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Girl Scouts Invite Area Supporters, Alums, Interested Community Members to Camp Comstock Open House on June 16

Free adults-only event with camp tour and updates on Thursday, June 16 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

*RSVP by June 9 at gsnypenn.org/comstockopenhouse
Camp Comstock, 1419 Taughannock Blvd., Ithaca, NY*

Ithaca, N.Y. (May 6, 2022) — Girl Scout alums, supporters and members of the greater Ithaca-area community are invited to the [Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways](https://gsnypenn.org) Council's historic Camp Comstock (1419 Taughannock Blvd., Ithaca) for an exclusive adults-only gathering and one-of-a-kind experience on Thursday, June 16 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. RSVPs are requested by June 9, visit gsnypenn.org/comstockopenhouse or email Director of Development JoAnne Morak at jmorak@gsnypenn.org.

Light refreshments, adult beverages and, of course, Girl Scout Cookies will be served. A shuttle van will assist attendees in moving up and down the hill to the camp on the west shore of Cayuga Lake. Guests can participate in a property tour and try optional traditional camp activities. Attendees should bring/wear comfortable shoes and clothing for the camp tour.

There will be a brief program at 5 p.m. in the Main Lodge with Girl Scout alums, staff and community members sharing testimonials about their experiences at camp. GSNYPENN representatives will exhibit a scale model of a new multi-use four-season building proposed for the property and share about future possibilities in the greater Ithaca area.

Camp Comstock was named for pioneering environmental educator Anna Botsford Comstock. Author of "The Handbook of Nature Study" in the early 1900s, Comstock was the first woman to serve as an assistant professor at Cornell. She believed in celebrating the connection between humans and nature, and what children could learn from it. Camp Comstock continues her legacy and mission through Girl Scout programs in the outdoors at her namesake—which was formally dedicated on July 17, 1927.

"The local community came together nearly 100 years ago to create Camp Comstock and we hope it will once again help us sustain and preserve this community treasure for years to come," says GSNYPENN CEO Julie Dale.

Friends of Comstock (FoC) is assisting the council and camp staff in hosting this community event. FoC is a new volunteer organization that works to promote, preserve, and enhance Camp Comstock to ensure that Girl Scouts, alums, families, and the surrounding community have continual access and activities.

Special guests and those in attendance at the event will include GSNYPENN staff and board, camp staff, Friends of Comstock committee and members, GSNYPENN History & Archives members, and representatives from Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce and Guthrie.

The Comstock Open House is sponsored by Guthrie. For questions about the event or getting involved with the GSNYPENN Council as an alum or supporter, contact Director of Development JoAnne Morak at jmorak@gsnypenn.org.

GSNYPENN serves girls in K-12 across 26 counties: Allegany, Broome, Cayuga, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Oswego, Otsego, St. Lawrence, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Wayne and Yates in New York and Bradford and Tioga in Pennsylvania.

Annual membership is just \$25 and financial assistance is available. To start her adventure, visit gsnypenn.org/join. To become a volunteer, learn more at gsnypenn.org/volunteer. To help make Girl Scouting possible for girls in your community, visit gsnypenn.org/donate.

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About Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways, Inc.

Girl Scouts is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls in grades K-12. Our extraordinary journey began in 1912 when our Movement was founded by Juliette Gordon "Daisy" Low. Today, we continue the Girl Scout mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. We offer every girl the chance to practice a lifetime of leadership, adventure and success. GSNYPENN is chartered by Girl Scouts of the USA to administer the Girl Scout program in 24 counties of New York and two in Pennsylvania.