Compass
Your guide to a great journey in Girl Scouting

Sister to Sister
2020 Edition
Thanks to the generosity of our long-time supporter and Program Partner, Sappi North America, Girl Scouts in Maine have the exclusive opportunity to work hands-on with engineers and paper scientists! Girls can complete the Sappi Paper Scientist patch while working in a lab, making paper, and conducting tests on products or by learning about sustainable forestry in their communities.
Dear Girl Scouts,

As I write this letter I know that by the time you read it, more things will likely have changed in the world, and in our local communities. In these times of uncertainty, it is uplifting to see so many of you supporting each other, finding new virtual opportunities to lead, and coming together as a Girl Scout community. Thank you all for living the Girl Scout Law, for being considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and using your resources wisely.

So many of you have jumped in to keep Girl Scouts active in creative ways, because you understand the importance of staying connected with the girls in your troops. Keep up the good work and know that we are always here to support you.

We recognize that many of you were looking forward to the spring events and activities that have unfortunately been canceled or postponed. Know that we continue to work on new and creative ways to deliver our one-of-a-kind Girl Scout Leadership Experience to you all. Our programs and events may look different for a while and some may be delivered virtually. We may not be able to host celebrations and ceremonies in person, but we will be with you in spirit, and will do what we can to provide meaningful experiences and create memories in other ways.

We are all living in a new normal right now and that is hard. But in times of crisis, there are opportunities to lead...this is where we can all shine as Girl Scouts. We can be the helpers to those in need, we can provide a friendly wave and smile from a distance to brighten someone’s day, and we can be there for our families and each other. Now is the time to live our mission, in big and small ways, and to have the courage, confidence, and character to make the world a better place.

Thank you all for your commitment to our movement and for your extraordinary leadership as we all navigate this difficult time together. I hope reading about all of the amazing Girl Scout highlights in these pages will brighten your day.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Joanne Crepeau
CEO, Girl Scouts of Maine
Outdoors

Fall Hiking Club

This past fall, girls in Westbrook and Biddeford Troops 3038, 4126 and 574 joined together for a weekend hiking club. The idea started with Troop 3038 and spread to the other troops. The girls wanted to hike and spend time outdoors. They went on two hikes, to Mount Agamenticus in Wells/York and Douglas Mountain in Sebago and hope to start hiking again in the spring. Way to get outside girls!

STEM

Playing it Safe with Cyber Security

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math each play an important role in cyber security. Troop 1870 from Warren spent a full day at the University of Maine Augusta campus on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019 flexing their STEM knowledge and skills while working on and completing their three cyber security badges. Betina Tagle, a professor at UMA, planned a day of fun activities and learning for the girls. They learned about social media, viruses, malware, cookies, coding, and so much more. They even got a chance to use unicorn robots... how cool is that!

The Girl Scout Leadership Experience

PROGRAM PILLAR HIGHLIGHTS:
Troops in Action!

Positive Values

Girl Scouts demonstrate positive values every day, and in many ways. By acting ethically, honestly, responsibly, and showing concern for others, they bring the Girl Scout Law to life while having amazing adventures like Troop 612 and Troop 1418...

An Epic Weekend In New York City

Troop 612 spent an incredible weekend in NYC after planning and saving money for more than a year. They visited Girl Scout Central, saw a Broadway show, and even met former Girl Scout Miss New York on the subway!

As a part of their broadway experience they attended a Girl Scout sponsored workshop through StudentsLive discussing the themes of the hit Broadway musical Wicked. They were able to meet the cast, learn a choreographed dance from the dance coaches, and have Q&A with the actors.

The real highlight though was when one of their own, Fiona Sharp, was honored with the “Change for Good Award” for her essay submission about her Bronze Award project. Girl Scouts from across the country submitted essays and five were chosen to present to almost 2,000 audience members at the Gershwin Theater! Fiona earned her “Masters of Good Acts” for her Bronze Award project, helping promote bee friendly neighborhood gardens. Congratulations Fiona, we are so proud of you! Your project and hard work serves as an incredible example of acting responsibly and showing concern for the world around you!

Troop 1418 Takes New York

After saving cookie money since they were Daisies, Troop 1418 from Falmouth set their sights on New York City for big adventure and giving back. They arrived by train, kicking off their city tour at Grand Central Station. After settling into the hotel, the troop grabbed a slice of pizza before heading to Broadway to see Wicked...it was a pretty amazing first night in the city.

The days that followed included walking through Central Park posing at all the landmarks, a visit to the Natural History Museum, shopping and ice cream in Chinatown, eating delicious dim sum, and a boat ride out to see the Statue of Liberty and visit the museum there, which was fascinating, as was their Ellis Island Tour!

Troop 1418 has a passion for community service and wanted to make sure their trip incorporated giving back. They pre-arranged working with Food Bank NYC and had the opportunity to work at the Union Square Farmer’s Market, collecting food from vendors at the end of the market and loading it up to be distributed to food banks throughout NYC. This ended up being the highlight of the trip and the girls loaded more than 3,800 lbs of food in less than 2 hours!

It was an amazing trip the girls will remember for years to come, made even more amazing by the positive values they displayed incorporating community service into their trip.
Seek Challenges

Taking appropriate risks, trying things even though they might fail, and learning from mistakes...that's the Girl Scout way! This fall, two camporees focused on just that, one through friendly competition, the other through space exploration, both challenging girls to stretch themselves outside of their comfort zones...

Amazing Girl Scout Adventures

A state-wide camporee in August at Camp Kirkwold for Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts brought together troops from as far away as Calais and Fort Fairfield in Northern Maine and Wells and Cape Elizabeth in Southern Maine!

Based on the TV shows, Amazing Race and Survivor, with team-based challenges, this camporee allowed girls to try new experiences, meet new girls, and to challenge themselves while still having fun. A Girl Scout Family Feud game and a Scavenger Hunt added to the adventure.

Despite the difficulty of ‘Left, NO the Other Left,’ involving two girls blindfolded and paddling a canoe through an obstacle course to retrieve a key, while a third girl sitting in the center instructed them which way to go, it was a weekend favorite! Another activity, ‘We Only Need One’, was to build a fire. No major challenge for Girl Scouts, except this time they only got one match! The girls had to strategize before they used their one and only match. Other amazing activities included a life-size slingshot, tic-tac-toe archery, geocaching, making a cake from unlabeled items, shelter building, and lashing.

As one Girl Scout stated, “It brought me out of my comfort zone!” And isn't this one of the things Girl Scouts is all about? Amazing Girl Scout Adventures was a success, so much so, that another older girl camporee, GSME Summer Games, is scheduled for August 7-9, 2020! Some troops have already registered. Has yours?

Out of This World Camporee

The Saco Bay Service Unit blasted off to a fun filled weekend of space exploration in September at Camp Kirkwold. Girl Scout Daisies through Cadettes worked on their space science badges: Space Science Explorer, Space Science Adventurer, Space Science Investigator, and Space Science Researcher.

