To our members:

**Great job Ms. Leah for a fun reveal party on Facebook Live last Friday. The Council now has Badge Tip Friday flyers posted on our website to make programming with your girls fun and easy. We also held our first contest, a family Scavenger Hunt, last Friday that was fantastic! Watch for more fun programs. Additionally, we started the Cookie Promotion to support our front-line health care heroes. We have 10 cases of cookie donated so far. Help us pass the word this week! Stay safe, Girl Scouts!**

*The Farthest North Girl Scout Council Staff*

**Special Meeting of the Council**
A Special Meeting of the Council has been called by President Russ for April 18, 2020 at 10:00am over the phone to amend the Council bylaws. This meeting is for elected Service Unit delegates and Board Members. This bylaws change will allow us to reschedule the Annual Meeting to later in the spring. Stay tuned for a new Annual Meeting date.

**Troop Meetings Go Viral**
Here are some fun ways to continue Girl Scouting with your troop:

- Zoom is a free video chat room for virtual meetings. Set up virtual troop meetings with a quick craft, badgework or an opportunity for girls just to chat. A tip sheet for Zoom meetings will be posted on our website this week that will include the **security measures troops need to take to keep hackers out.**
- Set up a troop Private Facebook page for girls to post badgework and for families to communicate with their troop leader.
- Visit the Council website for all your programmatic needs. Badge Tip Friday flyers will be posted weekly. Plus, all program materials including the Girl Guides are on our website for easy referencing. Encourage girls to pick a badge and start the steps at home.

**Cookie Sale**
Most troop cookie payments have been made with a few troop payment plans in the works. Thank you again for everyone’s efforts in fast-tracking the sale. **If you have parents who still owe the troop cookie money, it is urgent to get that collected. If you are having trouble reaching a family, please let the office know and we can help.** Keep these tips in mind as we pause direct sales for now:

- Troops are welcome to continue selling cookies so long as the delivery process happens when local and state officials give us the all-clear.
- The Council will work on arranging booth sales once it is safe to do so. Until then, please secure your cookie supply in a climate-controlled storage area safe from pets and children. If stored in garages, please make sure cookie cases have a barrier such as a tarp.
• Troops whose sale is an extreme burden on troop proceeds will have an opportunity to apply for financial aid starting June 1st. The troop cookie bill will need to be paid in full and each application will be judged on a case-by-case basis.

• Our Cookie Promotion asking community members to donate cases of Girl Scout Cookies to those in the health care industry and first responders is underway and we already have 10 cases donated. Please share our posts with friends and families on Facebook.

**Leader Appreciation Lunch on Zoom**
April is volunteer appreciation month and we want to show our love to our wonderful volunteers! Save the date on April 22nd from 12:00pm – 2:00pm for our Leader Appreciation Lunch on Zoom. Email us your interest in attending to program@gsak.org and we will forward you the link. This group get-together will feature the unveiling of our leader appreciation gift, a fun craft (material list will be emailed), trivia with prizes, and a fun hour or two together. We hope to see you all there!

**Communications**
• The office is closed; however, the phones are still being answered at 907-456-4782.
• The Council Connection will be published twice weekly on Mondays and Thursdays and posted on the website instead of through email.
• We encourage communication through email at the following addresses:
  Meagan Scheer, Membership at membership@gsak.org
  Leah Hill, Director of Operations at program@gsak.org
  Mimi Hill, Shop and Cookie Sale at shop@gsak.org or cookies@gsak.org
  Suellen Nelles, CEO at ceo@gsak.org

**Mini BOW Cancelled**
Although the Council hoped our outdoor skills weekend for Troops could go on as scheduled, our reservation at Chena Lakes was cancelled, therefore so is Mini BOW. Refunds will be mailed on April 17th. In place of Mini BOW, we will be offering some fun virtual ways to still participate. That planning has begun and will be shared with our girls soon.

**Dates to Remember**
• Badge Tip Fridays – April 10th, 17th, and 24th on our website, www.fairbanksgirlscouts.org
• Special Meeting of the Council – April 18th at 10:00am by conference call
• **Leader Appreciation Lunch** – April 22nd from 12:00 – 2:00pm on Zoom, RSVP by email to program@gsak.org

**Calendar Items POSTPONED**
• Annual Meeting – postponed to May or June
• Early Bird Registration – Postponed to May
• Camp Jessie Bloom in July is still being decided – To register, email program@gsak.org

**Calendar Items CANCELLED**
• Service Unit Meetings and Events
• Mini Bow – Refunds will be issued. Stay tuned for some fun virtual replacement videos to be posted at the end of May.
If you would no longer like to receive this weekly email, click UNSUBSCRIBE. Make sure to follow us on Facebook at FNGSC!