



May 13, 2020

Dear Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson Members,

Many of you received the communication yesterday regarding our “hopeful” cookie delivery plan. We have received a tremendous demand from troops and individuals requesting to pick up their cookies to fulfill orders already made. We have been working to try to figure out a way to meet the needs of those individuals, while respecting the guidelines from the State of New York.

We understand that this is a time of unprecedented anxiety and fear. We understand that many of our members have lost their jobs or may be at risk of losing them. We also understand that many of you sold cookies at your workplaces, and you may not return to that office for a while.

We are not trying to force anyone out of their comfort zone to come and pick up cookies, but rather, we are trying to be respectful of those who wish to do so.

The cookie program helps to provide funds for girls to participate in activities of their choosing. GSHH is financially responsible to pay for all the cookies that have been ordered, and the funds from the cookie program help to ensure that we are able to continue to provide Girl Scouts in the future. Funds from the cookie program also help to provide financial assistance to all girls who need it. We are anticipating that there will be a greater need this year due to the uncertainty of many families’ financial situations. For those of you who would like to pick up the cookies to fulfill your initial order – we will be respectful of social distancing and plan to fulfill the orders “contactless”.

In order for us to plan appropriately for deliveries and to determine the number of cookie boxes that we as a Council will be financially responsible to pay for, we ask that if you are planning to pick up cookies please sign up for a slot when they are posted. If those times do not work for you we can work with you to determine another time. If you do not plan on picking up your cookie order – please contact a member of the product sales team. The initial order took place prior to the pandemic, and GSHH is financially responsible for all cookies ordered at that time.

We continue to ask for your patience as we are working through uncharted waters. As each of you is going through so much, please remember that we are all going through it as well and we have always been and will continue to remain committed to our girls and our volunteers.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marie Reger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marie Reger
CEO

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