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Here's the important news your Service Unit needs to know this month.

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Congratulations on Your Hard Work!

Our service units have done an incredible job at supporting our membership efforts this year! Thank you for the many hours your team placed in reaching the MY20 girl membership goals.

The following service units achieved their retention goals:

Beautiful Waters

Brooksville Ridge

Circle of Springs

Citrus Ridge	Coacoochee	Crystal Waters
Fossil Valley	Go-Fer	Gulf Sands
Hoxie	Joining Rivers	Lakeland Guiding Lights
Land O Lakes	Land of the Silver Moon	Lil Manatee
Mulberry Highlands	Northern Circle	Old Harbor Bay
Sand Eagles	Smiling Sisters	Spring Mermaids
Strawberry	Sunny Palms	Tierra Del Sol
Toppercrest	Wai Lani	West Wind
Whispering Pines	Woodlands	

The following service units met their recruitment goals:

Beautiful Butterflies	Beautiful Waters	Boca Ciega
Coacoochee	Crickette	Crystal Waters
Go-Fer	Hoxie	Lakeland Golden Stars
Land O Lakes	Lil Manatee	Mulberry Highlands
PALS	Rising Daisies	Sand Eagles
Smiling Sisters	Strawberry	Sunny Palms
Sunset Scouts	Wai Lani	West Wind
Whispering Pines		

The following service units met both their recruitment and retention goals:

Beautiful Waters	Coacoochee	Crystal Waters
Fossil Valley	Go-Fer	Hoxie
Lakeland Guiding Lights	Land O Lakes	Lil Manatee
Mulberry Highlands	Sand Eagles	Smiling Sisters
Strawberry	Sunny Palms	Wai Lani
West Wind	Whispering Pines	

Early Bird and Early Bird Patches



We are extremely grateful to our renewing members and know that our service unit teams are having a positive impact through encouraging our troops and

families to renew.

To ensure the Early Bird patches reach the appropriate leader, we are emailing each troop before patches are mailed to confirm the delivery address. While the Tampa Leadership Center (and mail room) recently reopened for employees only, the mail is still experiencing delays due to COVID-19.

In order to use our resources wisely, we have suspended mailing of the patches and will begin shipment Tuesday, July 7. We appreciate your patience.

RENEW NOW

Exclusive KIDZBOP Virtual Dance Party!

Presented by  girl scouts of florida

Featuring the **KIDZBOP KIDS**

Renew today and attend for FREE!

July 2, 2020
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

The banner features four young performers in colorful, shiny jackets. A Girl Scouts logo is in the bottom right corner.

Exclusive Virtual Concert Event

Presented by  girl scouts of florida

Tenille TOWNES

Renew today and attend for FREE!

July 2, 2020 ~ 7 - 8 p.m.

The banner features a woman with long brown hair, wearing a red velvet top, holding an acoustic guitar. A Girl Scouts logo is in the bottom left corner.

Exciting FREE opportunity for renewed members

As a thank you to members who have already renewed, and an incentive for those who haven't, Girl Scouts of Florida is offering two events: an exclusive virtual

Dance Party featuring the KIDZ BOP Kids and a private virtual concert and Q&A with rising music star, Tenille Townes. These events are FREE to Girl Scouts across Florida who have renewed for membership year 2021. Renewed families can [pre-register today!](#)

KIDZ BOP Virtual Dance Party, July 2, 2020, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

You're invited to join the KIDZ BOP kids and Girl Scouts from all over Florida for an exclusive virtual dance party featuring the #1 music brand for kids – KIDZ BOP! During this action-packed hour-long event, the KIDZ BOP Kids will teach your G.I.R.L. the moves to a special dance routine before you all get to try it together. It will be the largest dance party in Florida!

Tenille Townes Virtual Concert & Q&A, July 2, 2020, 7-8 p.m.

Join Girl Scouts from across Florida for an exclusive, up-close, virtual concert featuring Tenille Townes! Get to know Tenille and be inspired by her music, her dynamic vocals and her heart. During this hour-long live event, she'll play songs off of her new album 'The Lemonade Stand,' tell you the stories behind the music, answer questions from Girl Scouts and bring her message of unity, perseverance and empowerment to girls.

Families not ready to renew yet or non-Girl Scouts can [get a ticket](#) to one of these performances for just \$35/girl.



COVID-19 Update: Is it safe for troops to meet?

