Happy January, Girl Scouts!

The new year awaits you and your girl and is filled with a world of new possibilities and bigger goals. The greatest and most exciting way for your girl to start achieving her New Year's goals begins with the start of the Girl Scout Cookie Program on January 16th!

To make it easy for you to support your Girl Scout's experience, we mailed out our **Cookie Family Guide** in December and it's full of information that you need to help her succeed. We have also updated our resources to help the entrepreneu-her reach her ambitious goals while being safe and physically-distanced.

RESOURCES

Cookies Are Right Around The Corner!

It's not too late to train for the upcoming cookie season! We have both online and in-person training, depending on your schedule and comfortability level. In-person (live) training will cover different way's that your troop can participate through our "Choose Your Own Cookie Adventure" program options. Check our event calendar for upcoming trainings!

Have you heard? We added a new reward level! When you set up your Digital Order Card, send 15 unique emails before January 15th, you will receive a bundle of goodies that includes a Girl Scout pride mask and sunglasses!

Not sure if you are participating this year? We have MANY virtual opportunities! Even an all virtual-sales year will bring you lifelong lessons, skill building and normalcy!

TOOLS FOR COOKIE SUCCESS

Hey Khaki Crew! Did you know that you can earn Travel Bucks by participating in the Cookie Program? You can also use your cookie proceeds to fund your Highest Awards projects! We will also be working with GrubHub during the cookie season! Our Khaki Crew will be able to sign up for business opportunities during the cookie sale to fill orders via Grub Hub. In this touchless & no-money

handling opportunity, our older girls will learn about distribution in a very direct way.

Virtual Troops are Meeting!

Missing your usual troop meeting? Join us for a bi-weekly troop meeting online!

<u>Daisy & Brownie:</u>
2nd and 4th Monday of every month
Dates: January 25th, February 8th and 22nd, March 8th and 22nd, April 12th

<u>Junior & Cadette:</u>
1st and 3rd Monday of every month
Dates: January 18th, February 1st and 15th, March 1st and 15th, April 5th

JOIN A VIRTUAL TROOP

Renew your Membership!

Our girls need Girl Scouting, now more than ever. **Do you need ideas for virtual meetings** ? Do you need to know how to do programming virtually? Our teams are standing by to help YOU! Being together, even virtually, brings the comfortable and known back to our girls. Don't wait for tomorrow when TODAY she can be participating with her Girl Scout sisters!

RENEW NOW!

IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR SPRING PROGRAMS

They're here! Girls, parents, and troop leaders agree that **Girl Scouts is more fun and meaningful when girls participate in a variety of activities** throughout the Girl Scout year. Yes, this includes the Girl Scout Cookie Program, but starting a cookie business is just one small portion of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. And **you don't have to wait until the end of the cookie sale** for your Girl Scout to explore one of the dozens of outdoor activities, STEM programs, badges, and higher

awards available to your girls. Exciting programs are waiting, so encourage your girl to discover her next adventure today!

REGISTER NOW

Council Updates

We are excited about all of the new opportunities the VS 2.0 system upgrades will bring. We know that hiccups will present themselves along the way, and we are so grateful for your patience as we work together to give you the best customer service possible! Please reach out to our ***Member Support*** team with any questions.

COVID Update

Our first priority is always the health, safety and wellbeing of our girls, volunteers, staff and Girl Scout families. We continue to monitor the spread of COVID-19, we feel that as an organization, we have an obligation to try to mitigate the spread of the virus in our community and help our members stay healthy.

We continue to evaluate and adapt our re-opening plan based on the current information available. In addition to our Movement's guiding principles, we are following the ***CDC COVID-19 Task Force's Guidelines*** which provide specific data-driven gating criteria for a phased re-opening. The council is currently in ***PHASE ONE***.

In Phase One, gatherings of 10 people or less will be permitted if the protocols of social distancing and wearing masks are followed. However, holding in-person meetings are at the discretion of the Troop Leaders and parents, depending on their comfort level regarding the risks associated with small group gatherings. Virtual meetings may continue to take place. Carpooling and overnight stays are not allowed.

