



March 25, 2020

Dear Girl Scout Families and Volunteers,

At Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast (GSWISE), there is nothing we take more seriously than the safety and well-being of our girls, volunteers, and council staff. GSWISE will continue to take all possible and appropriate measures to ensure girls have a safe, fun, one-of-a-kind experience at Girl Scouts.

While what health officials know about coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to develop, we do know that verified cases in our State and across the country have been increasing rapidly and on March 17, Governor Evers has extended the mandated state-wide school closures indefinitely and banned gatherings of ten or more people. GSWISE continues to ensure we are working in guidance with all local, county, state, and federal guidelines – including the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations to help our community respond to and contain the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). Therefore:

Effective March 18, we are extending the suspension of all Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast in-person activities including girl programs and events, cookie booths, meetings, trainings, troop and other camping, and property/facilities rentals indefinitely.

We recognize this recent decision may raise some concerns surrounding the Girl Scout Cookie Program. We are actively working with GSUSA to both assess inventory and determine next steps in our action plan.

While there are many details we are working to sort out, our Council is taking these steps to minimize exposure to COVID-19 and its spread while doing our best to continue to provide a quality Girl Scout experience. **Rest assured, GSWISE has no intention of causing any troop to be in financial difficulty due to this health situation and the inability to hold Girl Scout cookie booths. We will work together to make this cookie season a successful one for your troop.**

We will continue to closely monitor official local, county, state, and federal guidance, and will be prepared to disseminate new, relevant information to our members and their families as it becomes available.



For the most up to date information and guidance during this rapidly evolving community health crisis, please see the recent developments listed below. All updates are subject to change.