



girl scouts
of north east ohio

AROUND THE

Campfire



Courage, confidence, and character - three traits of good leadership, and the core of Girl Scouting.

Since 1912, Girl Scouts has been helping girls grow to become leaders of tomorrow by building their skills through badges and Girl Scout tradition. We know that leadership and meaningful civic action start at a young age—at home, at school, and in local communities, and no organization is better poised to help girls become the leaders and change-makers of tomorrow than Girl Scouts.

Leadership is reflected in every aspect of Girl Scouting. Programs are **girl-led** where girls can lead their own way - selecting badges and Journeys that interest them and organizing activities they're excited about - under the guidance of passionate adult volunteers. Whether it is building a robot, ringing a neighbor's doorbell to sell cookies, or participating in a summer camp program for the first time, girls are still seeking challenging

opportunities today. We are so grateful to be able to offer these opportunities to all girls.

In the spirit of leadership, we are especially excited for our upcoming Women of Distinction Event on May 19. This annual event celebrates women, girls, and local companies who go above and beyond to make our communities better places to live and work. This year we will honor ten women, three Leaders of Tomorrow, and two companies who embody the core values of Girl Scouts and provide girls with positive role models.

Jane Christyson, CEO
Girl Scouts of North East Ohio

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Camp Creates Confidence

Witnessing a Girl Scout return home from camp is a special sight to see. The excitement in their eyes and the energy in their presence is incredibly powerful. Staff at GSNEO, troop leaders, and caregivers have the pleasure of seeing first-hand how attending camp positively impacts a girl's character. GSNEO invites you to share in the joy of these moments and be a part of the camp experiences that shape girls' lives!



Girl Scouts prepare to canoe at Camp Ledgewood's 90th Anniversary celebration (2022)

Girl Scouts of North East Ohio offers three camps for girls to visit: Camp Ledgewood, Camp Sugarbush, and Camp Timberlane. Camping is a wonderful way for girls to pursue leadership, learn new skills, and develop a meaningful relationship with nature. Each camp provides ample space for troop camping, summer camp, and outdoor programs. With lots of activities to choose from, the camp experience is as unique as each girl who attends.

No matter their passion, all girls are welcome and wanted when they camp with GSNEO! Camp offers girls the unique experience to participate in challenging activities and engage in powerful discussions. Camp provides girls the unique experience to participate in challenging activities and engage in powerful discussions with Girl Scout sisters and trained camp staff. Through these interactions girls learn that their words, skills, and ideas have incredible value. Camp truly provides a space where girls can excel in whatever they put their minds to. Knowing their strengths and having faith in their ability to achieve, girls can excel in whatever they put their minds to.

Activities at Camp

- Swimming
- Low Ropes
- High Ropes
- Ziplining
- Archery
- Hiking
- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Fishing

GSNEO Camp Highlights

- Engaging Activities
- Lifelong Friendships
- Mentorship & Leadership
- Scientific Exploration



"The **confidence** and self-reliance she gained was worth every penny, every bit of nervousness (mostly from me), and every bit of missing her!"

"My daughter came home with so many stories and so much **confidence**!"

"She gets to experience new things, meet new people, and make new friends. It helps instill a sense of **confidence** in herself, and is overall a wonderful experience."



Girl Scouts gather for a photo following a hike at Camp Timberlane (2022)

GSNEO is proud to be a part of a large family who cares deeply about the lives of young girls. After all, the help of caregivers, volunteers, and supporters is what makes unique opportunities like camp possible. Whether it's your time, talent, or passion, you can designate your support directly to our camps. By supporting the camp experience, you can give girls the gift of confidence and life-changing experiences.



Join us for the Women of Distinction Awards Luncheon, celebrating women, Girl Scouts, and organizations whose leadership in the community makes the world a better place.

Friday, May 19

11:30 AM

**InterContinental
Hotel Cleveland**



*Scan the
QR code to
purchase
tickets*



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Ka-Pi Hoh, Ph.D.
The Lubrizol Corporation



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WKYC Studios

Women of Distinction Honorees



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State and Federal Communications, Inc.



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Colors+



Diana L. Selzer
S&T Bank



Autumn Ziembra
McKenzie Milestones Autism Resources

Leaders of Tomorrow

Grace Guy, Nordonia Hills High School
Lengitu Hovanic, Strongsville High School
Rachel Whary, Midview High School

Advancing Women Award



GIRL Highlights



Sarah Friedlander

Girl Scout Sarah Friedlander is making a positive impact in her community through her Gold Award project. Sarah recognized the positive impacts

that being outdoors had on senior citizens in a local nursing home. Her Gold Award project aims to expand outdoor recreational areas in the nursing home and make the areas ADA-accessible for all residents.



