



April 3, 2020

Dear Girl Scout Family,

We hope you and your family are safe and healthy during these challenging times. Although we have suspended all Girl Scout volunteer gatherings through May 12, we are committed to providing Girl Scouts with meaningful, virtual program opportunities. After all, Girl Scouting never stops!

This week, with continued help from our volunteers and staff, we held **60** virtual troop meetings and debuted a new program for teen girls, [Virtual Conversations with Girl Scout Mentors](#). This coming week we have an astronomer, HR executive, a CEO of an Interpretation company and a CEO of an advertising agency all joining us for virtual conversations. Visit [Girl Scouts at Home](#) for more information on virtual program opportunities.

Have you participated in the **Trefoil Scavenger Hunt**? Girl Scout families are putting a trefoil in their window, so when Girl Scouts spot them, they can post to our [Facebook page](#).



And, we are delighted to announce that **Troop 11012** from Calvert County, MD is the winners of the **Bling Your Cookie Booth** contest. Voting was close on Facebook, but in the end Troop 11012, with a giant size latte, received the most likes.



Troops across our region are donating Girl Scout cookies to our Health Care Heroes. From Alexandria, VA to Berkley, West VA our Girl Scouts are putting smiles behind the masks of our first responders. And we are so proud.



“We can see your smiles behind the masks”


Troop 50038 from Oakton, Virginia donated \$1,000 from their cookie proceeds to support local charities helping others during the COVID19 pandemic. Their support is helping a school in Stanton, VA provide technology for students in need. Tell us your story [here](#).

Don't forget Early Bird registration is open on [MyGS](#). Let your troop leader know that you are re-registering for another Girl Scout year. We want you back. If you have any questions, contact [membershipsupport@gscnc.org](mailto:membershipsupport@gscnc.org).

I hope you had the chance to read John Kelly's column in *The Washington Post*, [During the flu pandemic of 1918, D.C.'s Girl Scouts offered more than cookies](#). Thanks to Archive Committee Chair, Ann Robertson for all her work keeping our history alive.

We continue to find new ways to connect with you our precious members. We hope your Girl Scout is taking advantage of the virtual and online programs we are offering. It's times like these when the Girl Scout community comes together to support one another.

Thank you and please stay safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lidia Soto-Harmon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lidia Soto-Harmon  
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