On Thursday, June 4, we received guidance from Girl Scouts of the USA on when it is advisable to resume normal in-person activities, including troop and service unit meetings. The recommendation is to allow meetings only after our state and county have successfully entered Phase 3 of the re-opening process. With Florida just now entering Phase 2, we don't yet have a firm date in place but we are working on what precautions this will involve and will provide clear guidance to you prior to Phase 3.

In line with the latest information from GSUSA and the CDC, the precautions are being designed to provide a safe experience and limit potential exposure for girls and family members. This will include our recommendations on group sizes, meeting locations, day trips and travel along with outlining specific hygienic and COVID-19 risk mitigation measures that will be necessary to safely hold face-to-face meetings. A reporting and communicating process for a positive COVID 19

test will be put in place and managed by a council staff member.

COVID-19 Precaution: COVID-19 is an extremely contagious virus that spreads easily through person-to-person contact. As with any social activity, participation in Girl Scouts could present the risk of contracting COVID-19. While Girl Scouts of West Central Florida takes every safety and preventative precaution, Girl Scouts of West Central Florida can in no way warrant that COVID-19 infection will not occur through participation in council programs.

Troops are encouraged to continue meeting virtually and participate in [Girl Scouts at Home](#) or [Summer Camp in a Box](#) activities. If you have any questions, please contact [Kathryn Owen, COO](#).

[Read our blog for GSWCF's COVID-19 Updates »](#)

Girl Scout Daisy Summer Experience



Girl Scouts of West Central Florida is offering a summer Girl Scout experience to girls entering kindergarten next fall. For just \$35, girls will have access to members-only virtual meetings in June and July, receive a Daisy Summer welcome box filled with activities, games, and Girl Scout items, and Girl Scout membership valid through September 2021!

If you know girls who finished pre-k this spring let them know about this opportunity.

[LEARN MORE](#)



If you haven't already checked out our Summer Camp In A Box program, it allows us to offer components of a traditional Girl Scout Summer Camp experience to families in the comfort and safety of their homes.

Every box comes with engaging activities for each day of the week lasting up to two hours per day along with the majority of supplies you'll need. You'll get:

- On demand video instructions
- Postcards to mail to friends
- A new "campfire" recipe
- A new friendship bracelet design
- Theme-specific SWAP activity

You'll have access to five-plus hours of live, interactive, virtual activities such as:

- Online flag ceremonies
- Campfire sing-alongs
- Theme-specific live activity session(s)
- Virtual cabin reflection sessions with camp staff

Each box is priced for Girl Scout members at \$25/per box (a \$75 value) and for non-members at \$75. Financial aid opportunities available at a \$10 per box discount. **Please help us share this information to all.**

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Membership Kickoff goes Virtual - August 1

In our darkest times, Girl Scouts can find the extraordinary. Join us as we focus on possibilities!

Saturday, August 1, 2020 10:00 am – 11:30 am (Virtual via Zoom)

If we are open and allow ourselves to remain true to our mission and vision, the possibilities are endless. Together we will celebrate what's right and hear about the opportunities ahead. We will honor you, our service unit team volunteers and zoom in on our purpose, the girls!

We will still hold departmental sessions to provide you with the most current information or get your input on ways we can look at things differently in our new normal. **The breakout sessions are going to be held the weeks of July 13 -31.** Register to attend the August 1 meeting now and look for details on the sessions and how to register for those in the near future!

[Register Today!](#)

Lifetime Membership Champions



Since Early Bird began in April, some of our service units have gone above and beyond to increase the purchase of Lifetime memberships. Joining Rivers (Sarah Mundy SUM), Land of the Silver Moon (Shona Stade, SUM), and Northern Circle (Cyndi Doramus, SUM) gave the gift of a Lifetime membership to a total of 13 graduating girl members.

Toppercrest and Land O Lakes both have a tradition of gifting graduating Girl Scouts with Lifetime memberships, and for the past 5 years, Whispering Pines (Kathy Antis, SUM) has purchased lifetime memberships for all graduating seniors that apply. Girls are given the application questions at the beginning of their senior year and asked to write an essay incorporating the answers to the

questions by March. The service team makes a decision in April, awarding the lifetime memberships to all graduating Girl Scout Ambassadors who were active in the service unit and lived by the Girl Scout Promise and Law. When GSUSA reduced the price for Adult lifetime memberships, Whispering Pines also purchased adult lifetime memberships for most of the service unit team and eligible leaders.

What a truly amazing gesture that continues the Girl Scout experience for tomorrow's leaders!

