



April 14, 2020

Dear Girl Scouts,

At Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson we take the safety and well-being of our members, volunteers and staff seriously. As the coronavirus continues to be of concern in New York, we will continue to take appropriate measures. Below are the steps we are currently taking pertaining to events. Please remember, information is changing rapidly and we will do our best to keep you informed.

GSHH Annual Meeting - The Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc. Annual Meeting has been moved to June 4, 2020 and will now be a virtual meeting. Details will be forthcoming.

GSHH Adult Recognitions Celebration - Due to the current state of emergency related to the COVID-19 crisis, this event will be rescheduled, protecting the health, safety, and well-being of our members and attendees is paramount. GSHH will be working to reschedule this celebration, and we are hopeful that it may be able to take place during the month of August, 2020.

GSHH Gold Award Celebration - GSHH is committed to honoring Gold Award Girl Scouts. The current state of emergency did not permit us to continue with the celebration on March 7th as planned. GSHH is working to reschedule this celebration and details will be provided as soon as we have the date. Ticket refunds for the original event are currently being processed.

GSHH Camporee - The biennial GSHH Camporee planned for May 2020 has been cancelled. Unfortunately, this event will not be rescheduled for the current 2020 year. We are looking at plans to regroup and schedule this event in May of 2021. Refunds for the original event are being processed.

GSHH Summer Camp 2020 - We continue to work on the preparations that are necessary to deliver the Summer Camp experience to girls. The Council Leadership and the Camp Directors are working jointly and staying abreast of the CDC and DOH guidelines. The final decision will depend on future state guidelines. At this time, we are planning to communicate the final decision the week of May 11th. In the event that we are unable to proceed with summer camp, full refunds will be processed.

Property Reservations - All of GSHH properties are currently closed. We are unable to open reservations for the month of May 2020. We are working on setting a new schedule and will communicate this to all of our members in the month of May. Full refunds are being processed for reservations that were cancelled as a result of COVID-19.

Program Girl Experience - Virtual delivery of program activities are being offered to our girls on a daily basis. Please continue to visit the [Virtual Programs and Activities](#) page on our website, our [GSHH Facebook](#) page, and our [GSHH Twitter](#) and [GSHH Instagram](#) pages for newly created badge and patch programs.

There is also the new [Girl Scouts at Home](#) Program. These self-guided activities are designed to keep Girl Scouts engaged individually, via virtual troop meetings and as a community.

Volunteer Engagement - We recognize that volunteers and parents need support to deliver the daily tasks in our new work and family life environments. GSHH is offering multiple virtual series designed to help our volunteers and parents with virtual engagement and troop support. [Click here](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page to see the most current listings.

GSHH Support to our Members - We are committed to providing our members and volunteers with tips and tools throughout this unprecedented time:

The resources below may be of support.

[Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) New York State](#)

Novel Coronavirus Hotline (available 24/7) 1(888) 364-3065

NY State OMH Emotional Support Line 1(844) 863-9314

The Emotional Support Line provides free and confidential support, helping callers experiencing increased anxiety due to the coronavirus emergency. The Help Line is staffed by volunteers, including mental health professionals, who have received training in crisis counseling.

Thank you for your ongoing support to maintain the Girl Scout Experience as part of your new routine. Please remember that that [Customer Care](#) is always available to support you.

Yours in Girl Scouting,



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