



# Council Update

## Kindness Matters

Dear Girl Scout Family,

As we join together around the globe to celebrate World Kindness Day on November 13, I am reminded of a simple, but powerful quote: "In a world where you can be anything, be kind."

Kindness matters. It's an important value that guides our Girl Scouts as they work together to make our world a better place.

After a contentious national election, months of social unrest and the challenges we face with the COVID-19 pandemic, we can all use a little kindness.

Let's help bridge divides and support each other in trying times with a simple act of kindness on World Kindness Day and every day. Sharing a smile, lending a hand, saying thank you and simply being a good listener can go a long way.

Happy World Kindness Day!

Regards,

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

# GIRL Thoughts

**Our council's November theme is Giving Service.**  
**This week, we've asked girls, "What makes a service project have an impact?"**



**Brianna, Troop 61724**

My troop participated in Operation Sleigh Bells and adopted a family with a daughter about our age. We were told what the girl needed as well as a few gifts she really wanted. As a troop we



**Maeve, Troop 61723**

Our Brownie troop helped clean up Spring Lake beach with the Clean Ocean Action. At first glance, the beach looked pretty clean, but when we looked under the boardwalk we found lots of



**Junior Troop 61832**

Annually, our troop decorates Central Elementary School's front marquee. The Beautification Committee asked our troop to help beautify this area and as a result, we have

went shopping with the money we earned during the Girl Scout Cookie Program. It made me feel good to help someone and make sure she had a happy holiday.



Elliana, Troop 61723

I really enjoyed the Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweep. This was an important project to me because my troop was able to help protect animals and the environment. From this project, I learned that a lot of people litter small bits of trash instead of carrying them off the beach. In the future, I will be sure to not leave trash and I will teach others to take care of our beaches.

trash. We found items like balloons, lots of paper and plastic, and disposable coffee cups. I am proud to have helped clean our local beach and have been a part of this project. I know this work will help the environment.



Elle, Troop 61723

Each year, my troop creates Thanksgiving baskets; it is my favorite service project. It is an important project because we are donating food to people who may not have enough. I have learned to always care for others and to help the people in our community when I can.

created this special tradition of doing this once a year. Our girls, now in 5th grade, are always willing and excited to help make the front of the school look as beautiful as we can!



Clara & Abigail, Troop 61723

We loved doing the Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweep! We think this is an important service project because by cleaning the beach we helped animals. Clara learned that litter on our beaches can be very harmful to sea animals, especially to turtles. For Abigail, doing the beach cleanup taught her that even small actions can make a big difference.

[Register For Our Go-Getter Monthly Theme Patch Series Today!](#)



**Volunteer Systems 2.0**  
**myGS and Volunteer Toolkit**  
**Changes Coming Soon**

*More Features.*  
*More Flexibility.*  
*More Fun.*

### Volunteer Systems 2.0

Attention Girl Scout Leaders and Parents! We're preparing to roll-out changes to myGS and the Volunteer Toolkit. Cleaner views, more features and functions, and enhanced search options will make it easier for you to find more fun for your Girl Scout!

To make the transition, myGS and the Volunteer Toolkit will not be available from **Wednesday, November 18, to Monday, December 7.** Thank you for your patience. We can't wait for you to see Volunteer Systems 2.0.

[Learn More About the VS2.0 System](#)



**Get a Jump on Summer Fun**

**CAMP SACAJAWEA** GSJS  
**CAMP AMILY ACRES** GSJS

### Get out and explore

It's never too early to get a jump on summer fun at Girl Scout Camp!

Registration for Summer Camp 2021 is now open for Camp Amity Acres and Camp Sacajawea.

Our camps give girls the space to discover a strong sense of self, gain practical life skills, become resourceful problem solvers, and cultivate healthy relationships.

Register with confidence for next summer. Camp Amity Acres and Camp Sacajawea both provide enriching experiences for girls ages 3 to 15. Let your daughter grow in courage, confidence and character at Girl Scout Camp!

[Discover Girl Scout Camp!](#)



### Shop Til You Drop!

Show us how you shop with style! In partnership with Justice and Shopkin toys, Brownies will earn their Money Manager Badge. Join us virtually, **Wednesday, December 9**, as we chat with a manager from Justice and vote on how to dress a display mannequin. Supply kits include a Shopkins toy and more!

Supply kit can be mailed if registered by November 30, or picked up at either service center.

[Register Now!](#)



### 2020 Fall Volunteer Enrichment Workshops

Calling all Girl Scout volunteers and leaders! Join us virtually for this year's Volunteer Enrichment Workshops, **Sunday, November 15**. Choose up to four of our 55-minute workshops designed with your time in mind.

**Topics include:**

Cricut, Crocheting, Fall Colors, Lashing, STEM Outdoors, Team Building, and Virtual Meetings using Bitmoji Classroom

Click below for full details and to register.

[Register Now!](#)



### Make An Impact that Lasts a Lifetime

Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors, are you ready to start your Silver or Gold Award journey? Join us virtually for one of our mandatory workshops before beginning your projects. Girls can also talk to committee members before submitting their projects at our Idea Share.

Parents and Troop Leaders of Junior Girl Scouts are invited to attend a workshop to guide their girls as they earn their Bronze Awards.

