



Here's What Has Been Going on at Girl Scouts of Alaska



Dear Girl Scout Supporters,

Although we had to cancel our 2020 Girl Scout Leadership Luncheon due to COVID-19, we are excited to share with you what is happening with Girl Scouts of Alaska today, the day the luncheon would have taken place. From the bottom of

our hearts, thank you for being a part of the Girl Scouts of Alaska community and for supporting the work of guiding girls during this uncertain time.

While schools are closed and many events are on hold, Girl Scout activities are still going strong. Girls and their families are staying engaged and connected to their communities and the larger sisterhood of Girl Scouts through [Girl Scouts at Home](#) , an initiative to deliver Girl Scouting virtually. Girls are able to continue to reach their goals and earn badges at home, while also completing service projects that support those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. We add new programming every day, all of which are available to the public – with or without a Girl Scout membership. We remain dedicated to serving Alaska’s girls in the most supportive and engaging way possible, despite the circumstances.

The hunker-down order was put in place in the middle of our cookie sales, but Girl Scouting teaches us to be prepared and adaptable and so we’ve had to be creative in our cookie offerings this season. Currently, there are three ways customers can buy cookies from Girl Scouts in Alaska and help girls reach their goals: Through our Donor Cookie Buyout program, businesses or individuals can buy out a troop’s cookie inventory (50+ boxes) and keep the cookies for themselves or their employees, or donate them to a charity of their choice. The individual girl Digital Cookie option allows cookies to be purchased online and shipped, delivered at a later date, or donated to first responders, volunteers, and local causes in need. The national Cookie Care option allows for shipping or donation. For more information, visit our [Find Cookies page](#).



At our luncheon we would have recognized our Gold Award girls, and we’d like to take the opportunity to honor them virtually here. Since 1916, the Gold Award has been earned by girls in grades 9-12 who demonstrate extraordinary leadership in developing sustainable solutions to local, national, and global challenges. Here are this year’s Gold

Award girls:

- Tia K., Eagle River – Tia organized donation drives and fundraisers to create “Party Packs” for a local food pantry. The party packs include cake mix, frosting, and other party supplies. The Chugiak High School Key Club will be continuing to create and donate the party packs.
- Jilliana M., Eagle River – Jilliana worked with the Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson to renovate their After 5 Boutique, a boutique that loans formal wear to military families. Jilliana also worked with the thrift store and military spouses group to rotate the available items to keep it up-to-date. The ASYMCA noticed an increased in visitors after the redesign and customers were very happy with the new look.
- Allison W., Sitka - Allison started a Best Buddies club at Sitka High School. Best Buddies is dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with intellectual and development disabilities by creating one-to-one friendships.
- Aileia C., Wasilla - Aileia organized her community to beautify a local park. Through the process, community members learned how to get involved within their community and are excited to host events at the improved park.
- Leesa M., Petersburg – Leesa worked with the Petersburg Borough to design and build a life jacket stand at the Blaquiere Boat Launch. She also hosted a water safety event where people learned the importance of water safety equipment and how to properly put on a life jacket.

Girl Scouts are resilient. When the COVID-19 pandemic passes, Girl Scouts will still be here educating, equipping, and advocating for girls. But, we still need your help to do so. Please consider a gift today to support leadership for Alaska’s girls. An investment in Girl Scouts of Alaska is an investment in your community. We believe our mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place is as important now as ever; thank you for supporting Girl Scouts of Alaska.

Sincerely,
Leslie Ridle, CEO

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We would again like to thank our Leadership Luncheon sponsors, who stuck with us through this unprecedented time. Your support of Girl Scouts of Alaska is more important now than ever.

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