

Dear USA Girl Scouts Overseas Parent,

Let me begin by saying how proud we are that your daughter is a member of Girl Scouts of the USA through USA Girl Scouts Overseas. We are committed to providing your daughter(s) with the opportunity to be a Girl Scout no matter where she moves in the world. We want girls to know that the Girl Scout organization is one thing they can take with them no matter where they move in the world.

My reason for writing this letter is not to be an alarmist but to be proactive. Or as we say in the Girl Scout organization, to "Be Prepared." With the developments in the Middle East being so unstable, we want to help you be prepared with information that will help your daughter continue in Girl Scouting, should your family be evacuated back to the USA.

As you are probably aware, there are Girl Scout Councils throughout the USA. The contact information for each council can be found on the Girl Scouts of the USA Web site <http://www.girlscouts.org/councilfinder>. If you do not have access to a computer, you may call the Girl Scouts of the USA toll free from anywhere in the USA by dialing 1-800-247-8319. The Overseas Committee Chair in your current USAGSO location can provide you with an introductory letter from USA Girl Scouts Overseas that will help the council locate your daughter's registration information, and encourages the council to help find a troop for your daughter.

If you should be evacuated to another country rather than stateside, contact overseas@girlscouts.org so that we can work directly with you to place your daughter in an existing USAGSO troop in your new country location.

While the possibility of evacuation can create anxiety, we want to assure you we are here for you should you need our assistance. USA Girl Scouts Overseas wants to help alleviate some of that stress by providing the opportunity for your daughter to take with her one thing that is hers and will continue to be hers... her membership in the Girl Scout Movement.

Please feel free to contact us should you need any assistance in placing your daughter in Girl Scouting. Hopefully, you will not need any of this information. We do, however, want to assure you we are here for you should you need our assistance.

Sincerely,

Sandy Thomas
Director
USA Girl Scouts Overseas