

2020 Summer Camp Program Cancellation FAQs

Is summer camp going to happen this year?

On May 4, Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta (GSGATL) announced the decision to cancel all summer camp programs through August 9, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Why did GSGATL make the decision to cancel all summer camp programs through August 9, 2020?

Based on the continued increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in our community and social distancing guidelines from the CDC and other public health experts, we made the difficult determination that we could not ensure the safety of our campers, their families, our volunteers or our staff. The safety of our girls, families, volunteers, and staff is always our top priority.

What sessions are canceled?

All Council-led day and overnight camps and Destinations, as well as all Service Unit volunteer-run day camps are canceled through August 9.

Why now?

While there are still many unknowns about the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on our community, the information we are receiving from the Georgia Department of Public Health and the CDC indicate that we are far from recovery and social distancing recommendations are likely to continue for several more months. We also wanted to make this decision in time to allow our camp families the opportunity to make other arrangements for childcare and vacation this summer.

Will I get a refund?

Yes. Campers enrolled in a Council-led camp (Timber Ridge, Meriwether, Misty Mountain) should complete a camper refund form in CampInTouch and will receive their refunds in two to four weeks. Campers enrolled in Service Unit day camps will receive a communication from their Service Unit Day Camp director within two weeks with details on their refund process.

Is there an option to have my Cookie Dough mailed to me?

Yes, Cookie Dough used for 2020 camp programs will be reissued and mailed to the camper. Cookie Dough can be used toward camp in 2021 and other Girl Scout activities or at the Badge & Sash. The expiration date for 2019 Cookie Dough has been extended until September 30, 2021. Girls can use Cookie Dough from the 2019 and 2020 Cookie Program through September 30, 2021. It will take a minimum of three weeks for Cookie Dough to be reissued and received in the mail.

If I received a camp scholarship will it be good next year?

Because family circumstances change from year-to-year, you are welcome to reapply for a camp scholarship to support your camp experience in summer 2021.

Will there be virtual camp options?

Yes. We believe strongly in the power of being outdoors. The Outdoor Programs team is working to create virtual programming options for girls families this summer.

I was going to be a CIT this summer. Will there be extra CIT opportunities to accommodate more girls in the summer of 2021?

We realize there are a limited number of CIT spots available, and we exploring ways to provide more CIT opportunities in summer 2021.

Are Service Unit day camps going to be canceled?

At this time, all Service Unit day camps have been canceled.

Is other summer programming canceled?

At this time, Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta has cancelled all in-person programming and events through May 31, 2020. We are continuing to evaluate public health guidance for small gatherings beyond that date. The safety of our girls, families, volunteers, and staff is always our top priority.

Can I donate my refund to Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta?

Yes. If you are financially able, we ask that you donate a portion or all of your program fees to support girls affected by the pandemic in our community. Please select the donation option on your refund form.