

Choose Your Own Adventure for a Great Girl Scout Year

This year, leading a troop might look a little different, and that's okay!

Step 1: Talk with your girls and families about what feels best for them.

Step 2: Get to know your resources. Click the below links to learn more.

IN-PERSON GIRL SCOUTING

Meeting in-person is optional and should be done at your families' comfort levels.

Nothing beats Girl Scouts sisterhood! These resources help you meet in person safely.

◆ [COVID-19 Safety Guidelines](#)

Before leading any in-person activities, volunteers must review these guidelines and review one of the two July 9, 2020 webinar recordings:

[Troop Leaders](#) | [Service Unit Managers](#)

◆ [Updated Annual Permission Slip](#) – includes

COVID-19 Waiver of Liability

◆ [Council Opportunity Fund \(COF\) Application](#)

◆ Troop Meeting Locations

- This fall, we strongly encourage troops to use public outdoor spaces whenever possible such as local parks for their meetings.
- We recognize that it may be difficult to secure meeting spaces at this time, but consider contacting local businesses, restaurants, fire halls, and other locations. GSWNY will be able to offer some of our council properties as meeting spaces – more details will be shared soon.
- Indoor meeting spaces should follow the [COVID-19 guidelines](#).
- Girl Scout meetings/activities may not be held in private homes or backyards.

◆ [GSWNY Events](#)

◆ [Award and Badge Explorer](#)

◆ [Journeys](#)

Looking for more? Head to [gswny.org](https://www.gswny.org)

Tip: Some troops choose to use a combination of in-person and virtual options.

VIRTUAL GIRL SCOUTING

There are so many ways girls can participate in Girl Scouts virtually!

GSWNY: [Girl Scouting at Home](#)

Resources from your local Girl Scouts of Western New York council:

Online Safety

Council Patches, Badges, and Journeys **Tailored for Virtual**

Earned Awards

Community Service

Badge-in-a-Box

Adapting Badges and Journeys for virtual

Virtual Meeting planning

Virtual Icebreakers and Games

And more!

◆ Video: [How to use Zoom to Host a Virtual Troop Meeting](#)

◆ Info sheet: [How to Host Your Virtual Girl Scout Meeting on Zoom](#)

◆ Flowchart: [Tips for Staying Engaged](#)

◆ Video: [Volunteer Tips for Staying Connected](#)



GSUSA: [Girl Scouts at Home](#)

GSUSA is making select national Girl Scout program resources available to every girl, parent, caregiver, volunteer, and troop leader:

◆ [Free activities for girls of all grade-levels](#)

◆ [Virtual Events calendar](#)

◆ [How to plan a virtual meeting](#)

◆ [Virtual Bridging resources](#)

◆ [How-to videos](#) on ways to adapt steps from specific badges and journeys

◆ Articles in our [Tips for Troop Leaders](#) hub, including first-person accounts of successful virtual meetings

We're here to help! Keep an eye out for our regular [Member Essentials blog posts](#) and emails for Council updates and resources.

Contact GSWNY Customer Care: 1-888-837-6410 or [click here to email](#).