Nur Makupson

Nur Makupson is making a difference in the Girl Scout Movement by serving as a representative on Girl Scouts of the USA's (GSUSA) National

Girl Advisory Board. The National Girl Advisory Board meets monthly to discuss upcoming events and works with teams from GSUSA on projects aligned with the national strategy, including program, girl engagement, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion/Racial Justice, research, marketing, and more. Sometimes a speaker will come to their meetings to talk with the girls about professional development. The girls also conduct research in their own communities around the country and speak with those who aren't involved with Girl Scouts to hear different perspectives and bring their findings back to the group.



Caroline Niederhausen

Caroline Niederhausen, a 2022 graduate of Strongsville High School, has been named the 2023 Gray Foundation Scholarship recipient. Niederhausen was

actively involved in Girl Scouts for 11 years and is a lifetime member. The Gray Foundation Scholarship is a prestigious award that is granted to individuals who excel academically, demonstrate proven leadership impact, and commit to continued community engagement to make a difference in the community.



Did you know?

The Girl Scouts of North East Ohio History and Archives Committee:

- Offers tours for troops at Macedonia and the North Canton Service Centers. These tours can be on a specific theme, a mini workshop, and/or badge or patch related;
- Has uniforms and other resources available to loan;
- Is always seeking assistance with inventorying our collection;
- And is looking for troops or individuals who would like to put a showcase together at the Macedonia Service Center!

Help Wanted

Do you have an interest in and love for history, archives, museums, and memorabilia? Then the History & Archives Committee would love your help! If you are interested in learning more, please contact Linda West McBride at Lwestmcbride@gmail.com or (330) 958-9662.

The Girl Scouts of North East Ohio History and Archives Committee is committed to sharing the wealth of their memories with the Girl Scout community and beyond.

Do you want Girl Scouts to be part of your philanthropic legacy?



Please join us for a special Juliette Gordon Low Society event, featuring special guest Dianne Belk, national founding chair of the Juliette Gordon Low Society, and her husband, Lawrence Calder.

We will honor and celebrate those who have chosen to make a planned gift to Girl Scouts of North East Ohio in their wills or estate plans, discuss planned giving options, and explain how new members can join the Juliette Gordon Low Society.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Feel free to bring a friend!

For questions regarding planned giving or the event, contact VP of Development Julie Weagraff at 330-983-0399 or jweagraff@gsneo.org



Tuesday, May 16, 2023

4:30-6:30 PM

**Camp Ledgewood,
Chickadee Program
Center**



Scan the QR
code to register

Shining Bright: Gold Award

SPOTLIGHT

Gold Award Girl Scouts are the dreamers and the doers who take “**make the world a better place**” to the next level. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the mark of the truly remarkable—proof that not only can she make a difference, but that she already has. Seniors and Ambassadors who earn the Gold Award tackle issues that are dear to them and drive lasting change in their communities and beyond.



**Shaine
Robertson**
Camp Collinwood



Shaine addressed the issue of accessibility to nature and camp opportunities in urban areas for their Gold Award by creating Camp Collinwood. Camp Collinwood was inspired by the years of camp experience they had as a child and all the positive impacts it had on them. Shaine designed and implemented a free day camp held on Saturdays in July for local kids. Participants got to learn new crafts, songs, and games. Campers were also taught about nature – specifically the flora and fauna that can be found in their own neighborhood. In classic camp fashion, the sessions ended with fire safety and tasty s'mores! Shaine created a camp box with supplies and instructions for the Collinwood Recreation Center on how to recreate Camp Collinwood for future campers to enjoy.



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Upcoming Council Events

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for these important
GSNEO dates!

APRIL

Volunteer
Appreciation
Month

April 15
Annual Meeting & Volunteer
Recognition Celebration

April 22
Leader Appreciation Day

May 5-7
Girl Scout Memorabilia Sale
Macedonia Office

May 16
Juliette Gordon Low
Society Event

May 19
2023 Women of Distinction
Awards Luncheon

June
Girl Scout Day at Cedar Point
& Pearl Girl Ceremony
Gratitude Gatherings

August 9-13
A.L.E.
Gratitude Gatherings

September 30
Last Day to Renew your
GS Membership

October 7
Dessert First Gala

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