The COVID-19 pandemic has made it impossible for Girl Scouts to meet in person in their traditional groups or troops, so we’ve reimagined our program and created ways for girls to have some of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience on their own or with their caregiver. Right now, you might feel like you are entering uncharted water, stepping in to help your girl stay engaged with Girl Scouts. That is a completely normal feeling, and we hope this guide will help you understand a little more about the program and how you can guide your girl.

3 Tips When Helping:

Let your girls take the lead! From deciding which activities to adapting them for resources you have at home, let your girls make the decisions for the experience to be truly for them.

Try, try again. You girl might not get the activity “right” the first time, but that’s OK! Through trial and error, girls learn where their strengths are.

Talk about what she just did. Have her share with you or other family members the skills or knowledge she learned and any struggles she had -- we call this roses and thorns. Encourage her to teach someone else what she learned.

What Can She Do?

Before you dive into any programming, check with your girl’s troop leader to see if there is anything they are in progress with or what they had planned before they were unable to meet as a troop.

Complete a fun activity- When girls complete activities that are not related to a badge, they can earn a patch! What girls must do vary with each patch, but it is all laid out in the patch booklet. We even have patches created just for our council!

Check out our awesome patch for the United States Census 2020!
Learn a new skill – We call these badges and there are a lot of choices. The easiest way to learn about the steps in a badge are to use the badge explorer. You and your girl can let your creativity soar as you do activities that meet these steps.

This is what you will see in the badge explorer. Have your girl look at the badge explorer with you to let her choose the badge she wants to work on!

A paragraph at the top gives an overview of the badge.

Steps your girl needs to complete. Use her creativity to find activities that meet the requirements.

Use this to discuss with your girl what she learned.

Too many choices? Check out our Girl Scouts at Home page where we have pulled out a couple badges that are a good fit for earning at home.

Stay Safe! – And have you girl earn her Safety Award while doing so. At each program level girls can learn how to stay safe at home and their community. You and your girl can come up with activities for her to meet each requirement.

Help her community – While girls may not be able to venture out into the community right now, there are still ways that she can connect. Brainstorm with her ways that she could help the community now or be ready to take action in the future.

We are a Sisterhood!

A troop is not just a meeting, it is a second family for your girl. While completing these activities will help her stay engaged, she is probably also missing her Girl Scout sisters! Try to organize a call, video chat, or even have your girl send an email so she can connect with her troop members and leaders.

Still have questions? Contact us at inquiry@gscolorado.org We are here to help make this the best experience possible for you and your girl!