Standing Together for Peace

Dear Girl Scout Family,

In this time of social unrest, a highly contentious presidential election and a spiraling pandemic, Girl Scouts stand for peace.

Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore is proud to select “Peace Building” as the theme of our council patch for this Girl Scouting year. Each month, your girl can participate in programs and activities to earn the Peace Building patch. Throughout the year, girls will develop skills to resolve conflict in peaceful ways and take action to make their community and our world more peaceful places.

The Peace Building patch aligns with the theme for World Thinking Day on February 22, 2021, a day we will come together to celebrate our worldwide movement and our commitment to stand together for peace.

Regards,

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

Spooktacular is finally here!

Spooktacular weekend is finally here! Many of our traditional Spooktacular activities will return this year. Get ready for haunted scenes, a tombstone scavenger hunt, marshmallow roasting and s’mores, and more. Plus, new this year, our Treats for Tricks trail!

Tomorrow there will be an afternoon session from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. and an evening session from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. All sessions require advanced online registration, except those noted below.

It’s even spookier as it gets darker! The 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Saturday sessions are now open to walk-ins! Come early, grab a hot dog, chili and a drink at our concessions before having ample time to head though the Spooktacular Trail of Tricks for Treats.

To maintain social distancing and keep volunteers and guests safe, all registrations for Spooktacular include a timed entry. The last admission time is one hour before the event ends. Face coverings are required.
Due to the inclement weather, we have cancelled tonight's session. Those registered for this evening's session can modify their registration and attend either of Saturday's two sessions by emailing registration@gsfun.org.

Register Now For Spooktacular!

**GIRL Thoughts**

This weekend, October 16 & 17, is Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore's annual Spooktacular!

This week, we asked girls their favorite Spooktacular memory.

**Katie, Troop 50286**

For last year's Spooktacular, my troop participated in Carn-evil with our own twist! We even dressed up like carn-evil zombies and included events such as face painting, bone fishing, witch hat toss, skull-ball, a photo booth, and other fun Halloween-themed events—all with prizes. With the younger children in mind, our troop made sure games were easy to play but still engaging for other guests. We also slept over at the PAC to assist with set-up and clean-up over the weekend. We really enjoyed the experience of creating a great event.

**Julianne, Troop 50189**

Spooktacular is one of my favorite events hosted by Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore! I look forward to seeing the creative decorations in Camp Sacajawea each year. The Halloween decorations are always fun and it's great to see what girls have come up with for the event. I enjoy volunteering at the event, and I love the skits that troops put on, everyone is VERY creative and it is so cool to see each troop's twist on their Halloween skits!

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**EMACC Podcast with CEO Eileen Higgins**

Networking. MicroCredentials. Higher Awards. Miss Susu! Our CEO Eileen Higgins spoke about those topics and more when she appeared on the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce Podcast last Friday. If you missed any of it, you can watch a replay right now.

When you hear the many ways Girl Scouts are leading during this difficult time you will be more proud than ever. Click the link below to watch.

**Girl Scout Rope Runners**

This is the event you have been waiting for! The original Girl Scout Rope Runner Tradition is back! Updated with electronic timers; the event is open to the council and will soon be open to all neighboring troops in the state.

Runners must be dropped off at the Program Activity Center in Farmingdale on **Friday, November 13**, between 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. Races begin at 10:00 a.m. **Saturday, November 14.**

Download Event Flyer Here
2020 Fall Product Program

The Fall Product Program is underway, and it’s not too late for you to get involved! Your troop can raise funds for the year, while girls earn cool rewards and patches. Plus, they’re exposed to beneficial businesses skills they’ll use throughout their lives.

This Sunday, October 18, is the last day for order card sales. It’s also the last day for your friends and family to request Girl Delivery. You can still participate – online sales continue through November 15, and you can start at any time. Be sure to add yourself to our online map to connect virtually with customers in your community.

Gear up for Girl Scouts!

Need to purchase a new vest or sash? Is your troop excited to earn new badges or patches? We’ve got all that and more! From beautiful Girl Scout scarves to volunteer t-shirts, from cookie jars to GSJS branded sleeping bags and animal-themed reusable bags; there’s something for everyone!

Click below to email Monica Bason-Lynch, retail associate, and place your shop orders and schedule a pick up.
Any items not available in our shop can be ordered.

Good Morning, Halloween

Zoom in for a special Halloween-themed birthday celebration for Girl Scout’s founder, Juliette Gordon Low! Dress up in costume and enjoy Halloween festivities. Daisies, Brownies and Juniors, join us Saturday, October 31; all girls will receive our Halloween Fun Patch.

Register by October 21, and your program supply kit (with a sweet surprise) can be mailed directly to your home or you can pick up your kit at either of our service centers.

Use Your Voice for Animals

Do you own a pet? Have you ever wondered what they would ask if you could speak with them? Join us, Sunday, November 1, as we learn the issues and needs of our pets and those of shelter animals. We’ll take a look at pet behaviors, how to best care for our animals, and the cost of owning a pet.

Register Now!

