



## Council Update

### Sharing Joy!

Dear Girl Scout Family,

When I look back at 2020 and all the obstacles that challenged our girls and our organization, I cannot help but feel extremely proud of what we have accomplished together.

The coronavirus pandemic brought significant change to every aspect of Girl Scouting, from how we meet and interact to how we sell cookies and camp. But one thing the pandemic could not change is the go-getter spirit that fuels our girls' determination to make our world a better place.

It's been incredibly inspiring seeing our girls make a positive, lasting impact in their communities. They've inspired older adults to be physically active, they've helped prevent cyberbullying, and found ways to ease anxiety among their peers during the pandemic.

This holiday season, our girls collected and donated warm socks and gloves for 255 local families in need as part of the Warm Winter Wishes campaign hosted by the United Way of Monmouth and Ocean Counties.

Girl Scouts never stop giving back. They remind us every day that it is much better to give than to receive.

Let's join them in sharing kindness and joy this holiday season and throughout the new year.

From all of us at Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore, happy holiday!

Regards,

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

# GIRL Thoughts

December is a month filled with holidays and traditions.  
This week, we asked girls, "What does your troop do to celebrate the season?"



**Ava, Junior Troop 645**

This year, my troop, participated in the CROP Hunger Walk and asked for food donations to donate to a local food bank. We walked four miles and collected 40 pounds of food for those in need. We also held our annual Pajama Party. This year's theme was "Pets"; we are working towards our Bronze Award by helping shelter animals. During our virtual PJ party we made pet toys, and collected over 70 cans of pet food to donate to the Old Bridge Animal Shelter. We also received donations for the Pajama Program, including 50 pajama sets and 20 books. It feels great to help our community during the holidays!



**Emily, Brownie Troop 557**

Our troop celebrates the holiday season by giving gifts to families in need through the RAINE Foundation (Reaching All In Need Everyday) in Hazlet. Last year, our troop gave ten bikes to the organization as part of their holiday assistance program. This year, we collected and wrapped toys for a family with four small children. I love being a part of this project and knowing I am helping families in my area and I hope our troop continues to work with the RAINE Foundation as we grow in Girl Scouts.



### Holiday Art Contest Winners Announced

Congratulations to Isabella and Lexi, winners of the council's Holiday Art Contest!

Isabella, a 6-year-old Girl Scout from Belford Troop 60223, submitted a drawing of a snowman wearing a Daisy vest. Her picture was selected to be featured on the council's holiday card.

Lexi, a 17-year-old Girl Scout from Manasquan Troop 80634, submitted a drawing of a snowman relaxing on the beach. Her picture will appear on our CEO, Eileen Higgins', holiday card.

Thank you everyone who submitted entries. Your talent is amazing!



### Merry Grinchmas

Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate a Merry Grinchmas last weekend. Our guests enjoyed a Whoville scavenger hunt through Camp Sacajawea as they saved the holiday season from the clutches of the Grinch.

It's hard to tell which part families enjoyed most - snacking on tasty smores, creating a Grinch-themed holiday ornament or meeting and snapping photos with the Grinch in the middle of his mini snow flurry.

[Watch Our Grinchmas Video](#)



### Upcoming Virtual Camper Reunions

Health and safety is a top priority. With this in mind we have reimagined our January Camper Reunion to be a contactless and virtual experience throughout the month-- giving past campers from 2019 and 2020 the comfortable opportunity to participate in camp magic!

Camper reunion bags will be available for contactless pick up on designated dates in January. This includes some winter crafting activities, s'mores snack to make at home, and a puzzle packet-- oh and let's not forget our exclusive Camper Reunion 2020 fun patch!

Finally, reunite with some of your camp friends and favorite counselors at our Virtual Social and Campfire Singalong on **Thursday, January 21**. Pop in anytime between 4:00 - 5:00 or 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. The camp team will be on Zoom to answer all of your 2021 summer questions in the chatbox throughout the event.

**And remember, if you register for camp within 48 hours of attending the virtual camper reunion, you could save up to \$225!!**

