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Please visit our dedicated [COVID-19 Update page](#) for information.

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In line with our continuing efforts to keep our membership up to date with changes affecting our membership and Girl Scout activities, please find the latest round of updates below.

We appreciate your patience with the frequency and length of these updates. We are committed to keeping you fully informed of the decisions we are making and following that affect our members and our business operations.

In-Person Meeting Schedules

As Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas begin to slowly relax some of the restrictions that have been in place, we have received inquiries from volunteers about what plans are in place to transition back to in-person Girl Scout activities.

In accordance with national Opening Up America Again guidelines for phased reopening currently followed by all three states within our council, Girl Scouts – Diamonds will use a phased approach when moving back toward in-person meetings that remains in alignment with each phase of reopening. Currently, all three states within Girl Scouts - Diamonds are in phase one of reopening and expect to remain in this phase through the month of May.

Please reference the below guidelines for meeting moving forward in concurrence with the stage progression over the next few months for your

specific location.

Phase One Guidelines:

- Schools and organized youth activities will remain closed during Phase One.
- Service unit meetings will remain in the digital space.
- Troop meetings will remain in the digital space.
- In-person meetings will not resume at this time.

Phase Two Guidelines:

- Schools and organized youth activities will be allowed to reopen during Phase Two.
- Service unit in-person leadership meetings for adult members will be allowed to reopen during Phase Two.
- Troop in-person activities may resume (gatherings not to exceed 50 and should practice appropriate social distancing).
- In-person activities involving more than one troop will not be allowed during this time.
- All in-person activities must follow [CDC safety guidelines](#).
- The use of digital tools and meetings is highly encouraged.
- Members should never be pressured to meet in person.

Phase Three Guidelines:

- Large venue and event spaces reopen.
- Service unit in-person activities involving more than one troop may resume.
- Troop in-person activities may continue.
- All in-person activities must follow [CDC safety guidelines](#).
- Troop travel is permissible within council jurisdiction as well as to other states currently in phase three reopening. Troops should stay up-to-date on travel warnings and CDC guidance to avoid hotspot locations.
- The use of digital tools and meetings is highly encouraged.
- Members should never be pressured to meet in person.

Please understand that as states advance through reopening stages, there is also the potential to regress if proper guidance is not followed or COVID-19 has a resurgence in a state. We will do our best to support reopening by communicating as we are aware of phase changes within our council jurisdiction.

We know that Girl Scouts fills a void relating to relationships and learning that many are currently experiencing. It is our hope that all troop and council-led activities will be able to return to regular schedules with no restrictions very soon. Until then, we ask for every Girl Scout to carry on with the creativity, attitude and grit that only a Girl Scout possesses, while following set guidelines to keep every member safe.

Property Updates

As with many businesses and non-profits, the Girl Scouts – Diamonds Council has experienced a downturn in many areas of our operations since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The loss of cookie, program and camp revenues, decreased donor support, and challenges to recruiting girls and new volunteers, are issues we will continue to face for the foreseeable future.

In light of the current and yet-unknown effects on council operations, the Girl Scouts – Diamonds Council Board of Directors has directed the council to focus only on current mission critical operations until such time that membership, donor support and revenues return to a level comparable to where we were prior to the pandemic outbreak. As part of tightening our focus, we will not be considering the re-opening of Camp Crossed Arrows for fiscal year 2021 or fiscal year 2022. Members of the property department will continue to provide basic maintenance and upkeep of Camp Crossed Arrows.

As this is a new development, neither the staff property department nor the council property committee have had the opportunity to discuss future, specific plans. When there is any additional information regarding camp, we will continue to communicate with the Camp Crossed Arrows Reserve Rangers leadership already in place.

We will stay in touch with members about any additional changes in public health recommendations and how they affect Girl Scout programming and property usage. Updates and information can be found on our dedicated [COVID-19 page](#).

As always, please contact us at info@girlscoutsdiamonds or 800-632-6894 if you have any questions or concerns.



Have a question? Don't be shy!
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