Space Explorers through Researchers learned about the solar system, astronomy tools, sun and moon, constellations, and so much more. Hands-on fun-filled learning the day brought including making telescopes, building clay models of the solar system, making bottle rockets, playing with prisms, learning about astrophotography, using constellation scales, using a star wheel, using binoculars, night vision glasses and telescopes, using computer telescopes, learning about night sky applications for a cell phone, making a planisphere, making pocket solar systems, learning about light pollution, making pinhole projectors, and having a night and day dance. WOW!

And of course, a camporee wouldn't be complete without some archery thrown in as well...they needed to see how projectiles work! This camporee would not have been possible without the dedication of several parents, leaders, and volunteers dedicating countless hours. Huge thank you to Belinda Grant for chairing the camporee. The Saco Bay Service Unit is looking forward to hosting the next camporee!
Healthy Relationships

Being a sister to every Girl Scout is not only the Girl Scout Law, but helps girls learn and practice good communication and conflict resolution skills that are necessary to form and maintain healthy relationships. What better way to accomplish this then by troops working together...

Girls Who Glamp Together, Learn Together

Troop 141 and Troop 477 give a whole new meaning to being a sister to every Girl Scout. Their combined troops of Daisies through Cadettes have three pairs of sisters between them!

The older girls hosted the younger troop for an afternoon during their glamping weekend at Camp Mechuwana, where they all worked on their Journeys and more! They raced boats powered by the girls’ breath as a part of the Cadette Breathe Journey and learned about noise pollution. Can you believe that rock music is one of the loudest decibel sounds and we should listen to it less than 30 seconds a day!?

Troop 477 has been working on the Brownie Wonders of Water Journey. They shared water facts, like only 2% of the Earth’s water is drinkable and 1 in 10 people do not have access to clean water, and what they learned touring the Winthrop Water Treatment Plant. Splitting into 3 groups the girls made their own water filters using a variety of sand, pebbles, small stones, charcoal, coffee filters, and water bottles.

After working with noise pollution and water pollution, they experimented with scent pollution. The girls smelled different spices and scents with their eyes closed and then had to guess what they thought they were. It was more difficult than they thought it would be!

Even when Glamping, what better way to end the day than with singing camp songs! Way to go Troop 141 and Troop 477 sharing and learning together!

Inspiring Sisterhood

Troop 1868 and 2300 certainly know how to be a sister to every Girl Scout too! These older Girl Scouts are from Gorham, Westbrook, and Scarborough, and continue to be together. They participated in the “Holiday Lights Parade” in Gorham on December 1st with their gingerbread house float with candy decorations made by all the troops! They even invited Brownie Troop 980 from Gorham to join them on the float.

Both Troops 1868 and 2300 enjoyed ice-skating over the holiday break at the William B. Troubh Ice Area in Portland. In January, the girls did a Winter Camp-In at the Chalet at Camp Pondicherry and invited another fellow Girl Scout, Bernice W. from Westbrook, to join them.

Troop 2300 also knows what it means to give back to their community and inspire their sister Girl Scouts to help them! The troop held another “Be A Santa To A Senior” event this year, making ornaments for the program and inviting other troops in the Nonesuch Service Unit to join them. The program was able to spread cheer to 585 senior citizens in their community. Amazing work girls!
Community Problem Solving

Girl Scouts across Maine help to solve problems in their communities, contributing to the world in purposeful and meaningful ways. Here are just a few examples of Girl Scouts giving back to their local communities...

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

Each October for the past four years, the girls in Troop 574 have spent a chilly Sunday morning at Fort Williams in Cape Elizabeth volunteering at Making Strides, an annual event to raise funds for breast cancer. They made pink ribbon pins to give away, cheered on the walkers, and staffed a booth for writing support letters to current breast cancer patients. This year they helped create an art project for cancer survivors. The girls became interested in this event after learning that Juliette Gordon Low died from breast cancer and after their middle school teacher and coach was diagnosed. Thank you, Troop 574 for your passion in giving back to an important cause!

A Glimpse of Brightness

Junior Girl Scout Troop 795 from South Berwick, along with the help of Marshwood High School art teacher, Jeff Vinciguerra, created two murals for the entryway for the York County Shelter located in Alfred, Maine for their community service project. It took four meetings to complete the planning, sketching, painting, and final touches. The girls, along with their leaders, delivered the murals with a proud sense of accomplishment and hope that it is a glimpse of brightness at the shelter for folks to look at.

The troop was fortunate enough to meet shelter employee, JP, at the time of delivery and he gave the girls a tour and a bit of insight as to how not only the shelter, but the little community that encompasses the shelter, benefits a diverse volume of needs. Great work, Girl Scouts!

Monday Meals

Monday Meals is a program that hosts a free weekly dinner all year round for seniors and families. Troop 574 has been volunteering for Monday Meals twice a year since they were Brownies. The girls have helped in many ways - decorating and setting-up, helping with food prep, getting drinks and appetizers for attendees, serving the meals, and helping with clean up.

Each November they assist with a big Thanksgiving meal, which serves more than 100 people. Mary, from Troop 1417 in Westbrook, has been joining them for the past two years. In August, they helped with their special end-of-the-summer BBQ at Dundee Park. After volunteering at the BBQ, the girls get to have some fun swimming. A great reward for great service...way to go girls!
Community Helpers

**Troop 1049** of Biddeford purchased blankets, books, and stuffed animals to be given to homeless children at the York County Shelter Programs, Inc. of Alfred through their former school counselor at John F. Kennedy Kindergarten Center. The girls used a portion of the money they raised through selling cookies to purchase the items.

Together with **Troop 2156**, also of Biddeford, the troop collected over 15 purses and filled them with toiletries/hygiene items to be donated to women in need. The girls learned about how project Purseverance 207 is helping women in Southern Maine. Awesome job to both troops for helping to solve multiple problems in your community!

Camp Out for Hunger

**Troop 1651** partnered with local radio station 92 Moose and their Campout for Hunger Campaign food drive. The girls designed food collection boxes to place at their local school for food items from the community for two weeks. The donations were all delivered to the Campout for Hunger Campaign in Augusta. The girls were able to meet the radio D.J.’s (Matt James and Renee Nelson) and also were present while they were broadcasting live. Troop 1651 was a small part of an incredible service project and also learned about media communications in their community. In total, the Campout for Hunger Campaign collected over 8,000 pounds of food for the local Salvation Army!

Une Aventure Glacée

**Troop 1160** recently went on a three night, four day trip to Quebéc City proving their confidence, not only during their travels, but in the 18 months leading up to their trip as they earned money through bottle drives, participating in the Girl Scout Cookie and Fall Product Programs, yard sales, and a painted chair auction.

They explored the city, had some amazing chocolate desserts at a chocolate shop, went to the Aquarium du Quebéc, toured around the Fairmont Le Château Frontenac, went "sliding" (as the locals call it) at Village Vacances Valcartier, and had a tour of the Hôtel de Glace.

It was Hôtel de Glace's 20th anniversary and they went all-out with the creative layout and room designs. They marveled at the beauty of the chapel, enjoyed the northern lights-themed ice slide, and checked out all of the great ice and snow carvings.

