



March 27, 2020

*As you start this day and every day, may good things come your way.*

Dear Girl Scout family,

We know these are challenging times, and we also know that we will get through them together. Following direction from the [CDC](#) and our local jurisdictions, **we have extended the suspension of all Girl Scout in-person gatherings through May 12**. Girl Scout offices and shops remain closed. However, we can accept online orders, and shipping is free. Council staff will continue to work remotely, through April 14, and are available to answer your questions.

Our girls continue to amaze us. Here **Troop 6699** sent over 900 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to four hospitals in our region to “lift the spirits of our hard-working Healthcare Professionals.”



We are working to reschedule events when possible, and thanks to our volunteers and staff, our council is offering girls virtual troop meetings that are interactive learning experiences. And they are fun! Connect with your troop leader and offer assistance today in creating your troop's virtual community.

**Girl Scouts at Home** launched today on our [website](#). It will be updated regularly with activities and programs that Girl Scouts can do independently at home. It also includes resources for virtual activities from community partners. We are challenging every girl to earn our

newest fun patch. If you do 25 of the tasks listed in our **Council-wide Virtual Challenge**, you get a free fun patch while supplies last.



This coming week we are starting a series for teen Girl Scouts called: **Virtual Conversations with Girl Scout Mentors**, featuring some of our areas most prominent women leaders.

We are proud to announce that **917** Silver Awards, **234** Silver Trefoil Awards and **204** Gold Awards have been earned by our Girl Scouts this year. Kudos to the Girl Scouts, their parents and troop leaders who supported them! These Girl Scouts demonstrate a higher commitment to service and make their community and our world a better place. We call them, *Girls the World Needs*.

In the coming weeks, we will open Early Bird registration for Girl Scouts to re-register in their troop. Let your troop leader know that you are coming back. If you are having difficulties with the \$25 membership fee, we want you to know that financial assistance is available.

I know I can count on your support as we all continue this Girl Scout journey. If there is anything these times have shown us, it is that Girl Scouts prepares girls to be leaders. I welcome your feedback and any questions you may have.

Thank you and please stay safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lidia Soto-Harmon".

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

