

Alumnae Network

You'll always be a Girl Scout

Be a "Girl" Scout Again!

It's throwback October, Saturday, October 31 to be exact. The Girl Scout Alumnae Network invites you to be a "Girl" Scout again. The first annual (Girl Scout optimism) Alumnae Day at Camp occurs at Camp Cedar Hill in Waltham on Juliette Gordon Low's birthday from 11 am – 3 pm.

Alumnae Network Committee members want to spend the day at camp and know that if they want to, many other alumnae must as well. The result is Alumnae Day at Camp, which will be held at Camp Cedar Hill, a central location for all alumnae currently living in the GSEM footprint. No matter where you were a Girl Scout, we welcome you to join our events!

Beyond its central location, Camp Cedar Hill was chosen for other reasons as well. Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts has made significant investments in a number of council properties over the last year. Camp Cedar Hill in Waltham, Camp Runels in



Pelham, NH, Wind in the Pines in Plymouth, Camp Maude Eaton in Andover and Camp Favorite in Brewster all received various upgrades. The investments included installing new and upgrading existing challenge courses, purchasing new docks and boats, improving roads and

parking infrastructure and renovating buildings and other structures.

A very exciting upgrade is about to be completed at Camp Cedar Hill in September. The updates at Great Hall at Camp Cedar Hill are soon to be unveiled and the Alumnae Network Committee wants to show it off to fellow alumnae! Prior to being closed for renovations, Great Hall was touted as a building that slept 80 and featured a fireplace, stove, refrigerator, heat, electricity and an indoor bathroom. Also, Great Hall had recently been known for its rolling and creaky floors.

Great Hall was originally a cow barn (housing about 100 cows at a time) and the initial renovation was started in 1929 when they raised the roof and installed a serving kitchen. A projection machine was installed over the entrance and the cement floor was replaced with the wooden floor during the 1930's. Since that time Great Hall has seen little physical change as thousands of girls have passed through its doors.

Alumnae Day at Camp will include activities for alumnae of all ages and abilities. Each attendee may choose how to spend the day. Both the low rope and high rope challenge courses will be open along with the archery field. A campfire will be ablaze for visitors to gather and reminisce over a s'more and the Museum at Cedar Hill, which houses one of the most extensive collections of Girl Scout memorabilia in the country, will be welcoming guests while vintage uniforms will be on display in the Rookery.

Great Hall will host the opening ceremony at noon and will be the gathering spot throughout the event. Guests will be able to join in song with Kaye Glass (singer extraordinaire), enjoy tea and snacks with "Juliette", participate in a service project and watch video presentations of Girl Scouts through the years. Tea and snacks will be served in Great Hall. For those wishing to bring a picnic, there will be designated areas for outdoor picnicking and Great Hall will also have space for those who wish to picnic indoors.

Hiking trails will be well marked and self-guided tours will be available at the brick walkway. The Pathway to Leadership commemorative brick program began in 2012. At the site of the former maze, the pathway features bricks bearing messages from Girl Scouts' many friends.

Registration for this event is open to adults – no need to be currently registered as a Girl Scout. The \$12 event fee includes a commemorative patch in honor of Juliette (it is her birthday after all), and all activities. Register online by [clicking here](#) or mail payment for \$12 to GSEM, Attn: Alumnae Day at Camp, 95 Berkeley Street, Boston, MA 02116. Confirmations with directions, a final agenda and a map will be sent two weeks prior to the event. If you wish to participate in the Color Guard for the opening ceremony, wish to help or have questions, please contact Alumnae@GirlScoutsEasternMass.org or call 857-453-5336.