They found Quebéc City to be a unique place with kind and considerate people. The troop spent a lot of time walking and had some great experiences with trying local cuisine, such as escargot and poutine. They hope that other troops are ready to travel internationally and explore like they have...what an inspiration!
Exploring Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and More!

Troops from across the state celebrated World Thinking Day through a variety of troop activities and events, including our third annual World Thinking Day event at Camp Pondicherry.

At Camp Pondicherry nearly forty Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors worked on the World Thinking Day and Global Action Awards and completed the WAGGGS World Thinking Day Badge and Maine Women’s Suffrage Centennial patch. They played Diversity Bingo to learn unique, diverse facts about the group. They then jumped in to explore what diversity, equity, and inclusion mean and how they can establish common ground with people who are different from them.

Highlights from the weekend included guest speaker, Anna Turcotte. Anna was born in Baku, Azerbaijan. When she was 10 years old, she and her family fled Baku due to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. She spent three years in Armenia as a refugee before immigrating to the United States in 1992.

A favorite activity for exploring equity was Let Them Eat Cake. This thought provoking activity was an easy, conceptual way to explain equality/inequality and how challenging it can be to resolve.

Read more about guest speaker Anna Turcotte, Let Them Eat Cake activity, and their amazing weekend online at www.girlscoutsofmaine.org/latestnews.
**Nonesuch Service Unit** celebrated WTD by collecting art supplies for The Girls Foundation of Tanzania and hosting a speaker from the Foundation. The girls learned about WAGGGS and participated in activities that explored this year’s theme. The girls also made cards for “Hearts for Hospice” and made 43 scarves to donate to Preble Street Center and Maine Homeless Veterans Alliance.

**Nidoba Service Unit** hosted their annual WTD event with troops each representing a country of choice, sharing presentations about their countries and cultures and celebrating being a part of the global sisterhood that is Girl Scouts and Girl Guides. They shared swaps, snacks, and stories all resulting in a great time!

**Dirigo Service Unit** celebrated WTD by talking about camp, meeting exchange students from Pakistan, Brazil, and Spain and playing some exciting games to include all sisters in Girl Scouting. Their closing ceremony with the largest magic tunnel was a big hit!

**Brownie Troop 598** had so much fun celebrating WTD on their own doing activities and participating in thoughtful discussions about diversity, equity, and inclusion...all part of the 2020 theme.
**Nautical Nights**

**Troop 131** traveled to Fall River, MA spending the night aboard the USS Massachusetts during Nautical Nights at Battleship Cove. The Juniors and Cadettes learned the workings of the ship through the “Killroy Is Here” scavenger hunt and got a taste of what it was like living on a battleship as a sailor.

Memorable moments included seeing the battle scars of the undefeated USS Massachusetts, sleeping in sailor racks and hearing Taps at lights out, and the women and Girl Scouts exhibit - learning the history of female roles during war and throughout time. Travel and traversing through a submarine...now that is a great Girl Scout adventure!

**Ready to explore the world?**

Whether you travel with GSME’s Girls on the Go or through an extraordinary Girl Scout Destination program, there are so many options!

Discover all the ways Girl Scouts can get you there at [girlscoutofmaine.org/travel](http://girlscoutofmaine.org/travel)
Six *Girls on the Go* travelers embarked on a jaunt through Europe for 14 days. Some having traveled to Europe before, some having never flown before! Either way it was an adventure to remember.

Starting off in London, England they toured Piccadilly Circus, rode a double decker bus, saw the sights from a cruise on the Thames River, from the top of the London Eye, and went on a Harry Potter locales walking tour.

Next, they rode the fastest train in Europe, the Eurostar, to Paris! Paris was magical and included tours of the Sacre-Coeur, Arc de Triomphe, Versailles, the Louvre, the Eiffel Tour, and a ride through the Latin Quarter. A trip to Paris wouldn't be complete without a visit to a Perfumery!

Breathtaking views and more met our adventurers next with the opportunity to stay in Our Chalet in Switzerland. It was gorgeous and allowed the girls to participate in programs and a pinning ceremony, plus learn the history of all the World Centers. They rode a gondola up Mount Pilatus, a mountain in the Swiss Alps, and rode a cog rail down—a first for most!

That is where their tour would have ended if they hadn't chosen to add the extension to Italy, and it was so worth it. Italy was hot, busy, and incredible. A local guide showed them around Florence, touring a leather shop, and they learned how to fresco paint! In Rome they toured the Colosseum and Roman Forum. One evening they were treated to the Leaning Tower of Pisa right before dusk and saw it lit up at night. It truly was a once in a lifetime opportunity.

"Sharing this with sister Girl Scouts from other parts of the USA (who have now become friends), sister Girl Scouts from different areas of Maine and most of all sharing this with my granddaughter (one of my Girl Scouts), watching and hearing about it through all of their eyes was the ultimate.

The things taught through Girls on the Go from paperwork, to planning, budgeting and to packing can make any person feel confident to travel the world! Can't wait to take our next trip with Girls on the Go."

-LJ, Leader Participant

"I was lucky enough to go on one of the most life changing journeys of my entire life. The Colosseum, the Roman Forum, Lake Como, and the Leaning tower of Pisa were all so special...I thought I would never see these things in person.

Most people only get to see everything I got to see and do in pictures. This trip totally changed my life and my view of the world because I got to see several diverse cultures. I got to witness museums and artwork, music, literature, knowledge, history, and tons more. Seeing this part of the world gave me a sense of awareness that you can't really feel until you get there. I plan to live a long life of traveling."

-HB, Girl Participant
When Girl Scout Juniors team up to make a difference in their community, they learn important leadership skills, discover new passions, and watch how seemingly small actions make a big difference. It all adds up to the Girl Scout Bronze Award and Troop 2192 of Kennebunk earned that honor with their Take Action Project to encourage the Animal Welfare Society (AWS) board to consider solar energy for the Adoption Center and Veterinary Clinic.

Lily Downing, Penelope Mauer, Erin Morrison, and Libby Towne of Junior Troop 2192 worked with Lucy Schlaffer from ARQ Architects in Kittery, who designed the recent renovations at AWS, and ReVision Solar Energy in Portland to develop a specific proposal that would enable AWS to go solar with no upfront cost to the non-profit. The girls presented their proposal and impressed the AWS Board members with their 15 minute multi-media presentation and their ability to answer questions. As leader Linda Morrison commented, “It is amazing what girls can do when they are trying to help change the world.”

Lucy Schlaffer added that she was impressed that the girls followed through and prepared such a nice and convincing proposal. Abigail Smith, AWS Executive Director, is hoping to get approval from the board to start negotiations with ReVision Energy and move the project forward. Amazing work girls and congratulations on your well-deserved Bronze Award!
When it comes to changing the world, Girl Scouts Take the Lead!

The highest awards in Girl Scouting give special recognition to Girl Scouts who go above and beyond to make a difference in their local community and the greater world. Gold, Silver, and Bronze Award Girl Scouts in Maine collectively completed more than 6,100 Leadership Hours on their journeys to Bronze, Silver, and Gold!