Zoom for Troops

Staying connected to your troop members, their families and each other is easier than ever with Zoom for Girl Scouts! Zoom licenses are now available for Girl Scout volunteers so you can begin or continue to meet virtually. Girls can stay connected, continue building their skills and have a blast no matter where

they are.

Licensed Zoom Account
Cost: $36 for the year
Attendees: Up to 500
Time Limit: None!
Sign Up Now!
*After signing up, you'll be contacted within 10 business days to complete the registration process. Any person who uses a GSUSA Zoom License will be deemed to have accepted **GSUSA's Zoom End-User Agreement**.*

Introducing: The Technology Lending Library

No computer? No problem! Starting this month, Girl Scouts can check out Chromebooks and mobile Wi-Fi hotspots for free (up to two weeks at a time) to access council-led virtual programs and events from the safety of home. Devices will be available at the following GSSOAZ locations:

Pima County: Tucson Shop (4330 E Broadway Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85711) during operating hours – Tuesday to Friday, 10 AM to 5 PM, and Saturday, 10 AM to 4 PM. Call the shop (520-319-3145) for more information.

Cochise, Graham or Greenlee County: Sierra Vista Shop (2200 El Mercado Loop, Suite 1164, Sierra Vista, AZ) by appointment (call 520-319-3192) OR Wednesdays from 12 PM to 5 PM.

Yuma County: Yuma Resource Center (3250 S. 4th Ave, Ste. F, Yuma, AZ 85364) during operating hours – Tuesday and Thursday, 11 AM to 4 PM; Wednesday, 11 AM to 2 PM; and Friday by appointment only (please call ahead: 928-782-9193 or 928-782-1599).

Santa Cruz County: Nogales Resource Center (1831 N. Mastick Way, Nogales, AZ 85621) during operating hours – Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 AM to 6 PM; Thursday, 9 AM to 3 PM; and Friday by appointment only (please call ahead: 520-319-3195).

Shout Out To This Girl Scout!

This Daisy Girl Scout showed that she is considerate and caring when she took it upon herself to rescue and care for an injured Vermillion Fly Catcher that she found while riding her scooter. Isabella, from Troop 479, safely delivered her new friend to the Tucson Wildlife Center to get it the best care possible. Way to go, Girl Scout!

Upcoming Events

She & Me: The Science of Wellness
We feel so many emotions throughout the day, but how do they happen and why? Grab the She in your life and discover the science behind our thoughts, feelings and behaviors. Everything from our brain to our tiniest cells contributes to how we feel— learn how to care for your body and mind with your Girl Scout sisters and special She's! This program is for Daisies & Brownies. ***Register Here!***

Brownie Journey: It's Your Planet, Love It!
This virtual program is for Brownie Girl Scouts. This program will take place virtually and entirely via zoom. Supply kits and journey books are included in registration costs and will be mailed to your listed address before our first session. Girls must attend all 4 sessions to complete their journey. ***Register***

Senior & Ambassador Journey: It's Your Story, Tell It!
Ready for a leadership journey? Discover yourselves and your values, connect with sister Girl Scouts, and take action on an issue to make the world a better place. This journey-in-a-day will feature a Senior Journey (Mission Sisterhood) and Ambassador Journey (Bliss!). ***Register Here!***

Wellness Wednesday: Stretch it Out - Daisies & Brownies!
Whether we're dancing, stretching, kickboxing or holding a pose, Wellness Wednesday's are a time for us to come together and get our hearts beating! Join us for a 30 minute session according to your level. Come to one or come to all! ***Register Here!***

Badges and Bikes
It's time to RIDE, Girl Scouts! Develop your bike skills and learn more about bike maintenance as we ride a portion of Tucson's Loop. ***Register Here!***

Backpacking Training (Yuma)
Are you ready to hit the trail? We'll cover backpacking essentials, how best to prepare for your next adventure, and what it takes to plan and execute the perfect excursion. Pizza will be provided! ***Register Here!***

** Please be sure to register in advance, as programs with low registration are sometimes cancelled or rescheduled. Check our events page often to ensure a program is still taking place.