Camper Reunion: Camp Amity Acres

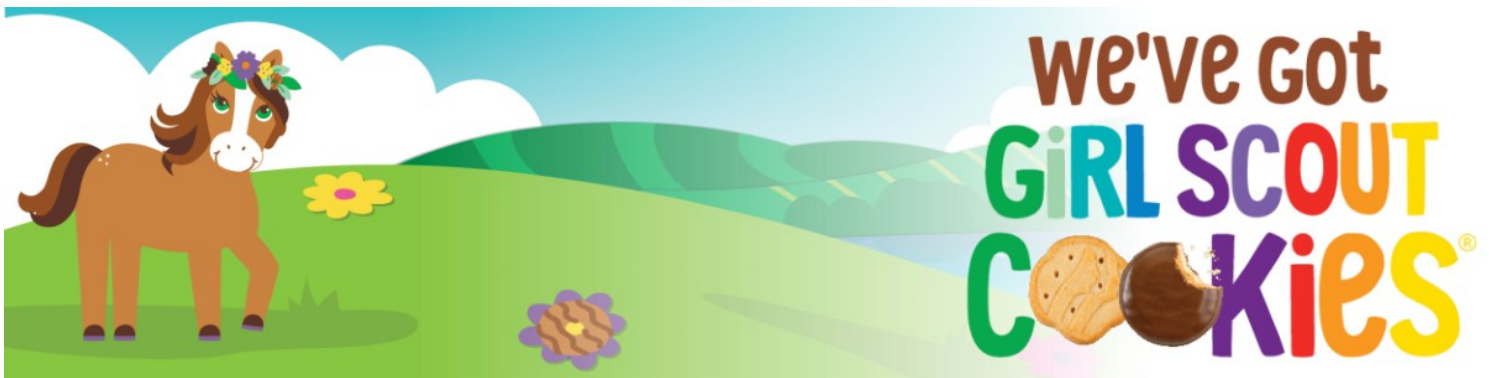
Camper Reunion: Camp Sacajawea

## Give the Gift of Camp! 🎁

Looking for the ultimate holiday present? This holiday season give the gift that allows the girl in your life the opportunity to experience new adventures, gain independence, cultivate lifelong friendships, foster an appreciation for nature, develop new skills, and discover themselves. Give the gift of camp!

A summer spent at either Camp Amity Acres or Camp Sacajawea is one present that will last a lifetime in memories!

Get a Jump on Summer Camp!



## "At The Starting Gate" Cookie Rally 🍪

**Saddle up! Girl Scout Cookie season begins Friday, January 8!**

Gallop into cookie season with our new cookie program mascot, the Little Horse!

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is so much more than selling cookies; this experience helps girls build five skills that will last a lifetime: goal setting, decision-making, money management, people skills, and business ethics. Zoom in **Tuesday, January 5**, for our annual cookie rally. Daisies, Brownies and Juniors will enjoy activities to get them excited about the upcoming cookie season while brainstorming ways to reach their goals!

Register Now!



### Media Journey in a Day

Stories say so much about us—they are a way to express our interests, hopes and dreams. Cadettes, join us for a virtual journey,

**Saturday, January 9**, and tell us your story! Our journey will be broken into two Zoom sessions, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Discover the range of creative approaches highlighted in the It's Your Story—Tell It! Leadership Journey. Discover the power of media messaging, from your favorite books to TV shows, movies, music and online content. Learn to tell your stories in a positive, powerful way!

Looking to earn your Silver Award? This journey fulfills "Go on a Cadette Journey" Silver Award requirement!

Register Now!



### Travel with Girl Scouts

How far will your Girl Scout experience take you? Discover the possibilities at our next virtual travel information session, **Tuesday, January 12**. Learn all about council-sponsored trips, safety while traveling, and more! Start planning your next Girl Scout adventure today!

#### Upcoming Travel Opportunities

Adventure in Peru  
Savannah, Georgia  
Natural Wonders at Niagara Fall, Ontario  
Japan: Land of the Rising Sun  
London, Paris, Florence & Rome

Register Now!



## Canoe Team Interest Night

Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors, come see what the canoe team is all about! Virtually meet our canoe team, the Jersey River Runners, **Thursday, January 28.**

Girls will have a chance to meet the coaches and canoe team members, ask questions and learn about the canoe races our team attends, including the General Clinton Canoe Regatta in upstate New York (photos from 2019 event).

This is an information night, no commitment is required.

[Register Now!](#)



## Submit your nominations today!

Volunteers make Girl Scouting happen! Their dedication inspires all of us. To show our appreciation, each spring Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore hosts both Council and Regional Award Recognitions honoring our volunteers.

We take pride in recognizing individuals for their years of membership, volunteer service and exceptional contributions to the Girl Scout mission. Council Award nominations are being accepted now through **Monday, February 1**; Regional Award nominations are being accepted now through **Monday, March 1.**

[Submit Your Council Award Nominations Today!](#)

[Submit Your Regional Award Nominations Today!](#)

# UPCOMING PROGRAMS



[Visit Our Online Activities Calendar](#)

## Badge Boxes & Girl Scout Journeys

- [Media Journey in a Day](#)
  - Sat Jan 9, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. (C)
- [Think Like a Programmer Junior Journey Jumpstart](#)
  - Sat Jan 23, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. (J)
- [3 Cheers for Animals Journey Series \(D\)](#)
  - Sun Jan 24, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
  - Mon Jan 25, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
  - Tue Jan 26, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
- [Wonders of Water Journey Series \(B\)](#)
  - Sat Feb 20, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
  - Sun Feb 21, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
- [Girl Scout Badge Boxes](#)
  - Daisies, Brownies, Juniors & Cadettes

