

COVID-19 Message 3.12.20

Dear GSHPA Members and Volunteers -

We understand that due to the circumstances surrounding COVID-19 (coronavirus), there have been questions about how this year's Cookie Program will proceed. Please know that the safety and well-being of girls, their families, and our volunteers and staff are of paramount importance to all of us.

GSHPA continues to monitor PA State Department and CDC recommendations regarding COVID-19. At this time, GSHPA is not suspending Cookie Booths. Currently we trust the decisions of our troop leaders and volunteers to responsibly conduct Girl Scout meetings and events/Cookie Booths with the CDC and public health general recommendations in mind.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Cover any coughs or sneezes with their elbow, not their hands.
- Contain – If someone is sick, they should stay home until they are feeling better.

We are dedicated to supporting the troops and ensuring they have the best cookie experience possible, so with this in mind.

We will be extending the program until [April 30th](#).

This will allow troops more time to sell the extra packages from their Initial Order and/or any additional orders from cupboards. Please note that some Cookie Cupboards may close prior to [April 30th](#), and the staff at GSHPA will keep everyone notified as we move forward.

There are still lots of other ways to be involved with the GSHPA Cookie Program and we hope that you'll take advantage of these opportunities to continue to build the important skills that girls learn during this time.

- **Cookie Entrepreneur Family Pin:** Learn more about GSUSA's new [cookie pins here!](#)
- **Digital Cookie:** Girls can continue to run their business online [until April 30th](#).
- **Gift of Caring:** Cookies donated online ship to Soldier's Angels for free. The troop does not have to manage packages & all donations are sent to military men, women and their families.
- **Cookie Rookie:** First time Cookie Seller? Learn from experienced sellers through the Cookie Rookie Program.
- **Cookie Captain:** If you've got a few Cookie Programs under your belt, share your skills with first time sellers through the Cookie Captain Program.

Questions can be directed to your Volunteer Support Coordinator or by contacting Member Services at [1-800-692-7816](tel:1-800-692-7816). Thank you for all you are doing to WOW The World this cookie season!