

Tips for Writing Letters/Cards to Families Affected by the LA Area Wildfires

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles has received an incredible outpouring of support from our sister Girl Scouts across the country.

Show your support by sending a short or long distance hug with a letter or a card to our troops and families that have been impacted by this devastating event.

Showing that you care gives real meaning to our shared sisterhood of Girl Scouting.

Here are some recommendations on how to write a letter or create a card.

What should I know before I write my letter/card?

- **Write it by hand.** Giving your message a personal touch can show your reader how much you care. *Plus*, it's your unique stamp! No one has your handwriting but you.
- **Make it clear.** Make sure your recipient can read the wonderful words you write to them!
- **Make it personal.** Let your creative side shine with bright colors, glitter pens, drawings, and other personal touches!
- **Don't write the date.** While we often want to mark the date that we write letters, it may take longer than normal for this letter to be delivered. Leaving off the date will help your reader feel special and remembered even if they receive it late.

What should I write about?

- **"Thinking of you"**- Are you writing to a fellow Girl Scout? Or maybe their family? Decide what type of note you're writing and let the message guide your writing.
- **Be kind and thoughtful.** When you begin to write, think carefully about what you want to say and how you can spread kindness. Consider how you can craft a unique message that comes from *your* heart. How can you make the card extra special?
- **Be creative.** Use your creativity, imagination, and talents to make your note fun and unique! Consider drawing a picture, decorating your note, or adding in a puzzle that you create or a game you love.
- **Start with "Dear Friend." or "Dear Girl Scout Sister/Friend"** Even if you don't know your reader by name, starting with "Dear Friend" will make them feel special and cared for.
- **Introduce yourself.** Let your reader know who you are and why you're writing.
- **Send positive thoughts.** Share your positivity and well wishes. What do you hope for your reader right now?

- **Share a bit about you.** Share something that only *you* can. Is there something you've been doing that you want that person to know about? Can you share a story that will make them happy?
- **Avoid religion, political, and personal stories or views.** Since we don't know exactly who will receive your letter, make sure that your note is kind and broad—so that anyone who receives it will feel that it is meant for them.
- **Sign your first name and what Girl Scout Council you're from.** Sign your name to the letter to show your reader it's coming from a kind and genuine person: you, and where you're writing from. While it's important that this letter come from you, don't share more personal information (like your last name, home address, or phone number)—if the reader knows your name and that you're a Girl Scout, that's more than enough.

Questions?

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