

March Volunteer Meeting Summary

- As of Monday, March 9, our membership numbers are as follows:
 - 4,749 girl members
 - 1,823 adult members
 - 1,671 lifetime members
 - 69.8% girl retention rate
 - 64.2% adult retention rate
 - 77.8% lifetime retirement rate

Council news:

- Board is set to vote on plan proposed by Long Range Property Planning Committee
 - Programming task group wants to ensure all girls have access to some water activities
 - Also want to provide opportunities for families who might not be comfortable with camping
 - We want to have facilities to focus on all 4 pillars
- So far, the LRPPC has completed:
 - An ADA compliant ramp at Seawood,
 - Converted the composting toilet that failed at Kettleford to a flush toilet
 - Installed the new pavilion at Kettleford
- We have been working on:
 - Installing a new walk-in cooler at Farnsworth
 - Converting the other composting toilet at Kettleford
 - Installing the pool and replacing the furnace at Kettleford
 - Replacing the Adirondak roof and new pavilions at the day camps
 - Expanding the low ropes and archery at Seawood
 - Removing excess electrical conduit at Farnsworth
- We still need to:
 - Complete any ADA analysis to see what needs to be done
 - Complete an electrical evaluation for Twin Hills lodge and cabins
 - Complete floor joist analysis at the Kettleford Lodge
 - Fix and analyze the Thaxter roof at Seawood
 - Going through all of the buildings to determine rot risk
 - Complete an evaluation on all of the chimneys at Twin Hills
 - Ensure all of the camps have private changing spaces
 - Not just toilets

- Make upgrades and repairs to Adirondacks and bathrooms
- Provide some light in the cabins
- Convert part of the Bedford office to use as programming space
- Adding indoor adventure opportunities and high ropes course at Farnsworth
- Upgrading the Lodge at Kettleford to add a bathroom and a shower to make it at least a 3 season cabin
- Replacing Kaflit cabin at Farnsworth
- Add a bouldering wall and new nature trails at Twin Hills
- Add a 3 season archery program at Farnsworth
- New boating areas and storage at Kettleford and Twin Hills
- We are looking to add a swimming pool to Seawood, a splashpad at Twin Hills
 - Along with winterizing the Pixie Cabin and putting a bouldering wall or outdoor programming in Bedford
- The Board has approved the sale of 24 acres of land at Twin Hills to fund improvements
- Getting a Dream Lab in the Burlington area is still extremely important
- First of 3 National Council proposal discussions coming up. Proposals include
 - Preserve the Girl Scout Leadership Experience relating to the entrepreneurship program
 - Proposes to amend the trademark section of the Blue Book to not sell, license, or otherwise provide sale of any food products bearing the GS name and/or service mark during the sale periods

Membership & Volunteer Support news:

- Information will be coming for early renewal and volunteer appreciation
- Reminder, extended year is only open to first time new members
 - Extended year runs from April 1, 2026-September 30, 2027
- Renewal time is almost here
 - Runs from October 1, 2026-September 30, 2027
- Lifetime membership is also available for adults
 - 3 different versions
 - Lifetime volunteer
 - Young alum
 - All other adults
- Annual membership for MY26 is \$60/year for a girl and \$30/year for adults
- Annual membership for MY27 is \$80/girl and \$30/adult
 - Lifetime membership dues remain the same

- Get Ready with Girl Scouts is back this April
 - Open to new girls starting kindergarten or 1st grade in Fall 2026
 - They will need to join with an Extended Year Membership
 - They'll receive 3 activity books and a special gift
- The National Head Start partnership is back
 - For those going into kindergarten this fall
 - They are eligible for a complimentary MY26 membership
 - As well as a free renewal for MY27
- Troop training survey has been emailed out and are in our newsletters
 - Fill it out if you haven't already
- Our Conflict Resolution Lead is offering coffee chats
 - Informal opportunity to drop in, meet other volunteers and brainstorm ways to support each other and troops
- We are offering some virtual learning opportunities
 - Will be available on GSLearn and YouTube
- Offering PBIS training
 - Booking in the Brattleboro and West Lebanon areas
 - Keep an eye on the calendar to learn more

Girl Experience news:

- Training opportunities are open to volunteers
 - Including First Aid, BOLS, archery, boating, and lifeguard training
 - If you have a group of 5 or more adults and want to be trained in a specific area reach out and we can set that up
- Registration for camp is still open
 - Find all the information and register on our website
- We're still looking for camp staff
 - Apply online
- A lot of upcoming programs over the next few months for all levels
- FutureFest is May 30 at St. Micheal's College in Colchester, VT
 - Open to all levels
 - Registration is live
 - Great way to help Girl Scouts plan for their future
 - If you want to volunteer or know someone who might want to participate, let us know