



Program Cancellation Update

Hello, Girl Scouts of Western Washington Membership—

As we continue to monitor the impacts of COVID-19 across our region, Girl Scouts of Western Washington has the health and safety of our members and staff at the forefront of every decision we make. With the Governor's recent extension of school closures and our previously announced decision to cancel Girl Scout Camp programming, we've had to evaluate other future spring and summer programming opportunities.

It's with a heavy heart that we share the news that we'll also be cancelling all in-person Girl Scout programming through the duration of August. We understand that this is disappointing, but as we continue to follow guidance of health officials, this step is in the best interest of our girls, families, volunteers, and staff. We can't take the chance of convening girls and volunteers early in the post-outbreak recovery period since other locations have seen infections spike as soon as they've relaxed mitigation efforts. The health and safety of our girls and volunteers is not worth the risk.

Girl Scouts of Western Washington is closely monitoring CDC and state mandates and will continue to do so in the months to come. Should these recommendations change significantly, we'll consider adjusting our closure timeline for programming. We, too, want to get our girls back into in-person Girl Scout opportunities, but safety is our top priority.

Girl Scout program cancellations include (but are not limited to):

- **Programming:** All GSWW programming, both council-led and volunteer-led, is cancelled through August 31, potentially longer depending on civic and health authority directives. All volunteer-led activities and programs—including troop meetings, travel, and encamporees—should be held virtually only. This guidance extends to events held on or off Girl Scout property.
- **GSWW Properties:** All GSWW offices, camps, troop houses, and stores will remain closed until further notice.

However, despite being unable to meet in-person, Girl Scouts is not cancelled. We recently launched a new web page: [Girl Scouts at Home](#). It provides our girls, families, volunteers and the public with opportunities for continued Girl Scout engagement during COVID-19. We're constantly creating and finding new resources and activities to add to [this web page](#). We're happy to announce that all ten rockers for The Great Cascadia Zombie Survival Challenge: COVID-19 edition are now available [here](#). We also have many new activities our staff have created for you to use during [virtual troop meetings](#).

We understand the importance of gathering and are sad girls won't be singing around the campfire this summer. However, we're comforted by knowing they're staying safe, and keeping their families safe, as we all navigate this unfamiliar ground.

We want Girl Scouts to be a source of consistency and connection in the lives of our girls and their families. We look forward to providing your Girl Scout with additional resources during these challenging times.

Take good care,

Megan Ferland, CEO
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