Parent Info Session

Put on your digital hiking boots and join us for our virtual info session, Saturday, November 7. Learn about Camp Amity Acres and Camp Sacajawea from the comfort of your home. Meet our camp teams, discover what makes Girl Scout camp so amazing, and bring your questions; we’re here to help! Discounts will be available for those who attend this event and register for any of our five-day Basic Camp sessions.

Register Now!

Hunters of the Night Sky

Enjoy the unique chance to meet live owls and hawks from the Woodford Cedar Run Refuge in person. Learn about these amazing nighttime hunters either Thursday, November 12, at the Program Activity Center in Farmingdale or on Tuesday, November 17, at the Ocean Service Center in Toms River. Talk to experts, receive a Hunters of the Night Sky Fun Patch and take home your very own pellet dissection kit!

Register Now!
World Kindness Day Celebration

Calling all Girl Scouts! Zoom into our World Kindness Day Celebration, Friday, November 13, and help us complete our mission to make the world a better place! Enjoy activities and learn all about World Kindness Day.

Program kit with supplies will be mailed to you in advance.

Register Now!

Dungaree Day

Join us at Camp Amity Acres or Camp Sacajawea, Saturday, November 14, as we get it ready for the winter. We’ll rake leaves, clean out tents, remove branches, paint and more. Earn service hours while enjoying a day in camp. Invite your family and make sure to bring your backyard tools, we’ll supply the fireside lunch!

Dungaree Day - Camp Amity Acres
Dungaree Day - Camp Sacajawea

Showcasing the 2020-21 Annual Giving Patch

You know it when you meet a Girl Scout. A Girl Scout shines, reflecting the confidence ignited within her. A Girl Scout believes she can change the world, because she does.

When you give to Girl Scouts, you are giving to girls. A donation of $25 or more supports Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore and in return you will receive this year’s Annual Giving Patch, pictured above. Girl Scouts encourages girls to be heard and make a difference in the world!

Give To Girls Today!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Girl Scout Journeys & Badge Boxes
- Think Like A Programmer Virtual Journey
  - Oct 1 - Oct 31 (CSA)
- Girl Scout Badge Boxes
  - Daisies, Brownies, Juniors & Cadettes

Daisy, Brownie & Junior
- Go The (Social) Distance Virtual 5K
  - Now - Oct 21 (All Levels)
- Self-Guided Go-Getter Monthly Theme Patch Series - October
  - Now - Sat Oct 31 (All levels)

Cadette, Senior & Ambassador
- Go The (Social) Distance Virtual 5K
  - Now - Oct 21 (All Levels)
- Self-Guided Go-Getter Monthly Theme Patch Series - October
  - Now - Sat Oct 31 (All levels)

Volunteer & Parent Opportunities
- 10 Ways to Zoom Any Virtual Troop Meeting to New Heights
  - Wed Nov 18, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Virtual Summer Camp Parent Info Session
- 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)
- Spooktacular!  
  - Sat Oct 17 (All levels)
- Robot Building Party  
  - Sat Oct 17, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. (DB)
  - Mon Oct 19, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. (DB)
- Juliette Meeting  
  - Sat Oct 24, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. (All levels)
- Cloverdale Farm County Park Day of Service  
  - Sat, Oct 24, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. (JCSA)  
  - To attend, call Cloverdale Farm directly, 609-607-1861
- Spooktacular!  
  - Sat Oct 17 (All levels)
  - Spooktacular Volunteer - Pack up All Star  
  - Sun Oct 18, 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CSA)
- App Development  
  - Mon Oct 19, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (CSA)
- Design Your Own Website!  
  - Tue Oct 20, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (SA)
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- Clean Ocean Action Patch Pack  
  - Sat Oct 31 (All levels)
- Good Morning Halloween  
  - Oct 31, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. (DBJ)
- She and Me Exercise Class  
  - Sun Nov 1, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. (DB)
- Break the Code in a Day  
  - Thu Nov 5, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (DB)
- Cheering for American Girl Joss  
  - Fri Nov 6, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (DBJ)
- Hunters of the Night Sky  
  - Thu Nov 12, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (All levels)
- World Kindness Day Celebration  
  - Fri Nov 13, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. (All levels)
- Dungaree Day - Camp Amity Acres  
  - Sat Nov 14, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (All levels)
- Dungaree Day - Camp Sacajawea  
  - Sat Nov 14, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (All levels)
- Outdoor Survival  
  - Sun Nov 15, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. (J)
- Wonders of Water Journey Series  
  - Nov 16, 17 & 20 (B)
- 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.  
  - Sun Nov 22, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (DBJ)
- 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
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- Clean Ocean Action Patch Pack  
  - Sat Oct 31 (All levels)
- Use Your Voice For Animals  
  - Sun Nov 1, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (SA)
- Idea Share with the Silver/Gold Committee  
  - Tue Nov 10, 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. (CSA)
- Leaders in Action - Wonders of Water  
  - LIA Training  
    - Wed Nov 11, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. (C)  
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      - Nov 16, 17 & 20
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- Silver Award Workshop  
  - Mon Nov 30, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (C)
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