

As of Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup>, our membership numbers are as follows:

- 9,327 total members
- 5,498 girl members
- 2,218 adult members
- 1,611 lifetime members
- The overall retention rate is 72.7%
- The retention rate for adults and lifetime members is 79.3%
- The retention rate for girl members is 68.2%

Next monthly meeting: June 10 at 7 pm

## Council news:

- Farnsworth Weekend is September 5-7
  - You can come for the whole weekend or just Saturday
  - Keep an eye out for information about signing up
- Long Range Property Planning is moving along
  - The task group is made up of members throughout the jurisdiction
  - We have also provided surveys to volunteers, parents and girls
    - These help us get a better sense of what is needed
- The program portion of the Long-Range Property Plan is looking into some preliminary recommendations, that includes
  - Access to water activities
  - A progression and ease of entry for those less comfortable or not familiar with overnight camp
  - Providing more of a progression for ages/levels for activities
  - Providing more opportunities for girl-led exploration of our pillars and support facilitation of the Girl Scout Program
- There are recommendations for specific properties
  - Twin Hills
    - Access to water activities
      - Add a splash pad area and private changing spaces
    - Progression and ease
      - Additional bathroom facilities closer to the Adirondacks and lighting in some of the Adirondacks
    - Age level progression
      - Bouldering wall for introductory adventure program and adding a nature trail for younger campers

- Girl-led exploration
    - Offer staff led on demand programs serving the pillars
- Seawood
  - Access to water activities
    - Add a pool and private changing spaces
  - Progression and ease
    - Not applicable
  - Age level progression
    - Expanding archery program and adding higher adventure opportunities for juniors and older
  - Girl-led exploration
    - Add accessible storage for year-round use and offering staff led on demand programs serving the pillars
- Kettleford
  - Access to water activities
    - Adding a pool, expanding boating, and adding private changing spaces
  - Progression and ease
    - Additional flush toilets and lighting in some of the Adirondacks
  - Age level progression
    - Expanding archery program and adding higher adventure opportunities for juniors and older
  - Girl-led exploration
    - Offer staff led on demand programs serving the pillars
- Farnsworth
  - Access to water activities
    - Additional private changing spaces
  - Progression and ease
    - Not applicable
  - Age level progression
    - Adding indoor adventure opportunity of year-round use, expanding fall and spring climbing tower use, and looking into a 3-season archery program
  - Girl-led exploration
    - Offer staff led on demand programs serving the pillars, adding accessible year-round equipment storage, and exploring use of woodshop year-round

- Other locations
  - Bedford
    - Add dedicated program space
  - Burlington
    - Adding DreamLab
  - For both locations
    - Overnight space and multi-purpose programming with equipment and staff led on-demand programs
- National Council Sessions happening in Washington DC July 20-25, 2026
  - We are seeking some early feedback
    - Feedback on discussion item and proposed bylaw change
      - Change would be to the bylaw about solicitation of contributions
      - Proposed change to GS Law
        - Will remove “considerate and caring” and replace it with “prioritize my physical and mental health”

## Membership & Volunteer Support news:

- If you are holding a recruitment event, let us know what you are doing and what you need, and we will do our best to get it to you
- Check our newsletters to see about recruitment events we will be at and if you can help, sign up through Sign Up Genius
  - We appreciate any time you can give
- Daisy and Brownie Experience Boxes will be available again in September for the new year.
  - They are great for newer leaders to help with meetings and supplies
  - Depending on when your troop starts you can receive up to 8 boxes and cover at least 16 meetings
  - You do need at least 4 girl members and 1 adult member as well as a membership to qualify
- It's bridging season
  - We have a bridging guide in the troop packet
    - That can be found on the website
  - Our stores have bridging kits that come with an award, patch, certificate, and membership star(s)

- Financial reports are due June 30<sup>th</sup> for all troops and service units
  - There is information on how to submit it in the troop packet
- We do have renewal incentives
  - Troop leaders and some service unit members get \$5 off renewal this month
  - You can find more incentives in our newsletters or by calling Customer Care

## Girl Experience news:

- STEM Van has returned to New Hampshire
- We do still have On-Demand Programming for troops
  - Good for different levels and you can choose the activity and date
- We have new activities for the STEM Months happening in the fall
  - Space Science, Chef Science, and Survival STEM
- Our 3D Printing Program is up and running
  - The program is \$15 and it's a good way to play around with Tinker Cad
  - There are 3 levels where you can design your own piece and get it printed
    - Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced
  - You can have your finished piece mailed to you or you can pick it up
    - There is a fee for it to be mailed
- Camp is right around the corner
  - We have openings at all our camps
    - Primarily at Farnsworth
  - We are still hiring camp staff
    - Specifically Twin Hills
    - We have a few openings at Kettleford and Seawood
    - Leadership positions at Farnsworth
      - Need to be 18 and older
- We have outdoor skills training for adults available
- Don't forget to sign up for all our events happening soon

## Fund Development news:

- We have fundraising events in the works
  - Early stages of setting an event in the Burlington, VT area next spring
    - Looking for volunteers or anyone that might have suggestions on where we can have it
    - Go to our website or call Customer Care to learn more
- New Hampshire Gives is next month

- You'll see it on social media or through emails in the upcoming weeks
- There are rumors about something similar in Vermont but nothing official yet