**Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. **COVID-19 is extremely contagious** and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

**Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council (“GSVSC”)** has put in place preventative measures for our facilities and provided guidelines to all volunteers of GSVSC to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, **GSVSC** **cannot guarantee** that you or your family will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, **visiting the GSVSC properties and/or participating in Girl Scout activities could increase** your risk and your family’s risk of contracting COVID-19.

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By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my family and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by visiting a GSVSC property and/or participating in Girl Scout activities and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, or death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at a GSVSC property or participating in Girl Scout activities may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, GSVSC employees, agents, representatives, owners, contractors, volunteers, and visitors and their families.

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| Signature: | Date: |
| Relationship to participant(s): | |

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my family or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my family may experience or incur in connection with visiting a GSVSC property and/or participating in Girl Scout activities (“Claims”). On my behalf, and on behalf of my family, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless GSVSC, its employees, agents, representatives, owners, contractors, volunteers and visitors and their families, of and from any Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of GSVSC, its employees, agents, and representatives, owners, contractors, volunteers and visitors and their families, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after visiting a GSVSC property and/or participating in a Girl Scout activity.

COVID-19 PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

**Girl Scout Culture of Care Pledge**

In keeping with our Girl Scout Promise & Law, I (council staff, volunteer, parent, and girl), hereby pledge to approach challenges with a renewed focus on mutual accountability and collective responsibility. I commit to learn and grow as an individual, mindfully and intentionally, for and with one another as leaders in the broader community. I accept the necessity of personal sacrifice for the achievement of our communal goals. As a member of the Girl Scout community, I commit to step up and forego some conveniences in the short term for the greater opportunity to return and be together, as safely as possible.

When I see someone masked, or if asked to wear a mask and social distance after CDC/VDH removed masking & distancing requirements for fully vaccinated people, I pledge to be kind and remember:

* People may have cancer
* People may have an autoimmune disease
* People may have unvaccinated children who are not yet eligible
* People may have high-risk loved ones that need protecting
* People may be unvaccinated

I acknowledge that our culture of care is merely a means to express the ideals we have long valued: beloved GS traditions, experiencing new things, gathering together, creating connections, making new friends; and exercising integrity to be leaders and a source of safety in our community.  I hereby pledge to be a role model for how we navigate this moment in history.

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| Please indicate YES or NO. During participation in all Girl Scout activities, the participant agrees to: | **YES** | **NO** |
| Immediately notify the volunteer or council staff member in charge if the participant develops any symptoms that may be related to COVID-19 |  |  |
| Limit touching surfaces to only what is necessary |  |  |
| Avoid touching eyes, nose, mouth, face. Wash or sanitize hands if touched. |  |  |
| Practice proper hand hygiene by sanitizing hands often (<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/index.html>) |  |  |
| Maintain appropriate physical distance between themselves and others, as much as possible (at least 10 feet for establishments with physical activity, singing, or cheering, and at least 6 feet for all other settings) |  |  |
| No physical contact between themselves and others |  |  |
| Wear a face covering/cloth when in indoor and outdoor public settings outside of their own household as dictated by current GSVSC COVID-19 guidelines |  |  |
| Comply with current Girl Scout transportation policy as dictated by GSVSC COVID-19 Guidelines. (Parent/guardian agrees to always drop off and/or pick up their own girl(s) on time) |  |  |
| Read and sign the COVID-19 Waiver Form and Participation Agreement #1083 |  |  |
| Complete #1082 COVID-19 Questionnaires prior to every instance of participation in Girl Scouting activities. |  |  |
| Read and agree to the Girl Scout Culture of Care Pledge below |  |  |
| I understand that for any reason I am unable to comply with any of the above statements I should contact Council for further assistance. |  |  |

**My signature below indicates I have read and agree to comply with all above statements at all Girl Scout sponsored activities.**

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| **Signature of participant:** |  | **Date of Signature:** |  |
| **Signature of Parent/Guardian (if 18 or younger):** |  | **Date of Signature:** |  |

If you have questions or need further assistance, contact Council at [info@gsvsc.org](mailto:info@gsvsc.org) or 540-777-5100.