

# girl scouts of the green and white mountains

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Girl Scouts and others enjoy the Maple Sugarin' program at Stonewall Farm. (Courtesy photo)

## Girl Scouts partner with Stonewall Farm for educational programs

*Maple sugaring, snowshoeing, the environment among their experiences*

**KEENE, NH** – Stonewall Farm, with its mission to demonstrate ecological sustainability through education has been a valuable partner with Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains for more than 10 years. Stonewall Farm offers programs that the council makes available to its members across Vermont and New Hampshire, enabling Girl Scouts to earn badges and patches.

Stonewall Farm educates and connects the community to the land to promote sustainable agriculture, ecological resilience, local food systems, and a healthier planet. They work with students from elementary to graduate schools, as well as community members. They also

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host weddings, parties, and other events, as well as offering the food grown there at their store.

Girl Scouts have participated in programs like Fall on the Farm, Frozen Farm, Spring Spectacular, Maple Sugarin', and more. The maple sugar program was the most popular one last year with Girl Scouts, as Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, and their families learned the biology and natural history of maple trees, the history of sugaring, and how to tap a tree and boil sap.

"Programs with the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains are always so fun and unique!" said Sam Bator, education director at Stonewall Farm. "Our most popular program, Maple Sugarin', takes Scouts and their families on a journey of exploration—learning about the origins of maple syrup and the history of sugaring. This program perfectly embodies our mission to educate and connect the community to the land. By fostering a love for nature and an understanding of where our food comes from, we're helping to build a future that values ecological resilience, local food systems, and the health of our planet.

"Another favorite, Frozen Farm, dives into the changes happening in New Hampshire's winter season," she said. "Scouts learn to spot and identify animal tracks and signs, discover how animals adapt to the cold, and even try their hand at snowshoeing. This program helps foster a deeper connection to the natural world while learning about the challenges facing our environment."

Girl Scouts will have new choices at the farm this year. With Nature Crafts in May, they will enjoy exploring the farm, discovering the magic of spring, and creating nature-inspired crafts along the way. In April, Woolly Wonders will show Girl Scouts how wool is processed, visit the sheep, explore centuries-old wool production techniques, and transform raw wool into beautiful pieces of fiber art.

"We've enjoyed a wonderful partnership with Stonewall Farm for many years now!" said Paula Kelley-Murphy, coordinator of program partnerships and travel for the council. "Along with offering their popular winter Frozen Farm program where Girl Scouts enjoyed snowshoeing, animal tracking and adaption, they are open to introducing new educational and outdoor enrichment programs with hands-on learning that relate back to our badge and patch programs. We look forward to these new, exciting opportunities for our troops!"

Bator adds: "Our collaboration with GSGWM allows us to bring these enriching experiences to life, inspiring the next generation to care for the land and work toward a sustainable future!"

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains is proud to partner with Stonewall Farm and appreciates their support of Girl Scouting.

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as they find their voices and make changes that affect the issues most important to them. To join us, volunteer, reconnect, or donate, visit [girlscouts.org](http://girlscouts.org).

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains serves girls throughout New Hampshire and Vermont through volunteer-run troops, events, and virtual programs. Visit [www.girlscoutsgwm.org](http://www.girlscoutsgwm.org) to learn more.



**Girl Scouts of Troop 63813 of Goffstown visited Stonewall Farm. Everyone enjoyed a taste of freshly made maple syrup. (Courtesy photos)**

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