



Important Girl Scout Summer Program Updates

To our Girl Scouts, families, volunteers and supporters,

Your health and safety are our number one priority.

Over the past weeks, Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri has made many operational decisions based on guidance from the US Centers for Disease Control and local/state mandates due to COVID-19.

Out of an abundance of caution for our Girl Scouts and extended Girl Scout family, we have made the tough decision to extend our current in-person program suspension. **All in-person Girl Scout programs, troop camping and events, including Girl Scout school activities and facility rentals, are canceled through at least Friday, July 31, and all resident and day camps are canceled through summer 2020.**

We ask for your patience and understanding as we navigate these unprecedented times. After careful deliberation, we decided it is best not to bring girls, volunteers, and staff together in large groups this summer. **We ask that during this time, you also suspend your in-person Girl Scout activities, including day and troop camp (on and off-Council-owned sites), troop meetings, trainings, and district/neighborhood meetings through at least Friday, July 31.** We hope you will continue these activities virtually, to the best of your ability, and we are here to help.

We will develop, implement, and offer virtual summer programs and camp opportunities so our girls will continue to build leadership skills, make friends and memories all while having fun. We will communicate those plans and opportunities in the coming days and weeks. **New adventures, including camping expeditions, activities and much more, will continue to be rolled out and announced on our [Girl Scouting from Home microsite](#).**

[We are providing a detailed FAQ to help answer your questions.](#) The Q&A is updated in real-time, and our Answer Center is available to help answer any additional questions you may have. You may reach the Answer Center during regular business hours at answercenter@girlscoutsem.org.

Thank you for believing in the power of Girl Scouts! For over 100 years Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri has been a cornerstone in our community delivering the best leadership development program for girls—and we continue doing so today! Now more than ever, the world needs Girl Scouts.

Please take great care of yourself and your loved ones—nothing is more important than your health and safety. Without a doubt, these are challenging times, and we will get through this together!

Yours in Girl Scouting,

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

Bonnie Barczykowski, CEO