



April 17, 2020

Dear Girl Scout Family,

April is Volunteer Recognition month, and we are so grateful to our dedicated volunteers, who even during these challenging times, have found new ways to stay connected to Girl Scouts. We encourage all girls and parents to find a way to virtually thank your troop leaders on April 22 – Girl Scout Leader’s Day.

This Saturday, April 18, 2020, we are holding our **58<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting** remotely. Council delegates will vote for new board members replacing those whose terms have expired, and vote for our 41 delegates and 34 alternate delegates to the National Council Session slated for October 2020. All members (visitors) will be able to view the meeting, including the Forum Report, Treasurer’s Report and remarks from our Board President, Faye Field, and CEO, Lidia Soto-Harmon via **livestream**, starting at 9:30 AM. **Delegates**, please remember that you must sign in using your unique, email invitation to participate as a voting member.

Girl Scouts have been *green* and caring for our earth since 1912. April 22 is Earth Day. Try some of our Girl Scout activities to celebrate. Learn soil science by making a tasty dirt dessert, identify trees through leaf and bark rubbing, and create art about endangered species. We want to see what you do—post your projects on **Facebook** using **#GSCNCEarthDAY!** More information can be found on **Girl Scouts at Home**.

This week on **Virtual Conversations with Girl Scout Mentors**, teen Girl Scouts will chat with some accomplished women, including GSUSA CEO, Sylvia Acevedo. These chats occur Monday-Thursday at 4:00 PM, register **here**. If you have trouble registering contact: Carrie Banachowski at **cbanachowski@gscnc.org**.

A promotional graphic for 'Virtual Conversations with Girl Scout Mentors'. It features the Girl Scouts Nation's Capital logo in the top left. The main title 'VIRTUAL CONVERSATIONS WITH GIRL SCOUT MENTORS' is in large green letters, accompanied by a laptop icon with a Girl Scout logo on the screen. Below the title are four headshots of women, each with their name and title listed underneath. At the bottom, there is a circular icon of a person talking on a phone and the hashtag #GirlScoutsGoneVirtual.

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**VIRTUAL  
CONVERSATIONS  
WITH GIRL SCOUT  
MENTORS**

**Christine Brennan**  
USA Today Sports  
Columnist

**Liz Joyce**  
HPE Senior Vice  
President and Chief  
Security Officer

**Cheryle Mack**  
Vice President  
and Relationship  
Manager in  
Commercial Banking

**Sylvia Acevedo**  
CEO of Girl Scouts of  
the USA

**#GirlScoutsGoneVirtual**

During these challenging times, it is inspiring to see what Girl Scouts are doing. Keep sending us your stories [here](#).



Girl Scout Troop 70135 donated cookies to Inova Loudoun Hospital's Emergency Department.



Girl Scout Troops 4508, 5401, 3758 donated over 200 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to Doctors Hospital ICU unit in Lanham, Maryland.



Girl Scout Troop 807 donated Girl Scout Cookies to Bowie Medical Center.

Early Bird registration is open for you to save your spot in your Girl Scout troop. Please talk to your troop leader and renew your membership on our website by clicking [MyGS](#) sign in.

I know we are all awaiting a return to normalcy, I have great hope that we will emerge from this stronger as a Girl Scout community.

Let us know what we can do to make these times better for our Girl Scouts. Our staff are working remotely and will respond to your emails and calls.

Stay safe and well.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Lidia Soto-Harmon  
Chief Executive Officer  
Girl Scouts Nation's Capital