

Timely GSEMA volunteer updates just for you.



Dear Girl Scout Volunteer,

This [National Volunteer Appreciation Month](#), we simply can't say it enough: thank you! Thank you for all your big and little volunteer moments—for supporting a girl as she earns her Gold Award, and for sharing a smile with her during a silly song. This year especially, thank you for being an anchor of normalcy for girls in this unprecedented time. You are the heart of Girl Scouting, and this movement would not be possible without you.

Yours in Girl Scouting,
Danielle Dulchinos, Director of Volunteer Engagement
Heather DeProffio, Volunteer Support Specialist

The Most Important Thing

It is our great pleasure to announce this year's formal [Volunteer Recognition honorees](#)! See someone you know? Congratulate them on social media, call or text to thank them for their service, or hype them up at your next service unit meeting!

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Troop Volunteer Need-to-Knows

Virtual Girl Scout Meeting Safety. The safety of our girls and members is our highest priority. As [service units](#) and [troops](#) increasingly host online meetings through Zoom, we would like to share [new safety protocols](#) we have put in place for virtual Girl Scout gatherings.

Take 5. In each bite-sized episode of this new online series for volunteers, GSEMA staff share five inspiring tips and tricks for facilitating fun and engaging virtual experiences for girls. Check out [the first four episodes](#) now, and check back often for new episodes!

Early Bird Renewal Will Begin on May 1. We understand that many girls, volunteers, and families may be experiencing disruption and uncertainty at this time. In light of this, we have chosen to postpone Early Bird Renewal to May 1. Updated deadlines and early bird renewal incentive information can be found on [our website](#).

Outdoor Connections

Girl Scout Family Trivia Night

Wednesday, April 15

7 PM

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Join us online for a night of family fun and Girl Scout trivia!

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Summer Camp Cancellations. Due to the potential effects of COVID-19 on our day, resident, and family camps, we have cancelled all 2020 summer camp programming at Camp Wabasso and Camp Favorite. We have also cancelled summer camp sessions at all other GSEMA camps between June 21 and July 2. Resident camp sessions at Camp Runels and Camp Wind-in-the-Pines will begin on Sunday, July 5, and day camp sessions will begin on Monday, July 6. We have temporarily suspended the camp registration process to offer families affected by these cancellations a summer camp experience during a different session. We anticipate resuming the registration process on Monday, May 4, 2020.

Fall 2020 Troop Camping and Service Unit Encampments. After thorough consideration, we have made the decision to postpone the opening date for troop camping and service unit encampment fall property reservations until further notice. Those with spring encampments scheduled in April, May, and June 2020, will be contacted directly by our program operations team regarding next steps.

Program Highlights

Pre-K/Kindergarten Meetups

Saturdays

9:30 AM

Pre-K/K

Join us for free weekly online meet-ups for Pre-K/Kindergarten girls and families, featuring stories from the Daisy Garden and more—no Girl Scout membership required!

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Virtual Level Meet-Ups

Weekdays

11 AM

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Connect with other girls and volunteers in our weekly online meetings for each Girl Scout level, featuring fun guests and activities!

Daisy: [Tuesdays](#)

Brownie: [Wednesdays](#)

Junior: [Thursdays](#)

CSA: [Fridays](#)

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Program Partner Activities

Online

Virtual Badges

Online

D | B | J | C | S | A

From virtual cooking with Taste Buds Kitchen to daily shark story time with Atlantic White Shark Conservancy, our amazing program partners have online experiences for everyone!

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Girls can move at their own pace to earn badges in dance, coding, public policy, and more, with more badges added every day. Check back often!

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Older Girl Opportunities

Highest Awards Extensions and Support. Girl Scouts of the USA has implemented a [three-month deadline extension](#) for all Girl Scout Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors currently pursuing their Highest Awards. We will also host virtual Highest Award Office Hours on Wednesday, April 15, and Wednesday, April 22, from 5-6:30 PM. [Sign up today](#) for a time slot, or [contact us](#) to set up a separate time to access support.

CollegeLab Collaboration. Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors who have already earned their Ambassador College Knowledge badge or are in the process of earning their Gold Award are now eligible for free access to [CollegeLab](#)! This online platform helps students manage the college application process and improve their chances of acceptance, and normally costs \$99 annually. [Learn more.](#)

Cookie Program Reminders

Cookie Selling Extensions and Support. Does your troop have leftover cookie inventory from the 2019-20 Cookie Program? Girls can now sell cookies through May 31! We suggest that troops host [virtual cookie booths](#) at this time, or seek community donors to purchase cookies that troops can donate to first responders once it is safe to do so. If you have concerns about your inventory, please [contact us](#). Also, the expiration date for cookie credits that were to expire in 2020 has been

extended to June 25, 2021.



Have a question? Don't be shy!
[Contact us](#) for more information.

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