



## Girl Scout History Society

### News from Cultural Assets

**The next virtual meeting of the Girl Scout History Society will take place on July 15th, 2025, at 4pm EST.**

The agenda and meeting link will be sent a few days before the meeting.

Meeting recordings and other resources are available [HERE](#).

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During the first week of May, we hosted the 2025 Roundup Gathering at the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace! The Roundup Gathering is made up of a group of Girl Scout Alums who participated in the Girl Scout Senior Roundups of the 1950s and 1960s.

Held every three years from 1956 to 1965 and supported by the United States Armed Forces, Senior Roundups were meant to show off the best of Girl Scouting. These were two-week encampments for older Girl Scouts that highlighted camping, friendship, songs, and adventure. Competition to participate in the Roundups was rigorous, as Girl Scouts had to apply to be selected for an eight-girl patrol from their council. Four total Senior Roundups were held in the 1950s and 1960s.

A few fun facts about Senior Roundups:

- At the first Roundup, 6,000 Girl Scouts ate 16 tons of meat and fish, drank 250,000 glasses of milk, and mailed 100,000 postcards.
- The third Roundup featured a 4,000-pound birthday cake for the Movement's 50th birthday.
- 12,000 Girl Scouts participated in the fourth Roundup.
- Of the 67 Girl Scout Alums at this year's Roundup Reunion, 36 are Gold Award Girl Scouts.

The first reunion of "Rounduppers" took place in 1997 with 35 alums in attendance. In 2002, for the 40th anniversary, over 200 attended! Since then, Round Reunion have taken place about every three years. Rounduppers had previously decided that the gathering in 2023 would be their last. However, when it was discovered that many had never been to the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace, it was decided that they would hold this event.



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On May 14th, Cultural Assets Project Coordinator Janine Napierkowski was named Rookie Leader of the Year at GS Northern NJ's Annual Meeting. She has a first-year Daisy Troop in West Milford, NJ.

Brittany Ionescu-Wolf, the Trailblazer volunteer who spoke at the April GS History Society virtual meeting about recruiting young professional volunteers, was inducted as an NCS Delegate for GSNNJ and awarded an Honor Badge; and her mom, Lory Wolf, was awarded a Thanks II Badge at the same event.



L-R: Skye Bohmer (GSNNJ staff), Janine Napierkowski, and Brittany Ionscu-Wolf. Janine, Skye, and Brittany were camp counselors together at Jockey Hollow Girl Scout Camp in Morristown, NJ, in the early 2000's.



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L-R: Lory Wolf and Brittany Ionescu-Wolf. Lory and Brittany are mother-daughter volunteers leading the GSNNJ Trailblazer's Hiking and Backpacking group.



## Collection Highlight





**Camp Andrée Clark Gong Postcard**  
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Summer camp season is almost here!

The site of Camp Andrée Clark was donated in 1920 by former Senator and Mrs. William A. Clark in memory of their daughter, Louise Amelia Andrée Clark, who had been an enthusiastic Girl Scout until her death from



meningitis one week before her 17th birthday in 1919. The camp opened two years later. In 1937, an international camp was held at Camp Andrée Clark to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of GSUSA.

This image was created by Jessie Tarbox Beals (1870 – 1942), who was the first published female photojournalist in the United States, as part of a series of photographs she shot at Camp Andrée Clark in 1925.

The "fire gong" or "train wheel gong" is made of a worn-out train wheel and commonly seen at community firehouses. The clanging of the gong could be heard all over camp calling campers to meals. The gong still stands at Camp Andrée Clark next to the dining hall near Lake Kinderaugen.

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## News from Members

We are **gathering ideas** focusing on brainstorming uses for excess uniforms through service projects. What does your council history committee do with excess uniform fabric? Could we find new ways to upcycle it in bulk into useful items like tents for homeless youth or other similar projects? If your council or history committee has ideas, please contact [Janine](#).

The History Committee at **Girl Scouts Northeast Ohio** took the advice from our April virtual meeting to solicit younger volunteers into their archive succession plan. "We decided that the best way was to have them observe us working, so that they learn the correct techniques."

Pictured below are committee members Robin Stull, Jan Hart, Amarii DiMaria (aged 23 months), and Olivia DiMaria.



Do you have a new exhibit opening? Have extra artifacts to donate to another council? Send your news to [Janine Napierkowski](#) for inclusion in the next newsletter. Please limit entries to 100 words or less.

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