The Gold Award represents the highest achievement in Girl Scouting, recognizing girls who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through their Take Action Projects. Gold Award Girl Scouts typically spend one to two years on their projects. The Gold Award process is rigorous and offers a one-of-a-kind opportunity for girls to engage in leadership at the highest level, learning to tackle an issue that they feel passionate about.

A Gold Award Girl Scout has unique opportunities offered to her like special scholarships, favorable admission to some colleges, and are entitled to enlist at a higher pay grade when they join the military.

National research shows that Gold Award Girl Scouts do well in life. They rate their overall life success significantly higher than their peers and report greater achievement in reaching their goals. Maine is proud of all its Gold Award Girl Scouts, which include those awarded this hard earned honor by the previous names of The Golden Eaglet, the Curved Bar, and First Class.

As one 2020 Gold Award Girl Scout notes, “This project really opened my eyes to the meaning of ‘Leadership.’ Taking control over a part of my life and conducting a project is something that has changed my view of myself and proven to me that with courage and strength, I can become the woman that I dreamed of being as a Brownie.”

That is a sentiment that makes me so proud of Girl Scouts and grateful to be leading an organization that can inspire and activate a young woman’s self-realization and launch her potential.

Thank you, Gold Award Girl Scouts, and thank you to all the mentors and supporters to all of our Girl Scouts!

- Joanne Crepeau

Do you know the Take Action Difference?

Take action projects go above and beyond community service to...

- Identify problems girls want to do something about
- Explore creative and sustainable solutions
- Develop activation plans
- Make lasting impacts in their communities and the world

In 2019, close to 2,000 Girl Scouts in Maine completed Journey Take Action Projects! We could not be more proud of all of these girls! Learn how your troop can take action at girlscoutsofmaine.org/journeys.
SILVER AWARDS

Alzheimer Blankets (1)
Macy Farrington, Brewer, Troop 911

Autumn’s Processing Boards (2)
Autumn Wellington, Westbrook, Troop 2019

Before I Die Wall (3)
Olivia McCartney, Westbrook, Troop 574

Calvineers Website (4)
Nora Spratt, Castine, Troop 1617

Dance Classes for All
Mackinna Campbell, Westbrook, Troop 574

Falcon’s Nest Inventory System (5)
Madison Boucher, Westbrook, Troop 574

Farm Brook Trail Benches (6)
Chloé Ruest, Madawaska, Troop 161

Flag Ceremony, Folding, and Etiquette Education (7)
Katy Hankison, Cumberland, Troop 1958

Food Pantry Recipes (8)
Abby Fiore, Gorham, Troop 541

Gaga Pit (9)
Olivia Marion, West Baldwin, Troop 319

Junior Ranger Program (10)
Bailey O’Rourke, Calais, Troop 1365

Kids Triathlon Reference Guide
Olivia Stewart, Cumberland, Troop 1958

Morgan’s Beach Improvements (11)
MacKenzie Michaud, West Enfield, Troop 2024

Motor Breaks Hallway (12)
Ginger Waters, Bath, Troop 1780

Music Wall (13)
Maeve Donnelly, Gorham, Troop 2300

MUSICal Wall 4 Kids (14)
Olivia Neely, Old Town, Troop 1123
Resources for 1 in 5 (15)
Molly Graham, Lincoln, Troop 2041

Save the Ducks! (16)
Leah Cromarty, Westbrook, Troop 574

Story Sacs (17)
Chloe Pierce, Cumberland, Troop 1958

Storybook Trail (18)
Lorenza Piper, New Gloucester, Troop 1214

The Cat Litter Project (19)
Taylor Mario, Bath, Troop 1780

For more on the Silver Award Awardees, visit www.girlscoutofmaine.org/events
Leading a project with many different people, contributing various skills and talents, was not something Kylie had done before. She said "I learned a lot about myself, as well as what it means to be a good leader."

Her rehabilitation project included cleaning the space, giving it a completely new paint job, re-tiling the ceiling, adding cabinets and a counter top for additional storage space, removing outdated and worn furniture, installing a new whiteboard and curtains, as well as designing and painting a 4x4 one-of-a-kind mural for the space.

To ensure her project would continue on, the church has guidelines for groups using the space so that it will be well maintained long into the future. Kylie even provided additional paint for touch-ups. To Kylie, the most successful part of her project was "making the room more inviting, and just more happy to be in there," say "I learned a lot about myself, as well as what it means to be a good leader."
Learn about the town’s history and how to maintain historical artifacts. Audra’s Gold Award project aimed to create an effective historical society, Audra and her team knew they would have to do more than just learn about the processes of creating a nonprofit organization. They would also need to take up for themselves and their peers, and where to find help if they, or someone they know, need it.

To help combat the youth epidemic and educate children and teens, Isabel filmed a documentary-style video which highlighted five essential lessons. Viewers learned that they are loved and supported, how not to be tricked by tobacco companies, the need to take care of their bodies, they are strong and have the ability to stand up for themselves and their peers, and where to find help if they, or someone they know, need it.

Audra’s town did not have any way of remembering its history and she discovered that, as time went by, the town of Stoneham’s history was dying along with its people. Through collaboration with other historical societies, older residents of Stoneham, and town officials, Audra learned that the cause of this issue was a lack of means to preserve historical artifacts. Audra’s Gold Award project aimed to address this lack of means by creating a 501(c)3 historical society to oversee the historic preservation of the Town of Stoneham.

To create an effective historical society, Audra and her team knew they would have to do more than just learn about the processes of creating a nonprofit organization. They would also need to learn about the town’s history and how to maintain historical artifacts. The first step was creating an organizational system for the society to inventory and catalog their artifacts. This was accomplished via the use of PastPerfect Museum Software, which is designed specifically for artifact cataloging.

In addition to establishing the historical society and its non-profit status, Audra created display cases for rotating displays of local artifacts, which are housed within the Stoneham Town Office. Audra hopes that eventually the historical society will gain enough interest and raise enough funds to purchase or construct their own building. Creating a non-profit organization ensured the continuation of Audra’s project for future generations.

When asked about her project and what she learned by doing it, Audra said “I learned that I have skills that allow people to get interested in what I am promoting…just putting yourself out there creates a positive energy that gets others excited.”

Helen’s biggest take away, “This project taught me more than anyone could possibly know. It helped me step outside my shell; it showed me how to express myself honestly and frankly. I learned how to effectively organize and execute a program that I designed. I also learned how to keep people interested and engaged in something that I was talking about by focusing my passion and being enthusiastic. But mostly, I learned the immense power I have.”

**Say “No” to Vaping**

Isabel Berman, Cape Elizabeth, Troop 799

Isabel is a documenter of the truth and she discovered that the truth is that vaping is a major health issue for youths; an epidemic. Through her research, Isabel determined there are many root causes of this epidemic. Isabel’s goal for her Gold Award project was to shed a light on these causes and change teens’ mindsets around vaping.

Isabel knew her project was having an impact when “high schoolers decided to watch it themselves, and then actually decide to listen and then have a discussion afterward about what they learned.” To ensure sustainability, Isabel’s video will continue to be shown in health classes at Cape Elizabeth Middle and High Schools as part of their health curriculum moving forward.

