



Staying Strongly Connected During Office Closure

Dear Girl Scout families and valued partners,

We are immensely grateful for your support of Girl Scouting and are sharing with you our most immediate plans, given the evolving circumstances related to the coronavirus (COVID-19). To support the health and well-being of our members, staff, volunteers and the larger community, our staff will be working remotely beginning Thursday, March 19 until Sunday, April 5.

While our physical office location will be closed through April 5, our work of building future change-makers continues. During this time, we will be working closely with our members, volunteers and community partners—connecting by phone, email, video chat, text to offer continued assistance.

We continue to monitor COVID-19 developments and will share updates as things change through emails such as this and ongoing social media updates. **Connect with us on social media to receive the latest information on our operations:**

- <https://www.facebook.com/GirlScoutsEasternMO>
- <https://twitter.com/GirlScoutsEM>

What does this mean for our Girl Scouts?

- **All school recruitment and program activities are canceled through April 5.** This includes things like camp, troop meetings, trainings and district/neighborhood meetings.

- **These cancellations do NOT apply to our summer day or resident programs.**
- **Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri will create “surprise and delight” moments** to keep our Girl Scouts engaged by designing program activities that can be completed at home or online.
- **Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri Shop will be closed through April 5.**
- **All Girl Scout facility rentals are canceled through April 5.**
- **Representative Assembly (our annual meeting) and Volunteer Recognitions is postponed until July 11.**
- If you or your girl(s) is/are registered for a program, you will be contacted by the appropriate team to discuss participation options. If you have further questions, please contact our Answer Center at 314.400.4600.

As always, the health, safety and well-being of our members, staff and extended Girl Scout family is of paramount concern. We will continue to carefully monitor this quickly evolving situation and are here to assist you!

Additional communication will come forth from us as warranted, and we promise not to clog your inboxes. **We are in this together, and together we will help ensure the safety and well-being of one another.** Thank you again for your support, and please do not hesitate to contact our Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri team with any questions.

For additional information about COVID-19, visit the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov). The CDC has also put together this helpful [handout](#) on what you can do to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

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

Bonnie Barczykowski
CEO, Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri