



New Cookie Information & COVID-19 Updates

Dear Girl Scouts of Western Washington membership—

Along with other mandates, Governor Inslee has now ordered the statewide closure of public and private K-12 schools through April to disrupt the spread of COVID-19. As this situation continues to intensify, I believe it's important to be mindful that risks of COVID-19 don't depend on what a person looks like, their race, or their ethnicity. We can help keep our girls and each other safe by supporting one another through what is undoubtedly a challenging time, and doing our best to share accurate information with our community. Here are the updates we're making to GSWW's operations:

- **Cookie Program:** We've made the difficult decision to end the public portion of our Cookie Program immediately in all 17 counties of our council effective as of 8 p.m. today, Friday, March 13, 2020. We will be accepting returns of all unsold cookies. This information is being communicated immediately via eBudde, with details regarding the cookie return process being sent to Troop Cookie Volunteers. Because girls, troops and GSWW all benefit financially from the Cookie Program, we're extending the sale through Sunday, March 22, 2020, via our online avenues:
 - Many girls have a Digital Cookie storefront to sell to their friends and family and have cookies shipped directly to them. In order to support girls' cookie sales, GSWW is subsidizing Digital Cookie Program

costs by offering discounted shipping through March 22 instead of March 15, as previously indicated. [Click here to learn more about the discounted shipping promotion.](#) If you are not yet registered for Digital Cookie, [click here to learn more.](#)

- For those customers who don't know a Girl Scout but want to support our council, we've created a [GSWW Digital Cookie site](#), with 85 cents per box supporting Financial Assistance and the remainder funding council programming from camp to STEM and more.
- Programming: All GSWW programming, both council-led and volunteer-led, is cancelled through April 27, 2020, potentially longer depending on civic and public authority directives. All volunteer-led activities and programs—these include but aren't limited to troop meetings and Encamporees—should be held virtually only. This guidance extends to events held on or off Girl Scout property. Information on third-party partner cancellations as well as tools for virtual meetings and programming can be found in the GSWW [Response to COVID-19 FAQ](#).
- GSWW Properties: All GSWW offices and stores will be closed to the public through April 27, 2020, and these closures will be reassessed at that time. Our aim is to follow the request of the public health authorities and minimize people gathering together.
 - Girl Scout camps and Troop Houses are closed through April 27, 2020, with closures reassessed and potentially extended at that time.

Customer Care will continue to be available at customercare@girlscoutsww.org / 800-541-9852. [For all previous council communications related to COVID-19, including a FAQ, please visit our website here.](#)

As this situation continues, I keep thinking about our girls: their creativity, compassion, determination and courage. I know these next few months are uncharted territory, for us as individuals and as an organization. I also believe that when we're through the other side of this, we'll have learned a LOT, discovered new ways of working together, sharing with each other, supporting each other.

New ways of being Girl Scouts.

Take good care,
Megan Ferland, CEO



Have a question? Don't be shy!
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