



Guidelines for Small Gatherings/Troop Meetings Acknowledgement Statement for COVID-19 Advisory Period

I, _____ (please print adult/guardian name) have read Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana (GSGCNWI) Guidelines for Small Gatherings/Troop Meetings dated August 11, 2020, outlining GSGCNWI's guidance for returning to in-person gatherings and small troop meetings.

I understand:

- In-person gathering is entirely voluntary. Masks **MUST** be worn.
- Small groups of 15 or fewer girls plus two (2) unrelated adults (following girl-to-adult ratios in Volunteer Essentials) may gather, providing that all safety precautions are observed, including the mandatory wearing of masks.
- Guidelines will apply to all GSGCNWI members, regardless of state residency.
- Gatherings may take place only in the outdoors with space for social distancing.
- Please review the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) advisory for adults 65 years of age and older and those with underlying medical conditions before voluntarily deciding to participate in any in-person gathering. (www.cdc.gov/covid19)
- These guidelines were informed by information currently available from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Illinois Department of Public Health and Girl Scouts of the USA to respond to the evolving public health situation. I understand GSGCNWI guidelines require all troops/groups in Illinois and Indiana to comply with the current Illinois Department of Public Health regulations, which are more stringent than the current Indiana State Department of Health regulations.
- COVID-19 is an extremely contagious virus that spreads easily through person-to-person contact. As with any social activity, participation in Girl Scouts could present the risk of contracting COVID-19.
- GSGCNWI may modify these guidelines as circumstances and health recommendations change. It is my responsibility to check the GSGCNWI website for updates.
- I am required to follow more stringent directives, if any, from my local community.
- Lack of compliance with the guidelines can result in suspension of in-person troop meetings or removal of individual girls and/or adults from participation in in-person meetings.

I agree that I/my girl:

- Will comply with the guidelines above.
- If I am a troop leader:
 - Will provide the guidelines to all volunteers and caregivers/guardians of all participants before in-person troop meetings take place.
 - Will obtain a signed and dated acknowledgement of these guidelines from all volunteers and caregivers/guardians of all participants participating in in-person troop meetings to maintain with troop records.

Signature

Date

Guidelines Effective Date: August 11, 2020