## Daisy, Brownie & Junior

- [Self-Guided Go-Getter Monthly Theme Patch Series - December](#)
  - Now - Thu Dec 31 (All levels)
- [At The Starting Gate Cookie Rally](#)
  - Tue Jan 5, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. (DBJ)
- [Camper Reunion: Camp Amity Acres](#)
  - Sat Jan 9, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (All levels)
- [Travel Information Session](#)
  - Tue Jan 12, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (JCSA)
- [Archery I for Juniors](#)
  - Thu Jan 14, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. (J)
- [Camper Reunion: Camp Sacajawea](#)
  - Sat Jan 16, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (All levels)
- [Brownie Inventor](#)
  - Tue Jan 19, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. (B)
- [Archery Introduction for Brownies](#)
  - Thu Jan 28, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. (B)
- [Canoe Team Interest Night](#)
  - Thu Jan 28, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (JCSA)
- [Automotive Design Badge](#)
  - Fri Jan 29, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. (DB)

## Cadette, Senior & Ambassador

- [Self-Guided Go-Getter Monthly Theme Patch Series - December](#)
  - Now - Thu Dec 31 (All levels)
- [Archery Badge](#)
  - Thu Jan 7, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. (C)
- [Idea Share with the Silver/Gold Committee](#)
  - Thu Jan 7, 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. (CSA)
- [Camper Reunion: Camp Amity Acres](#)
  - Sat Jan 9, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (All levels)
- [Travel Information Session](#)
  - Tue Jan 12, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (JCSA)
- [Digital Movie Maker](#)
  - Thu Jan 14, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (C)
- [Camper Reunion: Camp Sacajawea](#)
  - Sat Jan 16, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (All levels)
- [Silver Award Workshop](#)
  - Tue Jan 19, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (C)
- [Older Girl Recruitment Team](#)
  - Fri Jan 22, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (CSA)
- [GoGold Workshop](#)

## Volunteer & Parent Opportunities

- [Parent/Leader Bronze Award Workshop](#)
  - Wed Jan 6, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- [VTK for Individually Registered Members](#)
  - Sun Jan 24, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- [VTK Beyond the Basics](#)
  - Mon Jan 25, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- [Virtual Summer Camp Parent Info Session](#)
  - Wed Jan 27, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- [Sing-A-Long for Adults](#)
  - Fri Feb 12 - Sun Feb 14
- [Parent/Leader Bronze Award Workshop](#)
  - Wed Feb 17, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- [Virtual Summer Camp Parent Info Session](#)
  - Tue Feb 23, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

- [Self-Guided Go-Getter Monthly Theme Patch Series - January](#)
  - Now - Sat Jan 31 (All levels)
- [Ring the Bell - Black History Month Kickoff Celebration](#)
  - Tue Feb 2, 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. (All levels)
- [I Heart My Daisy Robot](#)
  - Sat Feb 6, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (D)
- [New STEM Career Exploration](#)
  - Wed Feb 10, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. (BJ)
- [Sing-A-Long for Girls](#)
  - Sat Feb 13, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (All levels)
- [Social Butterfly Via Social Distancing](#)
  - Tue Feb 16, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (J)
- [World Thinking Day Celebration](#)
  - Fri Feb 19, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. (All levels)
- [Noodlehead](#)
  - Sun Feb 21, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. (JCSA)
- [The Great Winter New Jersey Camp-In Camp-Out](#)
  - Fri Feb 26 - Sun Feb 28 (All levels)
- [Juliette Meeting](#)
  - Sat Feb 27, 10:00 - 11:20 a.m. (All levels)
- [Self-Guided Go-Getter Monthly Theme Patch Series - February](#)
  - Now - Sun Feb 28 (All levels)

## Girl Scouts

- Wed Jan 27, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (SA)
- [Canoe Team Interest Night](#)
  - Thu Jan 28, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (JCSA)
- [Older Girl Expo](#)
  - Thu Jan 28, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. (CSA)
- [Self-Guided Go-Getter Monthly Theme Patch Series - January](#)
  - Now - Sat Jan 31 (All levels)
- [Idea Share with the Silver/Gold Committee](#)
  - Mon Feb 1, 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. (CSA)
- [Ring the Bell - Black History Month Kickoff Celebration](#)
  - Tue Feb 2, 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. (All levels)
- [Older Girl Recruitment Team](#)
  - Fri Feb 12, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (CSA)
- [Sing-A-Long for Girls](#)
  - Sat Feb 13, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (All levels)
- [App Development](#)
  - Tue Feb 16, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (CSA)
- [Leaders in Action - Wonders of Water \(C\)](#)
  - Wed Feb 17, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
  - Sat Feb 20, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
  - Sun Feb 21, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
- [Owl Prowl](#)
  - Fri Feb 19, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- [World Thinking Day Celebration](#)
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- [Noodlehead](#)
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**Have a question? Don't be shy!**

**Contact us** for more information.

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