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Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts' Camp Cedar Hill Celebrates 100 Years of Service

Camp Cedar Hill Becomes the One of the Oldest Girl Scout Camps in the United States with Special Celebratory Events Now Through September 2023

(Waltham, Mass.) Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts (GSEMA) celebrates the 100th anniversary of <u>Camp Cedar Hill</u>, their K-12, 75-acre camp located in Waltham, Mass. The milestone marks the historical location as one of the oldest Girl Scout camps in the country. To celebrate, Girls Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts will be hosting events at Camp Cedar Hill from now through Saturday, September 30, 2023.

Camp Cedar Hill began as a 200-acre working farm purchased by the Warren Family. Philanthropist Cornelia Warren, who took over management after her father passed, opened the farm to religious, educational and social service organizations as well as hosted a famous maze for visitors. In 1923, 75 acres of the farm were gifted to the Massachusetts Girl Scouts, as per Cornelia's will for the estate to go to a charitable organization after her death. The camp was later converted for Girl Scout use with help from Hellen Storrow, the chairman of the Massachusetts State Camp Committee at the time.

Since its re-ownership, the camp has hosted key Girl Scout moments and people, such as the first International Girl Scout meeting in 1926, which included Girl Scouts founder Juliette Gordon Low. Today, the camp welcomes hundreds of Girl Scouts each year looking for exciting, life-changing summer experiences to develop each camper's courage, confidence and character.

GSEMA begins the celebrations with **"Extreme Gingerbread"** on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022, and **"Night Explorers"** on Saturday, January 21, 2023. The new year continues with **"Cozy Campers"** on Sunday, February 5, 2023; **"Camp Sampler Overnight"** on Saturday, March 11, 2023 and Sunday, March 12, 2023; **"Sundown Sing Along"** on Friday, April 28, 2023.

On Thursday, May 11, 2023, which marks the official birthday of Camp Cedar Hill, the Board of Director and Delegates will host their annual meeting 100 years since the first one. Additional events throughout the spring and summer include **"Troop Camping: Tents 100th Birthday Blowout"** from Friday, May 19, 2023 through Sunday, May 21, 2023; **"Forever Girl Scouts: Adult Camping Weekend"** on Saturday, June 10, 2023 and Sunday, June 11, 2023; and **"Sundown Sing Along"** on Thursday, July 13, 2023.

The celebration will commence with two birthday celebrations: **"Cedar Hill Birthday Party"** on Tuesday, August 8, 2023; and will end with **"Cedar Hill's 100th Festival Birthday Bash"** on Saturday, September 30, 2023.

For more information on Camp Cedar Hill's 100th anniversary celebration and Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts, please visit their website, <u>www.gsema.org</u>, or follow their social media channels, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>LinkedIn</u>, for the latest updates on the organization.

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About Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts (GSEMA) is 30,000 strong, with 20,000 girls and 10,000 volunteers in 178 communities in eastern Massachusetts, building girl scouts of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. GSEMA is the largest girl serving organization in Massachusetts and the 9th largest Girl Scout council in the United States. Girl Scouts is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls. To volunteer, reconnect, donate, join, or learn more, visit gsema.org.

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