

Message From the Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta

Here at Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, we recognize that this has been **no ordinary year**. We have had to assess, on a daily basis, the best way to serve the needs of our girls in a way that is safe for the girls, their families and their communities. As we look to the summer of 2021, we feel confident that we can make a face to face camp experience happen. In order to do that we have made a number of changes to ensure we can run a safe and effective program. Changes in place for 2021 include:

- Programming will be designed so girls are in contact with no more than 40 people (girls and staff) during their camp experience. We will be using community groups that travel as a unit. We recognize that, for this summer, this will impact girls' choices at camp, but it will keep them safe.
- Meals will be handled in smaller groups with girls assigned to specific areas to eat. Meals will be plated or boxed. Social distancing will be in place for all meals.
- Cleaning protocols are in place for cleaning program spaces and equipment between activity groups. Where appropriate, program kits will be provided to campers to avoid contact between campers.
- Special merv 13 filters will be used in air conditioners where possible to filter out microbes. Ventilation of all indoor spaces will be a priority. Bathrooms will be sanitized between each group use.
- Expect lots of hand washing and hand sanitizer. A decision about Covid testing, vaccination and mask use will be made as we assess the needs and options for our girls closer to the summer.
- Temperature and health checks will be done at check-in and at breakfast each day. Girls will not be allowed to participate if they are feeling ill. Additional Health staff will be hired to manage the health needs of staff and campers.
- Recognizing that we are all a little nervous about camp next summer, we have modified our cancellation policy to make it easier for you to feel comfortable planning for camp and making changes as necessary.

We will continue to identify strategies to keep our campers healthy in the evolving situation and plan to update **parents** as we move into the spring. Know that we are drawing on the best information available from the CDC, Georgia Department of Health and the American Camps Association.