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

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Join us for a virtual town hall with *Mary Pat King*



Mary Pat King, our new CEO, will share her vision for our Girl Scout members, provide a leadership lesson and engage in exciting dialogue about the future of Girl Scouts of West Central Florida. There will be four meetings that bring together volunteers of specific regions to ensure that the diversity and specific needs of each community is addressed:

- June 8 – Citrus, Hernando, Marion and Sumter Counties
- June 9 – Hillsborough County
- June 10 – Polk County
- June 11 – Pasco and Pinellas County

Each one-hour meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Invitations have been sent via email and only service unit team members are asked to attend. Pre-registration is required.



Even though we can't meet in person, we are excited to share our Summer Camp in a Box program with you. Summer Camp In A Box allows us to offer components of a traditional Girl Scout Summer Camp experience to families in the comfort and safety of their homes.

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.

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

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Early Bird Drawings Have Begun!

Troops, Juliettes and leaders have 8 chances to win some great prizes from now until June 30! Each week we will go live on Facebook to announce our winners so help spread the word. Service units with 60% renewed girls by June 30 will receive \$100 via ACH deposit and the top three service units will earn \$200!



Membership Kickoff

Yes, there will be a membership kick-off this year!

Our VIRTUAL membership event is planned for Saturday, Aug. 1 and we are so excited to come together and share in council updates, celebrations of our hard work completed in 2020, and visits from special guests.

Save the date: Saturday, August 1 | 10 – 11:30 am.

More details to come.

Live Virtual Events with GSUSA!

GSUSA is hosting live, virtual events in 4 categories:

- Awesome Girls (programs for girls)

- Raising Awesome Girls (parents and caregivers)
- Tips for Troop Leaders - LIVE (volunteers)
- Campfire Chats (alum and interested adults)

They even have a handy way to not only see what's coming up but also access recordings of past events. (They recognize that there's no way we can schedule these to be convenient for everyone.). Check out the [Virtual Events Calendar](#) on GSUSA's Girl Scouts at Home page.

Next week, they have the World Centre Challenge - a tour of all 5 World Centres! They also have trail adventure programs for Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors, a Campfire Chat on networking and a Tips for Troop Leaders - Live on leading Daisy and Brownie troops virtually.

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Camp Troop Program Requests OPEN!



Are your troops looking to experience more and new adventures at camp this fall? Equestrian and challenge course program requests are now open for troops to

submit desired dates. *(Please note due to COVID-19, Girl safety is our first priority and all reservation requests are subject to change/cancellation to follow federal, state, and local requirements.)*

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Fall Product Program Dates

Based on feedback from service unit volunteers, troop leaders, troop product managers, and the Product Program Committee, we have decided to begin the 2020 GS Sweets and Treats (Fall Product Program) on October 5.

This later start date will provide volunteers with additional time to begin their Girl Scout year and have a few troop meetings before participating.

Key dates for the 2020 GS Sweets and Treats are as follows:

Digital and paper orders: Oct 5-25

Girl delivery: Oct 5 – Oct 25

Direct ship delivery: Oct 5 – Nov 16

Voices Count! - Let Us Hear From You!

At Girl Scouts, we care about your experience and we want to hear from you!

In early May, GSUSA began conducting a national survey with girls, parents/caregivers, and troop leaders called Girl Scout Voices Count. (Service unit volunteers will be surveyed in June.) The feedback will be used to find out what's working and not and to improve our services and programs.

The surveys opened May 6 and currently the submissions are extremely low. Help spread the word and encourage our members to participate. As a thank you, everyone who completes the survey will have a chance to win one of twenty \$50 gift cards! We can't wait for you to make your voice count!

Got questions? Email GSVoicesCount@girlscouts.org.

Adult Learning News

Adult Learning:

A new way to register and take training in GSWCF will launch within a few weeks. It's called GSLearn and you will see the choice to register for all webinars and in-person training GSLearn, a button within your MyGS tab on the council web site. An introduction to GSLearn will be part of the Service Unit Manager retreat on June 6.

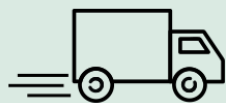
Adult Awards:

It is with sadness that, due to COVID-19 large gathering restrictions and the uncertainty to find a location that will be let us book the event, an in-person Award Ceremony before the beginning of our new membership year will not be possible. The Adult Award committee and GSWCF staff are coming up with some great ideas to celebrate the awardees and honorees. More info to come soon.

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Curbside Pickup at the Tampa Store

We are offering curbside pickup at the Tampa Girl Scout Store Wednesdays and Fridays; 10:30 am – 3:30 pm. Please call (813-262-1793) or [email us](#) at least three hours in advance to place the order, pay for your items and schedule a pick-up time. Upon arrival, you should call the store so the order can be brought out.

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