



April 16, 2020

Dear Girl Scout Families,

I hope this email finds you well and staying healthy as we all continue to live under Safer at Home guidelines, now extended through May 15. The health and safety of our Girl Scout Community remains our top priority, and therefore we've had to cancel all in-person programs and events through May 31, with some postponements and adjustments for virtual experiences. Silver Award Ceremonies will continue virtually on the same dates and times as originally scheduled, and I cannot wait to see and celebrate the girls' achievements.

As difficult as our prolonged physical distancing has been, I could not be more proud of the way staff and volunteers have channeled their energy and creativity to keep girls connected to each other and the Movement. **April is National Volunteer Month, and I am sending my warmest and deepest appreciation for all you are doing to keep girls engaged. Volunteers are the lifeblood of our service to girls and YOU are the reason the Movement can continue during social distancing.** Whether you are leading virtual troop meetings, organizing virtual camp-ins and online campfire sing-alongs, supporting girls in badge and patch work at home, or coaching Silver and Gold Award girls as they finish their projects under such unusual circumstances, we couldn't serve the girls without you. **Thank you!**

Even though all in-person trainings through June 30 are cancelled, live training webinars are continuing as planned, and the feedback has been great. Attendance and engagement are high, and lots of great ideas are being exchanged, including support for girls working on their Gold Awards.

To help celebrate National Volunteer Month, our retail team has some special offers:

- GSGLA's [online shop](#) is offering **free shipping and 10% off select merchandise** in celebration of National Volunteer Month. Make sure your favorite volunteer knows how grateful you are for their continued service to our girls. And if you choose to buy her (or him!) a gift, use code VOLUNTEER2020 at checkout to apply the discount.
- The entire Girl Scouts online music catalog is **free for the month of April**. There are hundreds of songs available for download for your next Zoom karaoke party or virtual campout. Visit <https://bit.ly/GSGLAmusic> to start downloading.

- Girl Guides for every level are marked down significantly to allow more members to access badge requirements for completing badgework at home. You can check them out [here](#).

And if your troop is earning badges, donating items to healthcare workers, or doing other extraordinary things from home, we want to hear about it! Please [share your story](#) with us, and you just might see yourself featured on our [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#) feed!

Lastly, thank you to those who've registered for GSGLA's first-ever virtual [Annual Meeting](#). It'll be my first State of the Council address. I'm so excited to share how we are adapting to these changing times, and how, with your help, we plan to continue to serve girls in Greater Los Angeles.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Theresa Edy Kiene".

Theresa Edy-Kiene
CEO, Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles