s rights in our county. However, it would take another 45 years before women of color would be allowed to vote.

On this day in 1965, when I was a growing up in Monmouth County, President Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act, outlawing the discriminatory practices that prevented men and women of color from voting. It is difficult to fathom the time it took for ALL to have a voice in our democracy.

As we mark the 19th Amendment Centennial, let’s encourage our girls to engage in civics to better understand their rights and obligations as local and global citizens (there’s a new badge for that!). It’s a time for all of us to lift our voices to protect the vulnerable in our communities and to exercise our privilege to vote.

Suffragette Elizabeth Cady Stanton said it best: “The right is ours. Have it we must. Use it we will.”

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

Celebrate the 19th Amendment!

This month, we’re celebrating the centennial anniversary of the 19th Amendment with a variety of programs for every level.

On Wednesday, August 26, at 2:00 p.m. Daisies and Brownies will share “Three Cheers for 100 Years!”

At 3:30 p.m. Juniors and Cadettes will say “Vote for ME!” while looking inside the electoral progress and the role women play in government at all levels.
Finally, at 5:00 p.m. Seniors and Ambassadors will go on a "Race to 19!" They will participate in a role-playing debate and do some myth-busting.

All Girl Scouts are then invited to "Step Out With Suffragettes" on **Friday, August 28**, by participating in a women's suffrage march in their neighborhood during a mile and a half long walk.

You can also honor the legacy of 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. Girls who participate will earn a limited-edition 19th Amendment Centennial patch.

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**Thank You to all who joined us at our 2020 Gala Reception**

Thank you to everyone who joined us Thursday, July 30, as we turned our Women of Distinction and Community Partners Gala into an Outdoor Cocktail Celebration at Eagle Oaks Country Club in Farmingdale.

Special recognition goes to this year's incredible Women of Distinction: Anne M. Davis, Christine Hanlon, Frances Keane, Dana Lancellotti and Dr. Janice Warner. Also, congratulations to Man Enough to Be a Girl Scout honoree, Wayne Boatwright, and our Community Partner, the Lakewood BlueClaws. Finally, congratulations to Nikki Weeks, a Girl Scout troop leader from Manalapan, the winner of our 50/50 Raffle.

Visit our website to view our photo gallery from this year’s event.

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**GIRL Thoughts**

National S'mores Day is August 16!
This week we asked, what is your favorite S'mores-making memory?
My favorite Girl Scout S’mores memory was when my whole troop came over to test out different recipes for a S’mores Wars competition. We experimented with different types of chocolate, added fruit, and were very creative! Our S’mores didn’t win the competition, but we had a lot of fun trying new things as a troop!

One of my favorite summertime activities is to make S’mores. I have a specific way I like to make my S’mores. I love chocolate. It is one of my favorite treats. I make my S’mores with chocolate graham crackers, chocolate stuffed puff marshmallows and a piece of Hershey’s chocolate to add more chocolate flavor. My favorite place to make S’mores is at Camp Amity Acres on their campfire nights. I get to sit around the campfire with all of my friends and compare who’s S’more came out better!

Make S’more Memories!

Don’t let summer end without creating and eating your own delicious S’more! This is your last call to register for a virtual celebration of National S’mores Day on Sunday, August 16, at 11:00 a.m. Get ready to make s’mores three different ways as you gather at home to sing campfire songs and create some S’mores art! We provide the supplies; you just need to pick them up. Fun patch and council theme patch included.

Register Now!

2020 Holiday Card Contest!

We’re looking ahead to the 2020 holiday season and we need your help! This month, our Girl Scouts will once again create the art we use on the council’s holiday card! Artists of all ages are encouraged to submit artwork of a fun, Girl Scout-themed winter scene. Please, no holiday-specific art. This is a great individual, family or troop activity. The submission deadline is Sunday, August 30.

Exploring the World of Cybersecurity

Get hands-on experience working with the experts from AT&T Cybersecurity. During the week of August 17-21, Girl Scout Cadettes will discover ways to protect themselves online including the importance of multi-factor authentication, social engineering and how to spot phishing. Daily three-hour sessions start at 11:00 a.m. Hands-on activities include how to crack passwords, find metadata in pictures and investigate logs for signs of cyber hackers. After attending this session, girls will earn THREE cybersecurity badges: Basics, Safeguards and Investigator.
Submit Your Art Now

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SHOP FROM HOME

Shop from the comfort of your home, day or night! Email CustomerCare@GSFun.org to schedule curbside pickup or shop online 24/7. Make sure to check out all the new Girl Scout items, including GSUSA’s newest badges!

Curbside pickup is available Monday - Wednesday, and Fridays at the Monmouth Service Center from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., and Thursdays at the Ocean Service Center from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Accept The Summer Challenge!

2020 Summer Challenge

Is it August already? Have you started your Summer Challenge? Remember, you have until Labor Day, Monday, September 7, to complete the 2020 challenge. Girls who complete 10 tasks will receive a FREE Fun Patch!

Make sure to wear your uniform, take lots of pictures, and most importantly, HAVE FUN!!

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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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