[Bronze Award Workshop 11/17](#)

[GoGold Workshop 12/7](#)

[Silver Award Workshop 11/30](#)

[Idea Share 12/9](#)



### Novelist Badge



## Girls in STEM

Calling all mad scientists! It's time for some fall-themed science fun at home!

Daisies, Brownies and Juniors are invited to experiment and discover how things work. Join us via Zoom, **Sunday, November 22**.

Supply kits must be picked-up at the Monmouth Service Center. Our kits allow girls to dive into these hands-on science experiments, including pumpkin fun and slime, and include a STEM Fun Patch!

[Register Now!](#)

## Novelist Badge

Have you read a book and you were instantly transported to a brand new world? Do you love reading and writing? Seniors and Ambassadors, join us virtually, **Tuesday, December 1**, earn your Novelist Badge and experience the fun of a career in writing!

You'll create characters that will come to life in the worlds that you design with your descriptions and through dialogue. As a wordsmith, anything is possible!

[Register Now!](#)



### App Development

How many apps do you use on a daily basis? Instagram, TikTok, Twitter? Have you ever thought about creating your own app?

Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors, join us for this exciting program, **Thursday, December 3**. We'll learn how to collect data and design a prototype for an app that will help to build healthy habits and an app to track personal progress.

[Register Now!](#)



### Business Jumpstart

Do you have what it takes to be the boss of your very own business? That's the challenge you need to work through to earn the NEW Business Jumpstart Badge!

Juniors, join us, **Thursday, December 10**, as we bridge the gender inequality gap and become female entrepreneurs! Girls will have the opportunity to engage with women business owners and hear their stories, receive guidance and ask questions.

[Register Now!](#)

# UPCOMING PROGRAMS



### Girl Scout Journeys & Badge Boxes

- [Wonders of Water Journey Series](#)
  - Nov 16, 17 & 20 (B)
- [Journey in a Day - GIRLtopia](#)
  - Sat Jan 16, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (SA)
- [Girl Scout Badge Boxes](#)
  - Daisies, Brownies, Juniors & Cadettes

### Daisy, Brownie & Junior

- [Ruth Bader Ginsburg Patch Program](#)
  - Now - Nov 23 (All levels)
- [Self-Guided Go-Getter Monthly Theme Patch Series - November](#)
  - Now - Mon Nov 30 (All levels)
- [Outdoor Survival](#)
  - Sun Nov 15, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. (J)
- [Hunters of the Night Sky](#)
  - Tue Nov 17, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (All levels)
- [Juliette Meeting](#)
  - Sat Nov 21, 10:00 - 11:20 a.m. (All levels)
- [Toy Designer](#)
  - Sat Nov 21, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (D)
- [Girls in S.T.E.M.](#)

### Cadette, Senior & Ambassador

- [Ruth Bader Ginsburg Patch Program](#)
  - Now - Nov 23 (All levels)
- [Self-Guided Go-Getter Monthly Theme Patch Series - November](#)
  - Now - Mon Nov 30 (All levels)
- [CollegeLab](#)
  - Seniors & Ambassadors
- [Hunters of the Night Sky](#)
  - Tue Nov 17, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (All levels)
- [Juliette Meeting](#)
  - Sat Nov 21, 10:00 - 11:20 a.m. (All levels)
- [Silver Award Workshop](#)
  - Mon Nov 30, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (C)
- [Novelist Badge](#)

### Volunteer & Parent Opportunities

- [2020 Fall Volunteer Enrichment Workshops](#)
  - Sun Nov 15
- [Bronze Award Workshop for Parents/Leaders](#)
  - Tue Nov 17, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- [10 Ways to Zoom Any Virtual Troop Meeting to New Heights](#)
  - Wed Nov 18, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- [Hybrid Adult/Pediatric CPR/AED/First Aid Class](#)
  - Sat Dec 5, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
  - Virtual or In-person training available
    - Program Activity Center, Farmingdale

Girl Scouts

- Sun Nov 22, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (DBJ)
  - [It's Up to Me!](#)
    - Tue Dec 8, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. (D)
  - [Shop Til you Drop](#)
    - Wed Dec 9, 5:00 - 6:30 (B)
  - [Business Jumpstart](#)
    - Thu Dec 10, 5:00 - 6:30 (J)
  - [Juliette Meeting](#)
    - Sat Dec 19, 10:00 - 11:20 a.m. (All levels)
  - [Self-Guided Go-Getter Monthly Theme Patch Series - December](#)
    - Now - Thu Dec 31 (All levels)
- Tue Dec 1 , 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (SA)
  - [App Development](#)
    - Thu Dec 3, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (CSA)
  - [GoGold Workshop](#)
    - Mon Dec 7, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (SA)
  - [Idea Share with Silver/Gold Committee](#)
    - Wed Dec 9, 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. (CSA)
  - [Juliette Meeting](#)
    - Sat Dec 19, 10:00 - 11:20 a.m. (All levels)
  - [Self-Guided Go-Getter Monthly Theme Patch Series - December](#)
    - Now - Thu Dec 31 (All levels)

[Visit Our Online Activities Calendar](#)



**Have a question? Don't be shy!**  
**Contact us for more information.**

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