



MEMBERSHIP LETTER



April 2021 Newsletter



Girl Scout ADVENTURE awaits **you** in '22!

RENEW NOW!



Summer Day and Evening Camp

Girls get outside this summer at Summer Day and Evening Camp! Our camps offer awesome girl-led, girl-friendly environments, where girls challenge themselves and take healthy risks, surrounded by supportive friends and camp staff. And that's not all! Our summer camps allow girls to unplug from their smartphones, laptops, TVs, and tablets and connect with nature and camp friends. We still have spaces available for every program level! Questions? Learn more about each camp and our COVID-19 safety plans here or email questions to camp@gscnc.org.

Inspire By The Campfire

Looking for a summer job that will be fun and adventurous, and will help you develop the skills future employers are looking for? Join our camping team! Check out our available positions at www.gscnc.org/workatcamp.





MESSAGE FROM THE CEO. GIRL SCOUT ADVENTURE AWAITS YOU IN 22'!



Dear Girl Scout Family,

Girl Scout adventure is in the air! **Spring Renewal to In Your Honor**, let the fun begin as we prepare for the new year. But we cannot do this alone. We need your help to make sure every Girl Scout participates in the adventure this year. Now is the time to renew your membership!

Members that **RENEW** by **April 30th** will be able to register to attend a virtual event with Former First Lady Michelle Obama which will launch our "**Becoming Me**" program, helping Girl Scouts discover and become their best selves. Troops will also receive a "Becoming Me" incentive when they renew their leadership and girls. Younger troops will receive a level-specific program box that will contain the materials to complete the three badges to earn the "Becoming Me" Patch. Teen troops that renew will be able to attend a Girl Scout "Becoming Me" badge event, in person or virtual. Together, let us ensure that every Girl Scout is renewed for 2022.

Part of our preparation included the virtual 2021 Annual Meeting held on **Saturday, April 17, 2021**. If you missed the meeting, the **Annual Meeting Recap** is coming soon! This year's theme "**Stronger Together**" shined bright as our meeting began with a beautiful girl-led ceremony and throughout the meeting we shared several adult volunteers' recognition videos as they were awarded some of the councils' highest awards. Girl Scouting would not be possible without our girl participation and volunteers dedicated to the advancing the movement.. Thank you to everyone who participated and attended. We are truly stronger together.

Tonight, I invite you to join us for **Encuentro** as we highlight influential Latina trailblazers who will share their stories of how they achieved "Jefa" status. Our extraordinary panel of local women: Janis Bowdler (President of the JPMorgan Chase & Co. Foundation), Maria Rodriguez (President and CEO of Vanguard Communications), Brigitta Toruño (UNO Translations and Communications, LLC), and Dr. Irma Becerra (President of Marymount University), and Jenny Herrera (CPA) will inspire our girls to tell their stories and envision their futures. All Girl Scouts are welcomed. Share your picture via our social media @gscnc and have the chance to have your photographs shared. You do not want to miss this encouraging and inspirational event.

Other exciting events to do with your Girl Scout:

Earth Day for all Girl Scouts: a fun virtual experience to learn how to protect our planet. Be sure to purchase our Earth Day patch to commemorate the day at our shop.

Take Action vs. Community Service: an informative virtual experience to help prepare Girl Scouts before starting their Take Action Projects. During the webinar, girls will learn how to make their actions sustainable, become familiar with the different types of projects, and participate in a discussion of the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards.

In Your Honor: a virtual celebration to honor Gold Award and Silver Trefoil Award Girl Scouts. This year, 201 Girl Scouts earned the highest achievement, the Gold Award. They have dedicated years to implementing sustainable projects that solve many of society's challenges. From advocating for teen mental health resources to encouraging girls to explore science, technology, engineering and math, these are the girls the world needs.

Virtual Program Partner Meet and Greet Session: We invited Girl Scout adults to a virtual open house with Girl Scouts Nation's Capital Program Partners. Hear from local organizations that offer Girl Scout programs and supporting the hybrid Girl Scouts experience.

Visit our **website** to explore more innovative, fun, and diverse programming for you and your Girl Scout.

We will continue to work on how best to engage our girls on issues affecting our country, from diversity, equity, and inclusion to social and racial justice. If you are looking for resources to have meaningful conversations please review our **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion** webpage. We strive to make Girl Scouting a brave space for girls to learn and connect. Thank you for making us Stronger Together.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Lidia Soto-Harmon
Chief Executive Officer

