

Timely GSEMA volunteer updates just for you.



Dear Girl Scout Volunteer,

With the complete closure of our Girl Scout council's in-person operations, we want to let you know that we're still here to support you. This special newsletter is just for troop leaders and service unit volunteers, and includes ideas for virtual Girl Scout meetings, at-home programming girls can do together and independently, and more.

Yours in Girl Scouting,
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The Most Important Thing

Our teams have been hard at work creating Girl Scout programming for girls to do independently or together virtually. Check out our [Girl Scouts at Home page](#) for a full list of offerings. If your girls are missing each other, you can use Zoom to host a virtual troop meeting. We have posted information on our [Volunteer Resources page](#)

on how to host your own short Zoom meeting, or request use of our council Zoom Pro account for longer gatherings.

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Troop Volunteer Need-to-Knows

Early Bird Renewal Postponed to May 1: We understand that many girls, volunteers, and families may be experiencing disruption and uncertainty in these unprecedented times. In light of this, we have chosen to postpone Early Bird Renewal to May 1. This spring—in addition to thank-you coupons to families, member benefit giveaways, troop program credits, and the 2020-21 Early Bird patch—we will be offering money per girl renewed to service units, and an opening day patch to the first 500 girls. More information to come in April.

Personal and Professional Development: Now is a great time to complete required and enrichment trainings on GSEMA's online learning platform, [LEAD Online](#). Available courses include stress management for every Girl Scout level (designed in partnership with MGH Aspire), financing the fun, step-up trainings for bridging leaders (Daisy–Junior), overnight orientation, outdoor basics, and so much more!

Outdoor Connections

Sundown Sing-along

March 24

7 PM

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Enjoy traditional Girl Scout camp songs around a virtual campfire! Join in with your whole family to sing your heart out, enjoy a snack (you make at home), and receive a book of camp songs.

Outdoor Skills: Knot-Tying

March 31

1:30 PM

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Learn the traditional Girl Scout skills of knot-tying and lashing. Unravel the many uses of the square knot, clove hitch, and bowline. Make sure you're ready with a piece of rope or shoelace!

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Camp Theme Days Calendar Challenges

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Each day, we will post the theme of the day to our camp Facebook pages. Post an on-theme photo of you (and your family) to the page for a chance to win an item from the Camp Trading Post! We will choose one winner each week!

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Program Highlights

Think Like a Programmer Online Journey

March 31–April 28

Online

[J](#)

Learn coding basics and computer communication over five weeks as you earn your Journey award and create your take action plan.

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Virtual Level Meet-Ups

Ongoing

Online

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Starting March 24, we will be hosting weekly 11 AM meet-ups for each Girl Scout level! They will be structured like online troop meetings with different guests popping in to lead fun activities. Come build community with us!

Daisy: [Tuesdays](#)

Brownie: [Wednesdays](#)

Junior: [Thursdays](#)

CSA: [Fridays](#)

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Partner Programs Online

Online

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Virtual Badges

Online

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Explore what our amazing program partners have in store! From a cooking club with Taste Buds Kitchen to daily Shark Story Time with Atlantic White Shark Conservancy, there's something for everybody.

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Move at your own pace as you earn one of our newly created virtual badges! More are added every day, so check back often.

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Older Girl Opportunities

Highest Awards for Juniors and Cadettes: Help your girls create positive change in their communities and earn their Bronze and Silver Awards, the [highest awards](#) for Juniors and Cadettes. If your girls have started their Bronze or Silver Award project, please [submit their project plans](#) for approval.

2020 Gold Award Celebration: Registration for the [2020 Gold Award Celebration](#) is now open! We are excited to host this year's celebration at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute on June 17, 2020. Join us from 1–5 PM to celebrate these local leaders and their [incredible impact](#).

CSA Online Level Meet-Ups, Fridays at 11 AM: Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors are invited to connect with fellow Girl Scouts and enjoy fun activities online. We will split into separate groups by age depending on attendance. [Register](#).

Cadette MEdia Online Journey: Cadettes can meet up with their peers online over the course of five weeks to explore and discuss media and earn the Monitor and Cultivate awards. They can choose [Mondays](#) or [Wednesdays](#).

Senior/Ambassador Think Like a Programmer Online Journey: Seniors and Ambassadors can explore computers, algorithms, and code together. Over the course of five weeks they will earn the Journey award and plan a take action project. They can choose [Tuesdays](#) or [Wednesdays](#).

Cookie Program Reminders

Cookie Selling Deadline Extension: We understand that COVID-19 may have impacted troops' cookie selling goals. Troops will now have until May 31, 2020 to sell remaining product. When making decisions for your troop and their currently scheduled booth sales, we recommend following the [COVID-19 prevention guidelines](#) from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and we empower you to proactively decide what is right for your circumstance. Please reach out to your booth partner to verify their current policy around COVID-19, and re-schedule as necessary.

Cookie Donations: Due to COVID-19 precautions, Hanscom Air Force Base has cancelled all large events through May 15, which means the annual Cookies for a Cause event planned for May 2 is now cancelled. If your troop has cookie packages for donation on hand, we encourage you to donate locally. There are a number of charitable organizations, food pantries, mutual aid groups, and neighborhood food support networks in our communities that are gladly accepting donations at this time. First and foremost, please prioritize safety if you choose to donate locally. When you feel ready to donate, call ahead, make proper arrangements, and practice social distancing when delivering.



Have a question? Don't be shy!
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