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Girl Scout Voices Count



Check your inbox for the annual GSUSA Voices Count Service Unit survey. This survey aims to gain feedback about support for service unit volunteers. The survey was distributed June 2 and will be available for completion through July 7.

Thank you for giving us your opinions and helping us to provide the resources needed to successfully fulfill your role as a Girl Scout volunteer.

Girl Scouts Run the World Party—Instagram Live Event

Join GSUSA on **Saturday, June 27, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.**, for an exclusive

Instagram Live party presented by Girl Scouts, **Jam Jr.**, and **Justice**. With all of the challenges we've faced and will continue to face this year, we hope you'll celebrate with us all that we have accomplished together, as we look forward to the summer and a brighter future ahead. This 90-minute virtual event will feature:

- Special performances by Jam Jr. artists
- Music by 13-year-old twin **DJs Amira and Kayla**
- Product giveaways from Girl Scouts and Justice

This is a free event for Girl Scouts and friends. Follow [@girlscouts](#) on Instagram and join us LIVE on June 27.

For a sneak peek of the giveaways and to sign up for future Girl Scout virtual events, [visit our online store](#).

[LEARN MORE!](#)

Adult Learning News

gsLearn is here!

Introducing our new learning management system where all Girl Scout Adult Learning will start! Within gsLearn, you can register for on-demand webinars, live streamed training events and in-person training. You will find gsLearn under the MyGS tab of our website.

After you log in to gsLearn, check out the "Content Library" to see all the trainings available. (Note: The in-person training schedule for the new school year will be posted by the end of July.)

Adult Awards:

Due to issues related to COVID-19, it has been decided that the Adult Awards Ceremony will not take place this membership year, but special celebrations for awardees and honorees will! More info to come soon.

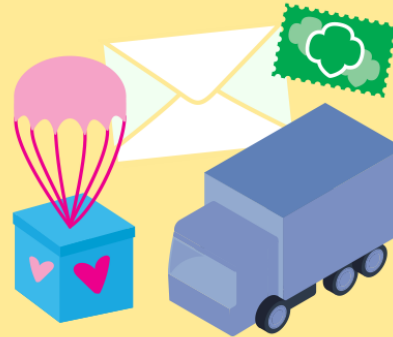
[More Trainings](#)

Girl Scout Store News

We've got you covered.

Shop from the comfort of home with **free standard shipping on all girlscoutshop.com orders, no minimum.**

SHOP NOW



SUPER SATURDAY STUFF THE BAG, JULY 18!

Talk about using your resources wisely! Purchase refillable tote bags and fill it with everything you need and save 15% on everything including the bag! Offer good only for pre-orders and curbside pickup on Saturday, July 18 at our Tampa Store from 9-1 pm or Camp Wildwood Store from 12/noon-3 pm (excludes clearance items). *Pre-order by Wednesday, July 15 for Tampa and Saturday, July 11 for Wildwood*

Watch for Lots of New Items Coming Soon! Including new badges!

[Leader Gear](#) Check out all the latest gear for Girl Scout Leaders including our new leaders t-shirt. Did you know that you could order a Personalized Official Name Badge through your local Girl Scout shop to wear at Girl Scout events? [Email](#) or call the Tampa Girl Scout Store for details.

Summer Hours at the Girl Scout Store

Both the Tampa and Wildwood Girl Scout Stores will be opening for in-store shopping by appointment only after June 16. There will be safety protocols in place* (see below) to ensure a safe shopping experience for customers and staff. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Note: The Saturday Shops at the Camp Dorothy Thomas and Camp Wai Lani trading posts are closed until further notice.

Tampa Store - Curbside pickup or In-Store shopping by appointment

Tuesday– Friday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

Closed: Saturday - Monday

Please call 813-262-1793 or email us gsstore@gswcf.org to make an appointment or to place order for curbside pickup.

Camp Wildwood Store - Curbside pickup or In-Store shopping by appointment

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

Closed: Sunday - Friday

Please call 813-262-1790 or email wildwoodstore@gswcf.org to make an appointment or to place order for curbside pickup on Saturday only.

**Please Note the following guidelines for in-store shopping at the Girl Scout Stores:*

- *In store shopping is available by appointment only and must be scheduled in advance.*
- *Only one customer may be in the store at a time (no children or other guests allowed).*
- *All customers and retail staff are required to wear face masks while in the store.*

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Have a question? Don't be shy!
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