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<u>Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc. to Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Camp</u> <u>Wendy</u>

The Girl Scout Camp in Wallkill, NY will be honored during a weekend celebration of its 100th anniversary on September 29 – October 1, 2023.

MONTGOMERY, NY, September 29, 2023 — Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc. (GSHH) is set to celebrate the 100th anniversary of its northern-most property and camp, Camp Wendy, during the weekend of September 29 – October 1.

Camp Wendy, located at 149 St. Elmo Road, Wallkill, NY 12589 features 56 acres of rolling hills, beautiful forests, and a 13-acre lake nestled in the foothills of the Shawangunk Mountains. The camp is primarily used for troop and community camping, and outdoor programming. The large dining hall and Martin Lodge are used for indoor activities and large gatherings.

The 100th anniversary celebration is led by a volunteer committee, chaired by Erica Darcy and members Kathy Maxcy, Patricia Hauck, Nina Muller, Pam Pardee, Chase Brooks, Lorraine O'Donnell, along with GSHH Board President Gale Hauck, and Margaret Seiler, great-niece of Girl Scouts founder, Juliette Gordon Low.

The celebration will kick off on Friday, September 29th with an evening campfire, complete with s'mores, camp songs, and tours of the GSHH Museum and Archives which are located at Camp Wendy. Saturday, September 30th, GSHH staff will host Girl Fest as a kickoff to the 2023-2024 Girl Scout year welcoming Girl Scouts and their families to sample the programs GSHH has scheduled for the upcoming year.

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The celebration continues on Saturday night with a dinner fundraiser that aims to raise funds to make capital improvements to the camp structures and grounds. The evening will also feature a re-dedication of the dining hall as the "Marion Borden Dining Hall" in honor of the local philanthropist and Girl Scout who willed Camp Wendy to the then Ulster County Girl Scout council upon her death in 1930.

All donations made during this weekend will be held for use for Camp Wendy. Online donations can be made at **www.girlscoutshh.org/girlscamp** and select Camp Wendy as the recipient. Contact Kari Willis, GSHH Chief Philanthropy Officer at **kwillis@girlscoutshh.org** or 845-236-6002 ext. 748 with any questions.

<u>**Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson**</u> (GSHH) serves approximately 15,000 youth and 8,000 adult Girl Scout members throughout Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Orange, Dutchess, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties. At GSHH they are part of a community of girls and women looking to serve the community through individual and group service projects as they discover new skills and interests and experience new challenges. GSHH offers every girl a chance to practice a lifetime of leadership, adventure, and success.

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