

Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri (GSEM) - St. Louis Storm Relief FAQ

#### General Information

#### What is the purpose of the GSEM St. Louis Storm Relief Effort?

**A:** This initiative supports community members, including active GSEM members, affected by recent severe storms in the St. Louis region. We are providing assistance with essential needs and resources to support our community. Please see the <u>GSEM Storm Relief Webpage</u> for ways to help, storm resource information and a GSEM member Relief Request form.

#### Why is Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri helping the community?

**A:** Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri is a mission-driven organization dedicated to building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place through leadership, service, and a deep commitment to the community.

# What are the ways to help the GSEM St. Louis Storm Relief Effort?

**A:** We are committed to walking alongside our members, families, volunteers, and communities throughout this recovery journey. We have expanded our <u>GSEM Storm Relief Webpage</u> to provide both continued vital support for those impacted and meaningful ways to get involved in relief efforts:

Here's how you can make a difference:

- Make a Monetary Donation to directly support families in need\*
- Shop Our Amazon Needs List to provide critical supplies requested by affected families
- Volunteer Time Opportunities Coming Soon!

<sup>\*</sup> All contributions must align with Girl Scout fundraising policies and be coordinated through approved council channels.

## Support/ Resources

#### Is there information available for those that need help?

**A:** Yes, we have provided an extensive list of <u>storm resources</u> which will be continually updated as information becomes available.

## What type of community support resources are available?

**A:** <u>Storm Resources</u>, includes an extensive list of community resources, information on various topics, such as clean-up efforts, shelter information, Missouri disaster assistance, food resources, general aid requests, volunteer requests, community donation links, etc.

## Is Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri offering direct support to active members?

**A:** Yes, active Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri members (girls, families, or volunteers) who have been directly impacted by storm damage are eligible for support. If your family has been affected, please complete the **Storm Relief Support Request Form** so that our leadership team can assess how we may provide assistance or connect you with helpful resources. All information submitted will be kept confidential and used solely to evaluate and respond to your specific needs.

# How can an active GSEM member request assistance from Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri?

A: Affected active members should complete the Storm Relief Support Request Form,

# What if a troop has lost materials or meeting space due to storm damage?

**A:** Troops can request assistance to replace materials or secure alternate meeting locations. Staff should direct them to use the <u>Storm Relief Support Request Form</u>.

#### **Donations**

## How can someone donate to support the relief efforts?

**A:** Donations can be made through our official Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri website. All proceeds designated for "Storm Relief" will go directly to affected members and troops. <u>Make a Monetary Donation to directly support families in need</u>

## Is Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri accepting donations?

A: Yes.

- Shop Our Amazon Needs List to provide critical supplies requested by affected families
- During the Amazon checkout process, you can select the Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri "Gift Registry Address", which is pre-populated and available for selection in your delivery address listing. This will ensure your purchased items will be delivered directly to GSEM
- We will also accept the Amazon Needs List items as drop off donations at our GSEM Council office, located at 2300 Ball Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146. We ask that you please pull to the back of our building and place your Amazon Needs List items in the blue donation bin near the warehouse entrance (3rd door from the left when facing the building). Bin drop-offs will be accepted from 9 am-3 pm Monday Friday

# Are there opportunities for troops to volunteer or help with relief?

**A:** Yes, troops can organize donation drives or service projects. Opportunities may be coordinated through your troop, volunteer service teams and Community Engagement Manager. See <u>GSEM Storm Relief Webpage</u> – How Can a Girl Scout or Troop Help Support the 2025 Storm Relief Effort?

In addition, as opportunities are identified, GSEM will provide available locations, dates, and times for GSEM volunteers/troops to sign up to assist with a variety of activities.