



July 6, 2020

Dear Girl Scout Families,

I hope you all enjoyed a happy and healthy Independence Day weekend. Independence (and celebrating it) is a tenet of the Girl Scout Experience. Girl Scout programs always inspire courageous independence in action and thought in girls everywhere. Whether speaking up about social justice issues or conquering a climbing wall at summer camp, Girl Scouts are encouraged to step out and step up boldly and independently. Our Girl Scout Leadership Experiences build these skills in combination with our foundational ideals that inspire courage, confidence, and character.

Of course, none of this is possible without the collaborative efforts of our parents, volunteers, board, and staff. In this interdependence, we rely on volunteers to support and deliver our mission, to guide and mentor, to share information, and to provide the peer-to-peer support that is simply magical. In turn, you rely on us for engaging and creative programs, member support, training, and resources that make your Girl Scouts' experiences extraordinary.

In this time of physical distancing, you have been rock stars, and I hope that you feel we have been your rock. Amazing stories pop up every day of virtual troop meetings, video chats, online learning, community service, proud moments, and girls triumphantly accomplishing badge work via a GSGLA virtual program. (Have a story? Share it [here](#).)

We are continuously working to provide engaging and fun activities for your daughter and your family. I'm excited to share with you a list of fun and enriching activities to keep her engaged:

- [GSGLA Book Clubs](#) for all Girl Scout levels
- [Tradition Tuesdays](#) teach and celebrate Girl Scout traditions and trivia
- [Songs & S'mores](#) (July 18) is sure to be an epic sing-a-palooza
- [Creative Writing Club](#) has been a big hit with the girls
- [Outdoor Art Series](#) is one of our bilingual English/Spanish programs
- [Science Rocks!](#) is built for budding fossil detectives
- [GSGLA Netflix Viewing party](#) of [Disney's The Princess and the Frog](#) (July 7)

All of these virtual opportunities and more are on the [Girl Scouts at Home section of the GSGLA website](#) and the [GSUSA website](#). Girl Scouts can participate independently, with family, with her Girl Scout sisters, or with her friends who are not yet Girl Scouts. Our library of virtual programs, fantastic activities, and events grows each week and is sure to shake the "social distance blues."

Meanwhile, we continue to monitor state and Los Angeles County guidelines to inform our return to in-person activities. GSGLA has taken into account the fluctuating risk levels and limitations due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and has reassessed our Return-to-In-Person guidelines, shared on June 17. Currently, in-person meetings, events, and travel are still not permitted. Our GSGLA team will make another assessment on July 31. I encourage you to review the [updated \(July\) document](#) and stay close to our website and your inboxes for updates and information.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Theresa Edy Kiene". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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