“At times [throughout the project] I was nervous and at times I was discouraged; however, I learned that once you put yourself out there, others will follow in your footsteps and the journey becomes less scary. I have started a conversation about vaping that is so important to have. This alone will start a ripple effect for change.”

**Stoneham Historical Society**

Audra Hamlin, Stoneham, Troop 58

Helen’s love of bees began when she started beekeeping with her dad. She was “absolutely fascinated by the thousands of different species and families.” Helen soon discovered most people are unaware of the adverse effect humans are causing native bees by using pesticides and chemical fertilizers. Bee populations are dropping because of a combination of factors, including loss and destruction of habitats. Few people realized or expressed concern about bee habitats being destroyed.

Helen wanted to change that and her Gold Award did just that, successfully raising awareness and engaging her community with bee habitat revitalization and preservation. Helen’s project included the creation and distribution of an informational pamphlet she developed with a Professor of Insect Ecology and Insect Pest Management from the University of Maine.

With the help of her school’s beekeeping club, that she had helped start, she designed and constructed bee houses that were given away, along with wildflower seeds at Native Bee education classes for youth. Helen designed the curriculum for the class, which included information on the effects of pesticides, bee habitats, repopulation efforts, and how the youths could contribute to restoring native bee populations.

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**Taking Action to Preserve Bee Habitats**

Helen Vaughan, Cape Elizabeth, Troop 799

Isabel's video included underlying themes of mindfulness, self-love, and mental health awareness and was shown to seventh graders to educate them before they are entirely exposed to the peer pressure and curiosity they might face in later years.

**Gold Awards**
Volunteer Awards

APPRECIATION:

Pamela Messier | Somerset
In her 30+ years in Girl Scouts, Pam served many as the Somerset Product Sales Supervisor generously offering her tremendous knowledge and experience to others. Pamela does an excellent job and always supports the Girls.

Ami Winter | Somerset
Ami is an active multi-level troop leader who manages to participate on many committees, act as VTK Champion and a GSME Learning Facilitator. She has a positive attitude and makes sure the job gets done well.

Tracy Frost | Somerset
Tracy is an active leader with a large troop who is always willing to go out of her way to ensure that all girls are gifted the opportunity of Girl Scouts. She recruits and serves as a great role model to new volunteers.

Amy Bisol | Somerset
Amy came to our service unit as a new leader for her granddaughter’s troop. She jumped on board the service team and we are lucky she did. She is willing to expand her learning for the benefit of her troop and her unit, like when she agreed to be our Product Sales Supervisor.

Nancy Paine | Somerset
Nancy is a sister to other Leaders offering advice and experience to their journey. She is a helping hand for events or planning. She is an active Troop Leader and keeps her girls active in the community.

Renee Stevens | Gundalow
Renee is a consistent contributor to service unit events and meetings. She is a role model and informal mentor to many newer leaders due to her commitment and consistency. Renee led her troop in planning and facilitating Gundalow Service Unit’s 2019 Camporee.

Charlene Manson | Mollocket
Charlene is a Troop Leader for older girls, a mentor for a new troop, a Treasurer for our service unit, chair for the past 3 camporees, and has helped on several other events. She always gives 110%. She is a role model to all who know her.

Diana Phillips | Mollocket
Diana is a long-time volunteer who is a Troop Leader, Service Team Member, and currently Service Unit Manager. She consistently goes above and beyond in making sure there are troops for girls to join and she’s instrumental in taking the lead on many projects while being a team player.

Linda Short | Mountain2Sea
Linda has stepped up to be a leading player on the SU Team. She sets up rooms, attends all meetings, and is on every planning committee for SU events. She gives of herself and will do any job. She has been a GS for many years and it’s time to be recognized.

Angela White | Midcoast
Angela’s energy seems boundless and she’s always positive with a ready laugh. She demonstrates confidence, enthusiasm, and honesty in all she does; the best role model for our Girl Scouts.

Laurie McBurnie | Midcoast
Laurie has been the Registrar and the Cookie Manager for Midcoast for years. She is all in for the girls, always there for new leaders and old to assist them with Cookies or Fall Product Sale Program. She does it all and with a smile. Laurie is always thinking beyond the troops, but remembers how we serve and why.

Julie-Rose Jarrett-Utgard | Bauneg Beg
Julie-Rose’s tireless volunteer service creates not only a wonderful Girl Scout experience for her troop, but extends throughout the service unit and into the community. She supports other troop leaders and the Service Team while she increases the public profile of Girl Scouts through her work with the town and greater community.

Bridgette Hodgkins | Merrymeeting
As a Girl Scout Leader, Bridgette has gone above and beyond. She provides her troop with experiences that empower and push her girls to be strong and independent. She consistently teaches the girls to be leaders, to make great choices for themselves and their community, and to make the most of the sisterhood of Girl Scouts.

Melissa Moody | Merrymeeting
Melissa has diligently worked to ensure that her troop has the best Girl Scout experience possible. She excels in giving her troop the best experiences, teaching them the importance of taking care of their community, and helping them to achieve goals they’ve set for themselves. She helps in the Service Unit and selflessly volunteers, as she knows the importance of helping the whole unit.

Amanda Thomits | Merrymeeting
Amanda is great in any role she takes on. She is an amazing leader to her troop providing them with great leadership and experiences as well as an enormous help to our service unit. She took on the role of Product Sale Supervisor shortly after joining the Service Team and has done an amazing job of providing our leaders with all the necessary information to have successful Fall Product and Cookie Programs.

Andrea Deitrick | Longreach
Andrea has always willingly stepped up to help. She worked with her troop to organize several service team events, designed and led opening and closing activities for the leader meetings, helped set up and organize cookie booths, and most recently, volunteered to fill the role of Treasurer when the then current treasurer unexpectedly stepped down.

Chad Deitrick | Longreach
When he and his family had just relocated to the area and he attended his first Longreach Cookie Training, Chad recognized a critical need for a Cookie Booth Organizer. Chad volunteered to serve in that role. The process he established is sustainable as he has made it easy for someone to pick it up and continue using the model he developed.

Raelynne Knight | Somerset
For a long time, Raelynne has been the Somerset Service Unit Treasurer. She has not had a troop of her own, but supports the whole unit and comes to all meetings. She helps out with all activities and events put on by the unit. She also attends trainings and goes to the annual meeting and leadership circles.

Mary Huston | Diamond
Mary has stepped in and taken on Product Sales for our Service Unit. Previously, we did not host cookie rallies in our service unit, but she has organized our first cookie rallies. She has also secured a new meeting place for our service unit with access to Wi-Fi, which has made it possible for other leaders to participate virtually in our meetings and for us to demonstrate the VTK during meetings.

Dawn Brunelle | Cobbossee
Dawn wears several hats, from multi-troop leader, to Service Team Member at Large, to Learning Facilitator, to now her most recent position helping with Community Recruitment. She is always willing to put in the work to help us be better.
Sara was put in an awkward situation, when the SUM stepped down last year. She had demonstrated great leadership skills in her willingness to participate in all facets of the Service Unit. So when asked, she willingly accepted the role of SUM and with great calmness, has led the unit to holding successful, well-organized events.

Sarah Silliboy | Tourmaline
Sarah is a cheerleader for Girl Scouts within her Troop, Service Unit, and Community. A true role model as a Leader, Fall Product Sales Coordinator, Cookie Sale Program Trainer, and most recently Cookie Sale Program Supervisor.

Jean Thomas | Emerald
Jean is our Service Unit Manager and the glue that keeps us all together. She goes above and beyond to help out all of the leaders and their troops. If by chance she doesn’t know a person, business, or group, she will by the end of the day!

Jodi Jandreau-Guy | Emerald
Jodi is always willing to help in any way she can. When her Troop disbanded, she immediately let the unit know and asked if she could stay on the Service Team because she enjoys being part of it. She also is the most organized individual on our team!

Jessica Landry | Emerald
Jessica is a wealth of knowledge. She works countless hours as our Cookie Queen and makes sure our cupboard has enough cookies to sell, but also not have too much leftover to cost the organization too much money. Jessica loves what she does and never hesitates to commit to activities for our unit.

Jennifer Graham | Rising Star
Jen Graham has helped deliver well-organized Product Sales training for her unit. Jen is always prepared to help answer leaders’ questions and to ease their anxieties. She has helped coordinate cookie rallies for the unit for quite a few years now and they are always well attended and organized to flow well.

Katie Cunningham | Knox
Katie took on the responsibility of going through the unit’s first aid kit and bringing it completely up to date: new container and all new materials along with all updated care information. She also created a protocol that would run smoothly and efficiently at our camporee. This affected the safety of all girls and adults who attended the camporee and any other unit event from that point on.

Bruce Walton | MDI
Bruce is very much thought of as the backbone and foundation of MDI Service Unit. He has unending dedication and enthusiasm for helping the service unit achieve our mission. He is often a voice of reason and also serves as a support for his wife, the SUM.

Donna Walton | MDI
When we had a member in MDI who suddenly had to step down as Service Unit Manager, Donna stepped up, in her 27th year of serving Girl Scouts. Her enthusiasm and consistency in ensuring Girl Scouts and our Service Unit, going above and beyond for our girls on our little island is very much appreciated.

Patricia Finale | Cobbossee
Pat has great commitment and enthusiasm to spread ideas of Girl Scouting to her Juliette’s and all of Cobbossee Service Unit. She helps promote leader involvement and development and enjoys sharing traditions, ceremonies, and songs with our leaders at our monthly leader meeting.

Rita Ashey | Nonesuch
Rita Ashey is a troop leader and a member of the Nonesuch Service Team, most recently taking on the role of Adult Recognitions Chair. Rita is the person you know who will step forward to help plan events, assist at an event station, or volunteer as the event first aider. Rita is the living example of the Girl Scout slogan “Do a Good Turn Daily,” and she does it with a smile on her face and a positive attitude.

Honor:
Amy Broadbent | Dirigo
Amy is always willing to jump in with her can-do attitude. She loves to teach, is passionate about what she believes. She leads new leader courses with passion, which fosters excitement in our newest volunteers that trickles down to the girls.

Raechel Clewley | Winding Rivers
Raechel has volunteered at key events across the state to support positive and engaging experiences for girls including Green ME Up!, Celebrate Camp Natarswi, Transforming Leadership, and the GSME Grand Prix. She is always willing to do not only what is asked of her, but anything that is needed to make the event successful.

Mariah Havens | Diamond
Mariah is a living example of what a Girl Scout should always be. She supports leaders and girls without the expectation of recognition for herself. She provides opportunities for leaders and girls to be safe with appropriate certifications and trainings.

Victoria Noyes | Somerset
Victoria is a long-time troop leader and Service Team member, currently serving in the Service Unit Manager role and as an Adult Learning Facilitator, serving volunteers beyond Somerset Service Unit. She helps wherever she is needed and is fast to follow up. She goes the extra mile to make sure events happen and inspires other volunteers to step forward as she leads by example.

Monique Stairs | Diamond
Monique is always willing to step into roles to be sure every girl has the opportunity to participate in activities. She represents the Diamond Service Unit on the camporee committee for the Northern Region, works with various service units as an Adult Facilitator. She works to get as many adults troop camp trained as possible. Without her leadership, girls would not have access to as many opportunities.

Heather Perry | Dirigo
Her willingness to jump in for anything, anywhere. Her leadership skills and experience. Her love for Girl Scouts. Heather has done her time as a troop leader, and now serves as a member of the Dirigo Service Team. She also is a Learning Facilitator for GSME and provides workshops all over to offer opportunities for girls and adults throughout Maine.

Pamela Irish | Nonesuch
Pam is committed to giving back to the community and supports causes that touch all of our lives. From working with her troop, to offering “Be a Santa to a Senior,” to collaborating with other Service Units to hold a Founder’s Day Celebration, to spearheading a program at Gray Wildlife Park, she serves girls and volunteers as a sister does!

Pamala Kane | Nonesuch
After years of service in Girl Scouts, holding a variety of roles on her Service Team, including Service Unit Manager and as a Troop Leader, Pamala added the role of GSME Learning Facilitator to her retinue and jumped in with both feet. Pamala eagerly seeks opportunities to serve Girl Scout adults within and beyond her service unit.
Michelle Carr | GSME

Michelle’s involvement as the Lead Counselor (volunteer) for our Maine Wilderness Adventure Challenge Destination benefited our council and camps by bringing girls across the country to Maine and benefited Girl Scouts nationally by providing an exceptional, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for 12 girls from across the country on a Destination in Maine. She also volunteered to make other extraordinary experiences possible; in June, she traveled for 4 days to Montreal with a troop of girls she did not know but who needed a second adult in order to travel.

Donna Rueger | GSME

Donna was instrumental in the success of Amazing Girl Scout Adventures, the Statewide Older Girl Camporee offered in August 2019. She jumped in to volunteer as the committee chair, no small feat in a local Camporee, but much harder to coordinate a state wide committee, helping the committee members to stay focused on creating activities and opportunities to push girls while still being fun! This huge responsibility was an add-on to her already numerous commitments to her troop and Service Unit, as well as her monthly offerings of classes and workshops as a GSME Learning Facilitator!

Tami Fisher | GSME

Tami has served Girl Scouts of Maine in many ways. Her most recent stand out service has been with the Girl Scout Adventure Camporee, with Girls on the Go, and as our Global Action Volunteer. All of these projects have successfully given girls new opportunities, and Tami has created succession plans so that they are ongoing. Tami has created opportunities for girls that they would not otherwise have had. She has made it possible for a number of girls to travel internationally.

