



# Girl Scouts of San Geronio



Dear Girl Scouts of San Geronio Council,

Below is an update of the current status on in-person troop meetings and what needs to happen before they can resume.

## Are troops allowed to meet in person now?

Currently, troops may not meet in person. We are observing both state and county mandates restricting in-person gatherings of individuals from different households.

## When will troops be able to meet again in person?

A new set of color-coded criteria was announced in the past week by California's Governor. There is virtually no change in status from previous weeks for counties in the "Purple" tier, which includes both Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Note that moving to a lower tier will require meeting that tier's criteria for two weeks prior to the move, with a mandatory 21-day wait time between each move. A detailed description of the new criteria is reprinted below.

Once our two counties move to a tier that permits social gatherings like troop meetings, a two-week waiting period in that tier will be required after which Girl Scouts of San Geronio Council will lift its restrictions. At that time, specific guidelines and precautions will be shared with troops regarding the resumption of face-to-face meetings.

The following sources are being used to help guide our decision-making process:

· California Department of Public Health – Blue Print for a Safer Economy: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID19CountyMonitoringOverview.aspx>

· California's County Data Monitoring Map: <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>

I hope this helps to answer any questions you may have. I know that we are all longing to meet again face-to-face, and we will do so as soon as state and local mandates allow.

We're hoping everyone is staying safe and our hearts go out to our Girl Scout families that may be affected by the current fires.

*Cynthia H. Breunig*

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President and CEO

## STAFF DIRECTORY

The GSSGC website contains a list of staff members that can be contacted via email. You can access that directory through this link: <https://www.gssgc.org/en/our-council/staff-directory.html>

## PROGRAMS

### Fall Entrepreneurial Program

Haven't registered to train as your troops fall program coordinator? Here's that link.

<https://girlscoutsgssgc.wufoo.com/forms/2020-fall-product-coordinator-registration/>

## MEMBER SERVICES

### Member Services Team Update

#### Girl Scout Member Account - More Features. More Fun!

Later this fall, Girl Scouts of San Geronio will debut a refreshed member account management system designed with you in mind. Cleaner views, more features and functions, and enhanced search options will make it easier for you to find more fun for your Girl Scout!

In the new platform, all parents/caregivers must have a unique email address to identify them in the new environment. In our current system, many parents/caregivers are sharing one email address to access their family's Girl Scout account. To ensure a smooth transition for your family and to avoid the need to ask for assistance later, we're encouraging all members to take a moment to review and prepare your household for our fresh new environment by following these 3 steps:

1. Log in to your MyGS login account.
2. Review the email addresses for your household. Are the parents/caregivers in your household using the same email address? If yes, complete the next step.
3. Provide a new email address for the secondary caregiver.

You're all set! Thank you for your help in ensuring a smooth transition for your family to Girl Scouts' refreshed member account platform.

*Look for a brief introduction to the new features when accessing your Girl Scout account coming later this fall. We think you're going to like it!*

### Troop Bridging Activities

Leaders that are requesting to hold Bridging Ceremonies for your troops must receive prior approval from Council. To receive approval, the Troop Leader needs to email [customercare@gssgc.org](mailto:customercare@gssgc.org) with a detailed description of the planned activity and how all safety requirements are to be met. These requirements include staggering of families, social distancing of 10 feet and mandatory masks. While we highly recommend you consider hosting a [Virtual Bridging Ceremony](#) for your troop, the next safest option is a socially distanced drive-thru ceremony.

### Wells Fargo Bank Accounts

We received an important notice from Wells Fargo with the following: Effective with the fee period beginning after October 8, 2020, troop accounts will be charged a \$10 monthly service fee. This monthly service fee can be avoided with ONE of the following options each pay period:

- Maintain a \$500 minimum daily balance
- Maintain a \$1000 average ledger balance

Please note that this is coming from Wells Fargo changing terms of service. This fee is not being charged by GSSGC or GSUSA. Our Council finance team is currently meeting with many of our community banking partners to see if we can find a better fit for our Council. Please be patient as we navigate these unforeseen changes. We will do our best to keep our troops updated. Please do not hesitate to email [customercare@gssgc.org](mailto:customercare@gssgc.org) with any additional issues or inquiries.

## FUND DEVELOPMENT

Fund Development is experiencing an increased interest from our partners to engage and volunteer with our Council in more meaningful ways. We believe this is an exciting opportunity to new and innovative ideas to troop meetings. So what better way than to invite a guest to your troop meetings? These guests will provide interactive experiences for girls while also introducing them to relevant skills and potential careers options.

