



Additional Cookies & COVID-19 Updates

Dear Girl Scouts of Western Washington membership—

In light of Governor Inslee's request this morning that all citizens and community organizations practice measures to disrupt the spread of COVID-19, GSWW is making several additional changes in our council operations.

As of today, March 11, all girls, families and volunteers in all 17 Western Washington counties are encouraged to consider their participation in the public portion of the Cookie Program. To support members' decision not to participate due to virus concerns, we are accepting returns of unsold cookie packages from individual Girl Scouts and troops across our council. To return cookie packages:

- King and Snohomish County members: Please use the directions already received from Ebudde. The deadline for returns is today, March 11 at 8pm.
- Members in all other counties: New directions are being sent to Troop Cookie Volunteers today. Please contact your Troop Cookie Volunteer as quickly as possible as the deadline for returns, March 13 at 6pm, is quickly approaching.
- Cowlitz and Kitsap County members: These new directions will replace those sent yesterday.

This is an unprecedented disruption of the Girl Scout Cookie Sale, and I'm so sorry it's happening to you and your Girl Scouts. GSWW still wants to support our Cookie Bosses to be successful! With that in mind, we will be spreading the word through the community that there are other options to purchase Girl Scout Cookies:

- We are encouraging those who know a Girl Scout to either contact them directly or to purchase through that girl's Digital Cookie storefront. In order to support girls' cookie sales, GSWW will subsidize Digital Cookie Program costs from March 13-15, so that cookie customers can receive discounted shipping rates during the last three days of the sale.
- For those customers who may not know a Girl Scout, we've created a council Digital Cookie storefront so that they can still purchase Girl Scout Cookies. We've taken this unorthodox step only because of this extremely unusual situation. All proceeds from our council Digital Cookie sales will stay in our Western Washington council. The troop proceeds of every box, 85 cents, will directly support Financial Assistance. As always, the remaining money raised will support our council programming, including camp, STEM opportunities and more.

If you receive a request for cookie purchases but have chosen to stop participating and return unsold cookies, please direct customers to another Girl Scout or to the GSWW website at: www.girlscoutsww.org.

Effective today, GSWW is recommending that across our council, **all volunteer-led activities and programs—including but not limited to troop meetings and Encamporees—either be held virtually or postponed until further notice.** This guidance extends to events held on or off Girl Scout property. [Learn more about virtual meeting options here.](#)

At this time, all Girl Scout offices, stores, camp properties and troop houses are closed until further notice. Staff have been asked to telecommute, and Customer

Care will continue to be available at customercare@girlscoutsww.org / 800-541-9852. For more information about recommendations GSWW has made in response to COVID-19, [please visit our FAQ page](#).

As this situation continues to move through our lives, please know your Girl Scout community is here for you if you need it, and grateful that you're here for us as well.

Warmly,

Megan Ferland, CEO



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