



How we're supporting Girl Scouts during COVID-19



At a time when the world feels topsy turvy, and most of us may be feeling a bit scared and uncertain, we hope it'll be a comfort to you to know that Girl Scouts is still here.

For me, it's been difficult to watch as concerts, sporting events, vacations and even milestone life celebrations have been cancelled, but we want you to know that Girl Scouts is still going strong. **Girl Scouts has not been cancelled, and we hope to be at your side during these uncertain times.**

A pandemic can be incredibly overwhelming, as each day brings with it new

challenges. We keep thinking of our girls as we navigate these challenges because we know they're the leaders when it comes to modeling resilience, learning new ways of adapting to change and coming up with new solutions to community problems. We've already seen proof of this from [Ava, who created a how-to video](#) for anyone wanting to make their own face masks with fabric scraps they have at home, and [this troop](#), who successfully hosted a virtual troop meeting. There's so much creativity happening that's strengthening our bonds as sister Girl Scouts, plus tackling critical issues that need solving!

So, what are we doing to support our girls during the pandemic?

- We're remastering our incredibly successful, council-created program, the Great Cascadia Zombie Survival Challenge to help girls be prepared, not scared, in the face of a natural disaster. Our staff have adapted the Challenge to specifically address COVID-19, helping Girl Scouts learn how to be prepared for this pandemic, and hopefully alleviate some of the anxiety they're experiencing. You'll find the Great Cascadia Zombie Survival Challenge: COVID-19 Edition, [here](#).
- Along with our Zombie programming, we will be offering a host of programs in STEM, the arts and many other areas of study, [which you can find on our newly created Girl Scouts at Home resources web page!](#) We'll be regularly updating this page with new council-designed curriculum and curated resources for virtual engagement, fun, and learning. If there's something you'd like us to develop or add to this page, please contact us at program@girlscoutsww.org.
- We're also offering online resources for volunteers, including tools for hosting virtual troop meetings, virtual collaboration options and online courses. More resources are being added daily!

Thank you for sticking with us, and giving us the space we needed to come back to you with resources that will allow our families and volunteers to better support our girls in a new way. Even though we may be at a distance, our goal is and

always has been to meet girls where they're at, and support them in developing confidence, goals, and leadership skills so that they can make a difference in the world. So whether they're on a couch, in their backyard, at a desk or hiking a trail, we'll be there with them. For now, and for as long as we need to be, Girl Scouts will continue to be the best *virtual* leadership development organization for girls in the country.

Take good care,

Megan Ferland, CEO
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