

“An Update on COVID-19 Precautions and Summer Camp” - April 28, 2020



Hello Girl Scout Family,

We have made the difficult, but necessary, decision to suspend all camp activities at the Dale Earnhardt Environmental Leadership Campus at Oak Springs and the GSHNC Service Center for summer 2020 out of an abundance of caution in light of the current and expected impact of COVID-19 on our community. This is a heartbreaking decision given the importance of outdoor experiences as part of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, but the safety and wellbeing of our girls and staff is our top priority.

Specifically, what this decision means for our 2020 summer programming:

- Overnight Camp sessions, including Counselor in Training and Dish Divas Training sessions, held in June and July at the Dale Earnhardt Environmental Leadership Campus at Oak Springs (DEELCOS) are cancelled.
 - All add on adventures for our Overnight Camp sessions are cancelled.
 - The Me & My Gal camping experience at DEELCOS in June is cancelled.
 - Day Camp at POD Village at the GSHNC Service Center in June and July, including the Teens Give Back Day Camp, is cancelled.
 - Purchases of Camp Care Packages will be refunded.
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For those to be receiving Buzz Bucks in the coming weeks after a successful Cookie Season who planned to apply their reward toward summer camp, please know we still hope you can do so later this year. Registration for summer 2021 will open in December, and your Buzz Bucks balance can be used at that time to register for our next summer of safe fun and outdoor adventure.

Camp is something our Hornets' Nest team prepares for and looks forward to all year long, but this decision is the right one as we consider the safety and wellbeing of our girls, volunteers, families and staff. We appreciate your continued support as we work to serve girls and volunteers in the best way possible during this difficult time, and look forward to sharing another summer of exploring nature, diving into new skills, and building friendships with our camp family in 2021.

Our team is currently exploring additional options for outdoor programming to be done at home during this time of social distancing and potential in person opportunities in adherence with government agencies after the concern has passed. We want every girl to have the opportunity to experience outdoor adventure and develop a lifelong appreciation for nature and the world around her, whether that be at camp, with her troop, or with family. Look for announcements on these opportunities coming later this spring and early this summer.

Thank you for your support and understanding. For additional information, please reach out to our Customer Care Team at customercare@hngirlscouts.org.
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