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Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast Changes Summer Programming

Kids love summer and yearn for hikes in the outdoors, group sing-alongs around the campfire and dips in the pool with buddies. But with the ongoing vigilance by communities in response to the pandemic, Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast (GSCCC), serving girls in southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina, has made changes in their summer program offerings. This season, day and resident camps scheduled at their council properties have been cancelled and online and remote camp activities have been scheduled, using the theme U-Pick: Summer Adventures with GSCCC.

"We made the difficult decision to cancel the on-site camp sessions and create an alternative for this summer due to health risks for all," said Tracy Keller, the chief executive officer for the Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast. "This is the first time we've had to take such an action but it was very necessary. We're very fortunate to have a talented program team, led by our Outdoor Program Manager who has a masters degree in environmental science, who have created activities that will be delivered virtually. And campers will receive activity packets that can be done in their own backyards or patios. Girls will still be able to get together with other girls, have positive role models and do some amazing activities they wouldn't have been introduced to if it were not for Girl Scouts, and of course they will earn badges and patches along the way! We are considering scheduling some family fun days at our properties on a limited basis as well."

U-Pick: Summer Adventures with GSCCC is designed with girls' interests in mind. There are nine different camp themes that explore a variety of topics. During the Sky Quest series of U-Pick: Summer Adventures with GSCCC, girls will learn about important changes to the sky that occur during the daytime and nighttime and explore how that relates to outer space. Girls participating in the Eco-World Summer Adventure will make the world a better place by learning how to care for the natural world and the animals that live in it. During the Outdoor Tech series of U-Pick: Summer Adventures

with GSCCC, girls will create a sun dial and learn how to tell time based on the position of the sun and also learn about maps and other outdoor navigation techniques.

Keller went on to say that they are considering family fun days later in the summer at some of their properties if all goes well. In addition, girls and their families can participate in virtual programs that are free and can be found on their website's Just for Me page. If families are not familiar with Girl Scouts, the council is also offering free Discover Girl Scout webinars where parents can get information, meet staff and ask questions.

For details, visit www.gsccc.org, email customer care@gsccc.org or call 800-77SCOUT.

About Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast

Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast, a United Way agency, serves nearly 12,000 girls in grades K through 12 with the help of more than 5,000 adult volunteers in southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina. Girl Scouts offers a one-of-a-kind leadership development program for girls, unleashing the G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)[™] in every girl. Since 1912, Girl Scouts has been building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. To volunteer, reconnect, donate or join, visit www.gsccc.org or call 1-800-77SCOUT.

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