Examples of this include (these are examples, we have additional choices) :

- Southwest Airlines – Cybersecurity
- Financial and banking institutions – Financial Literacy & Cybersecurity
- San Manuel Band of Mission Indians - I.T., Attorneys/Law, Fire Department
- BNSF Railway, Union Pacific, Omnitrans - Transportation and Supply Chain Management
- FarSight Studios – Computer Games

### We need the following information from those interested:

Contact person:  
Contact email:  
Contact phone:  
What topic you want the presenter to speak about and/or the Badge name and which badge requirement(s) you want the volunteer to complete with the girls.  
Days and times of the meetings: Please send a list of dates and the time you would like the presenter and how long you want them to present / engage the girls. Please do not send "every Monday"

How long you want them to speak or conduct the activity:  
Ages of your Girl Scouts:  
Anything else you want us to know.

Once we find someone that meets your needs and connect the two of you, you will want to schedule a 15 minute phone conversation with them to see if they have any questions. Note: keep in mind this person will be an expert in their profession but may not have experience presenting and engaging girls. We will send them an informational sheet that explains the basics of interacting and keeping girls engaged but you may need to help them with examples that relate to their topic.

For additional information please contact Knea Hawley [khawley@gssgc.org](mailto:khawley@gssgc.org) or Aiyah Brown [abrown@gssgc.org](mailto:abrown@gssgc.org).

## JULIETTE

### Hey Juliette/ IRG's

We will be hosting a live zoom to explain the opportunities available now that the entrepreneurial portion of the IRG opportunities have changed. Register here for the 6:30-7:30pm Zoom. We will send a link out to you a week before the meeting.

<https://girlscoutsgssgc.wufoo.com/forms/juliette-irg-entrepreneurial-info-zoom-meeting/>

### Clubs are designed to expand any girls' Girl Scout experience regardless of troop or IRG affiliation.

The specialty clubs; Service Learning, Career Exploration, Entrepreneurship, Career Exploration, Girl Scout Life, Daisy Club, Outdoors & Stem, give girls a chance to expand their interest or to explore new activities on a specific topic.

This set of clubs are 6 months, meeting weekly for about an hour each week starting in October. Clubs can work as the girls only Girl Scout experience or be a great addition to a troop experience.

All the clubs offer girls a chance to grow their communication skills, expand their social circle, rise above with leadership opportunities, and set a firm foundation in good health habits and self-care techniques.

Register here to show your interest!  
<https://girlscoutsgssgc.wufoo.com/forms/virtual-club-interest-form-prg/>

### Did you receive your Food For Thought magazine? If not here is the link

[https://issuu.com/scoutsgssgc/docs/ff\\_t\\_fall\\_2020\\_press\\_080620v2](https://issuu.com/scoutsgssgc/docs/ff_t_fall_2020_press_080620v2)

## ADULT LEARNING

### Volunteer Recognitions

Here's a direct link to Recognition Nomination MY 2019/20 (membership year we're finishing this month) so you can get started right away nominating any and all Volunteers who have gone above and beyond.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DXC7Y22>

Want to know more about recognitions? See what other awards your favorite volunteer may have earned so you don't duplicate? Check out the Recognitions page on the website:  
<https://www.gssgc.org/en/for-volunteers/online-support-for-volunteers/adult-awards---recognitions.html>

### 2020 Volunteer Conference - Virtually Anything is Possible! Sunday, November 1st

Council will be hosting an engaging and informative virtual conference for volunteers from 10:00am-1:00pm on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost will be \$5.00 and attendees will receive an exclusive conference patch! Registration will be opening in the very near future – stay tuned!

## RETAIL

### Retail Shop Hours

Our retail stores have all new track downs on the clearance racks, FREE draw string bags with \$60 back to troop purchases, 10% off Pre-orders on newly released uniform components placed in stores.

**Low Desert and High Desert – open 1 day a week, every Tuesday from 10am-4pm closed for lunch from 1-2**

**Central West – open 2 days a week, every Wednesday and Thursday from 10am-4pm closed for lunch from 1-2**

**South West – open 2 days a week, every Wednesday and Friday from 10am-4pm closed for lunch from 1-2**

**Redlands – open 2 days a week, every Thursday and Friday from 10am-4pm closed for lunch from 1-2**

**Saturday from 10am-2pm**

Sept 12<sup>th</sup> –SW & HD

Sept 19<sup>th</sup> –LD

Sept 26<sup>th</sup> –CW & Redlands

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> –SW & HD

Oct 10<sup>th</sup> –LD

Oct 17<sup>th</sup> –CW

Oct 24<sup>th</sup> –Redlands

## PROPERTIES

With the recent fire activities, the Properties Department is closely monitoring guidance from the local fire departments, at this time WiWoCa is safe from any fire activity.

Learn more

