

March 27, 2020

Dear Girl Scout Families,

As we continue to live in our new temporary “normal” and learn new ways of managing our homes, work, and personal time, I am encouraged that we are also finding new ways to connect and share experiences. It is so heartwarming that our familyhood of Girl Scouts is looking out for one another and our communities.

**Big News! Girl Scouts at Home virtual programs:**

I know it can be hard for girls to be without their friends and to navigate the challenges of online learning. Fortunately, councils from around the world are coming up with ways to help by offering innovative (and fun!) alternatives to in-person programs on the [Girl Scouts at Home](#) web page. Take a look and explore by topic or by grade level. And be sure to share this resource with friends—Girl Scouts and non-Girl Scouts alike!

**GSGLA events update:**

To continue to help keep our communities safe, the cancellation of GSGLA programs and events has been extended through April 30, *except* for the Annual Meeting on April 25, the Silver Award Ceremony on April 29, and high award workshops in April—these will be presented online.

- All in-person troop meetings or trips, service unit events, and other volunteer-led programs/events scheduled through April 30 should be cancelled.
- All council-sponsored girl and volunteer programs and events scheduled through April 30 have been cancelled or postponed\*. For events/programs that cannot be postponed, refunds will be provided as per our usual processes. Registrants for any postponed events will remain on the registrant roster, unless a refund is requested. Postponement announcements will be made on the website and via email.
- All properties are closed through April 30. We will issue refunds to all individuals and groups scheduled to use GSGLA properties per our usual processes.
- \*Registration remains open for Gold Award and Silver Award trainings/workshops through April. These will be presented as recorded webinars. Girls who had already registered will be contacted with instruction and details about the online format.

In addition, GSUSA has offered a three-month extension from Sept. 30 to Dec. 31 to provide flexibility for Girl Scouts completing requirements to earn the high awards.

- \*Members 14+ should [register for the 2020 Annual Meeting](#) that will be held virtually on Saturday, April 25. Information and details about the online format will be sent via email.

**Share Your Stories:**

I'd love to hear about how you are teaching kindness, sharing gratitude, and [comforting your families](#) and community. Let us know how your girl is finding joy or what your troop is doing to stay connected. Girl Scouts are no strangers to tackling challenges. Share your [“Girl Scouts at Home” stories](#) with us on our website.

Keep checking [our website](#) and your email for GSGLA information and updates, and as always, thank you for all you do for Girl Scouts.

Yours in Girl Scouts,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Theresa Edy-Kiene". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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