January
Tina Ouellette
Leader
STEM Program Champion

February
Jessie Ellis
Volunteer Recruitment Champion
Knox Service Unit

March
Amanda Goldman
Service Unit Manager
Saco Bay Service Unit

April
Tracy Frost
Service Team Member
Somerset Service Unit

May
Amanda Thomits
Product Sales Coordinator
Merry Meeting Service Unit

June
Tiffany Idano
Service Unit Manager
Sunberries Service Unit

July
Erica Sabatino
Leader/Volunteer Support Coordinator
Machigonne Service Unit

August
Tonia Griffin
Service Unit Manager
Downeast Service Unit

September
Donna Rueger
Service Unit Manager
Arnold Trail Service Unit

October
Jessica Landry
Volunteer Support Coordinator or ARC
Emerald Service Unit

November
Heather Perry
Adult Learning Facilitator
Dirigo Service Unit

December
Maury Prentiss
Leader/Learning Facilitator /Service Team member
Arnold Trail Service Unit

2019 Volunteers of the Month
Camp Adventures
FOR GROWN-UPS
August 9-11, 2020
Camp Natarswi, Millinocket

When was the last time you enjoyed and explored the great outdoors with other grown-ups? Whether it was last week or 20+ years ago, this is the chance for you to challenge yourself, explore with old friends and new, and recharge yourself at beautiful Camp Natarswi.

**Tracks**

**Archery**
Take aim and enjoy the power and excitement of this track whether you want to become certified to take others out or you just want to hone your skill. Spend time with bow and arrows, learn how to hit the target, and enjoy!  
*Certification fee: $125 Min 4/Max 10*

**Canoe Adventure and Certification**
Explore Lower Togue Pond while earning your Canoe Certification to take Girl Scouts out on still water in canoes. This certification requires a 25 yard swim in a PFD and a 60-second treading water test.  
*Additional fee: $50 Min 4/Max 10*

**Camp Sampler**
Enjoy all that Camp Natarswi has to offer in a group camp setting, as if you were back at summer camp! No prior camp training required.  
*Min 4*

**Hike Mt. Katahdin**
Are you a serious hiker or do you want to become one by this summer? Mt. Katahdin is a great peak to add to your Summit List, but it is no walk in the park. This hike involves climbing and is tough. It requires participants to prepare themselves for a physically challenging adventure. You will be required to demonstrate preparation and be in contact with hike leaders prior to the event to ensure that you and your fellow hikers have a successful experience.  
*Min 4/Max 10*

**Low Trails Hike**
If you enjoy hiking but want a gentler challenge, this track is for you. This group will spend the day hiking the Little and Big Niagara Falls Trail and then go around Dacey Pond.  
*Min 4/Max 10*

**Not Quite the Mountain**
This is the hike that meets you in the middle—not as rigorous as the Summit Hike, but more challenging than the Low Trails Hike. Each year a slightly different route, you’ll explore some of the other wonderful challenging trails in Baxter Park, so prepare for a rigorous day of hiking.  
*Min 4/Max 10*

**Spa Adventure**
This track offers a variety of relaxing, refreshing activities to help you recharge!  
*Additional fee: $40 Min 4/Max 10*

**Just Kick Back!**
As the name implies, this track leaves you to relax at camp on your own. You can hang out with others in the track or take advantage of some alone time, joining the larger group for meals in the dining hall. Start building that summer reading list!  
*Min 4*

**Art & Lore**
Nothing inspires art and lore like the great outdoors. Join this track to learn and explore.  
*Min 4/Max 10*

**Kayak Adventure**
If you like time on the water, you’ll enjoy taking a kayak adventure around Togue Pond!  
*Min 4/Max 12*

**The Big Picture: Photography Fundamentals**
Enjoy the wonders of our outdoor classroom and studio while learning how to get the most out of your DSLR camera. To help you get the most out of our adventure, an online webinar will be held in July to help you learn some camera basics and get ready to go as soon as you arrive!  
*Min 4/Max 15*

**Pricing:**
Register by May 31 for just $45  
($25 membership dues required)
Keep the Girl Scout fun going all summer long!

Whether you try day camp, resident camp, troop mini-camps or family camp, get ready for an incredible experience – one full of excitement, exploration, and adventure. Girl Scout Camp has endless possibilities – we want every girl to be able to enjoy the great Maine outdoors and experience our fantastic programs.

Come camp with us!

Resident Camp
Pondicherry (Bridgton) & Camp Natarswi (Millinocket)
One & two week sessions run from June 28 – July 31.
$450 per week and up.

Day Camps
For grades 1 -4
Camp Pondicherry, Bridgton
Five weekly sessions from June 29 – July 31 | $195 per week
Camp Scelkit, Kittery
August 3 -7 | $190 per week

Sessions are filling up - Register for camp now!

Camp Tuition payments are due by June 2, 2020.

Highlights for 2020!
◆ High Ropes course at Camp Pondicherry!
◆ Hatchet Throwing – a target sport at both camps
◆ Paddleboards
◆ New wilderness and canoe trips
◆ Leadership programs - Camp Aide and Team Katahdin
◆ Ukuleles at Pondicherry
◆ Family Camps

Don’t miss the Open Houses at Camps Pondicherry & Natarswi on Sunday May 31, 2020
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Explore camp living, dining, activities areas, meet some camp staff, and make a s’more. Get a chance to meet Nicole Nelson, Pondicherry Camp Director and Treasa Wheeler, Natarswi Camp Director.

Discover our Day and Resident programs while you learn about daily schedules, camp life, and how to prepare for camp.

Check out all of our camp programs in our Camp Guide or visit girlscoutofmaine.org/camp
Celebrate Camp!

**Troop Mini-Camp registration is now open!**

Bring your whole troop to camp and let the fun begin! Mini-camps are just for troops. Sleep in platform tents, get artsy, take aim in archery, go hiking, toast s’mores, and more. We’ll run all the activities and provide meals. You bring your troop and we’ll bring the fun.

**Mini-Camps, Natarswi**

- **Grades 1 and up** | $100 per person.
- **Dates:** August 5-7, August 7-9

**DIY Cooking Mini-Camp, Natarswi**

- **Grades 3 and up** | $55 per person
- **Dates:** August 28-30, September 25-27
- Staff are on hand to run programs; troops bring and prepare their meals.

**Mini-Camp, S’more and More, Pondicherry**

- **Grades 1 and up** | $100 per person
- **Dates:** July 31-August 2

**Families can camp too!**

What’s more fun than a few days with mom or dad or family members enjoying camp life? Have an unforgettable time together boating, swimming, playing, trying archery, and making cool crafts! Cost $100 per person; parent & child must register as GS members.

**Me and My Dad, Camp Natarswi**

- **Dates:** August 14-16

**Me and My Gal, Camp Pondicherry**

- **Dates:** August 7-9

**Family Camps**

An event the whole family can enjoy! $100 per person. Adults and girls 5 years+ must register as Girl Scout members.

**Camp Natarswi, August 21-23**

**Camp Pondicherry, August 14 -16**

Camp Natarswi troop rentals available in 2020.

September 18-20; October 4-6 | Call Customer Care at 888-922-4763

Join us for a full day of fun only to be found at camp! Enjoy archery, games, and badge activities. Plus, get a free t-shirt!

**Saturday, September 12, 2020**

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Camp Natarswi, Millinocket

**Saturday, September 12, 2020**

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Camp Pondicherry, Bridgton

Here’s how... **By June 1:**

1. **Renew your membership for next year**
2. **Register for Celebrate Camp**

Then you’ll be ready for another awesome year in Girl Scouts and for a day of adventure at camp!

**Fee:**

- $15/girl, $10/adult

**Girls in grades:**

- K-12

**Register by:**

- June 1, 2020

Renew and register at girlscoutofmaine.org!

See page 30 for more details.
Women’s SUFFRAGE
Commemorating 100 Years of Votes for Women

HUNDREDS OF GIRL SCOUTS from all over Maine have been learning the history of the Women’s Suffrage Movement and how important it was for women to be granted the right to vote 100 years ago. Girls are becoming more aware of the movement and the women who helped shape history. Through visiting the Maine State Museum, Singing with Women in Harmony, hosting speakers at meetings, and more, girls have explored women’s rights throughout history, how the Women’s Rights Movement is still a part of our current lives, and how through advocacy they have the power to impact the lives of others.

Girl Scout troops from Kittery to Madawaska and everywhere in between have also been taking part in the statewide Daffodil Tribute as one way of commemorating the 100 year anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment. “We are thrilled to have dozens of Girl Scout Troops from around the state participate in programming around the Women’s Suffrage Centennial, from planting thousands of daffodils, to learning the significance of this historic victory in the Women’s Rights Movement through our Centennial Patch Program,” said Joanne Crepeau, CEO, Girl Scouts of Maine. “This is just one of many examples of our girls taking the lead to create a lasting impact, like the Daffodil Tribute, in their communities.”

The 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote was officially adopted as part of the U.S. Constitution in August 1920. During that time, suffragists in Maine adopted the jonquil (daffodil) flower as their symbol, using cheerful yellow flowers to lobby legislators, hand out at rallies, and ask supporters to wear them in their lapels.

Girl Scouts have been instrumental in ensuring this living memorial to the women and men who fought so hard to expand voting rights is seen statewide. More than 5,000 bulbs were planted across Maine, with Girl Scouts planting more than 2,500 of them! Be on the lookout for the blooms this spring and learn how you can participate in the Women’s Suffrage Centennial through the GSME Patch Program at www.girlscoutsofmaine.org/gsmepatches.

The daffodills will be blooming soon!
Be sure to look for them and share with us on Facebook or Instagram as they start to bloom all over Maine!
Tag us @girlscoutsofmaine and use #unitedwebloom
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Troop 2300
Kittery Troops
Troop 172
Troop 1240
Troop 823
Troop 1096
Troop 2305
Troop 1868
Troop 598
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Troop 598
Program Highlights

Balloon Car Challenge

Dinosaur Detective Overnight

Video Production Presque Isle

Maine Red Claws

Game Design Challenge

Girls & Women in Sports
**GSME Grandest Prix**
**Date:** May 30, 2020  
**Time:** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
**Levels:** B/J/C  
**Location:** Bangor  
**Cost:** $10 per girl  
**Registration deadline:** May 6, 2020

Have you earned your Mechanical Engineering badge? Come to the GSME Grandest Prix to learn more about engineering, physics, car care, and all things transportation through a hands-on Transportation Expo led by experts. Build and race a building block car with girls from across the state and explore the Cole Land Transportation Museum!

**Celebrate Camp Natarswi and Camp Pondicherry**  
(early renewal incentive)
**Date:** September 12, 2020  
**Time:** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Registration Deadline:** June 1  
**Fee:** $15/girl, $10/adult

Renew your membership for 2021 and register for Celebrate Camp at either Camp Natarswi or Camp Pondicherry. Join us for a full day of fun only to be found at camp! We’ll have tons to do like archery, games, and badge activities. And you’ll get a free t-shirt!

**Girl Scouts Love State Parks**
**Date:** September 13, 2020  
**Location:** All State Parks in Maine

Come visit and do community service in any state park in Maine on September 13th to celebrate the outdoors with your Girl Scout sisters across the country! Admission will be free for registered girl members and volunteers.

**Fly ME to the Stars: The Astronaut Experience**
**Date:** September 26, 2020  
**Level:** All  
**Location:** South Portland

Come engage with interactive learning stations and dynamic, hands-on exploration and discovery opportunities all related to the astronaut experience from mission control to outer space!

**GSME Grand Prix**
**Date:** October 2020  
**Level:** D/B/J/C  
**Location:** Bangor

Join us at the Cole Land Transportation Museum and earn a Mechanical Engineering badge* while designing, constructing, and testing your own building block car – all done on site!  
*Cadettes receive a patch.

**Seaport Sleuths Sleepover**
**Date:** October 24, 2020  
**Levels:** J/C  
**Location:** Mystic, CT

Get ready for Halloween by solving a mystery at an overnight at the Mystic Seaport! Also spend some time at the Mystic Aquarium with sea creatures - orange, black, and all the colors in between!

**Transforming Leadership**
**Date:** November 7, 2020  
**Levels:** C/S/A and Adults  
**Location:** Orono

Join us for an amazing day where you’ll explore science technology, leadership, and more!

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**Green ME Up! 2021**
**April 17, 2021**
Whether she’s exploring the great outdoors, practicing entrepreneurship, learning life skills, or expanding her imagination through hands-on STEM activities, there’s always so much more to explore and learn as a Girl Scout!

**RENEW HER MEMBERSHIP TODAY**

AT [girlscoutsofmaine.org](http://girlscoutsofmaine.org)

Everyone wins with these awesome incentives, but they won’t last long.

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*Spaces are limited for the Celebrate Camp events and are first come, first served. You must renew to be eligible to register. Registration for Celebrate Camp starts April 1 and closes when full or by June 1 (whichever happens first). Cost for Celebrate Camp is $15/girl and $10/adult.
FREE PATCH

Bridging Kits

Get ready for bridging ceremonies with our bridging kits that include end of year awards by age level and a gift for each girl! (Kit Price $8-$9.50*)

*Price subject to change

The Girl Scout Kit includes:

- Tunic, vest or sash
- Flag, council ID, troop numbers, insignia tab, and pins

Choose an age level resource and receive a FREE drawstring bag!

Shop Hours:

For current weekday hours, visit our website at girlscoutofmaine.org.

Place an order with our council shop by email at shopsp@gsmaine.org or by calling 888-922-4763 or order online 24/7 at: www.girlscoutshop.com/maine-council

Closures: July 27-30, 2020

Gear up for your Girl Scout Leadership Experience

Shop 31
Mark Your Calendars...
you don’t want to miss these upcoming events!

**MAY**

**Saturday, May 30, 2020**
Grandest Prix in Bangor
*(Register by May 6)*

**Sunday, May 31, 2020**
Dynamic Dirt Challenge at Pineland Farms
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Camp Open Houses at Pondicherry and Natarswi
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**AUGUST**

**Sunday-Tuesday, August 9-11, 2020**
Camp Adventures for Grown-Ups at Camp Natarswi

**SEPTEMBER**

**Saturday, September 12, 2020**
Celebrate Camp!
*(Register by June 1)*

Please Note: Upcoming events are subject to change.

Find the latest event and program updates at girlscoutofmaine.org or by following us on Facebook @GirlScoutsofMaine

Visit our website for more details and registration information at girlscoutofmaine.org