



*April 24, 2020*

Dear Girl Scout Families and Volunteers,

It is with an abundance of caution given the current and expected impact of COVID-19 on our community, that we inform you of the difficult but necessary decision made by GSWISE to cancel all GSWISE overnight and day camps for the summer of 2020, effective April 24. We recognize that this decision may be disappointing. The importance of outdoor experiences as a part of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) cannot be overstated. However, our top priorities remain the safety and well-being of our girls, volunteers, and staff.

Camp is something our GSWISE staff proudly prepares for and truly looks forward to all year long. We are currently exploring additional options for outdoor programming that can be done at home during this time of social distancing; as well as potential in-person opportunities (in adherence with all government agencies) after the immediate health and safety concern has passed.

We want every girl to have the opportunity to experience outdoor adventure and develop a lifelong appreciation for nature and the world around her, whether that be at camp, with her troop, or with family. We thank you for your continued patience while our council has worked to take important steps necessary to minimize exposure to COVID-19 and its spread while doing our best to continue to provide a quality Girl Scout Leadership Experience—and we look forward to sharing another summer of exploring nature, diving into new skills, and building friendships with our camp family in 2021.

As we continue to closely monitor official local, county, state, and federal guidance, we strongly encourage our Girl Scout community to follow all Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for safe and healthy practices. For the most up to date information and guidance relevant to GSWISE during this rapidly evolving public health crisis, please visit us here at [gswise.org](https://gswise.org) or contact our Customer Care Team at 800-565-4475 or [customercare@gswise.org](mailto:customercare@gswise.org) to learn more.