



March 5, 2021



Cookie Program Now Extended Through March 14

Due to the recent weather restraints, GSSI is extending its 2021 Cookie Program to ensure girls have enough time to reach their individual and troop goals. Girls may sell online and in-person and Troop Cookie Booths may be scheduled through March 14. Please see the NEW schedule outlined below and contact cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org if you have any questions or concerns. [Cookies 101](#) has also been updated on the website with the NEW extended timeline.

Updated Cookie Program Dates

- Last Day Of Cookie Program: Sunday, March 14
- All Money Due to Troop: Tuesday, March 16**
- All Troop Money and Final Reports to SU: Saturday, March 20**
- Main Recognitions due in Smart Cookies: Saturday, March 20
- All Final Reports Due To Council: Thursday, March 25

***Unless told otherwise by your SUCC*

Bling Your Booth 2021

Attract more customers to your cookie booth by creating a fun and eye-catching cookie display! We encourage girls to use their imagination and creativity to make their booths unique with our Bling Your Booth Contest.

Troops may enter by submitting pictures of their booth creation, and the winners will be selected by vote on the GSSI Facebook page. Photos may be submitted via Facebook message or to lalvey@girlscouts-gssi.org. Entries must be received by Monday, March 8. Need inspiration? [Check out last year's booths.](#)



Cookie Resources

- [Cookies 101](#): An in-depth guide for leaders and volunteers covering all aspects of the Cookie Program.
- [2021 Cookie Booth Guidelines](#)
- [2021 Cookie Program Calendar & Cookie Cupboard Quick Reference](#)
- [Girl & Family At-a-Glance](#): A quick reference guide for girls and their families including what's new, cookie program basics, important dates, and more.
- [Virtual Cookie Booth Guide](#): Information regarding the new Virtual Cookie Booth option.
- [GSSI Smart Cookies Zoom Training](#): Presented by Reggie, our council rep from ABC Bakers (Recorded 12/16/2020)

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More details coming soon! For sponsorship opportunities, contact mfee@girlscouts-gssi.org.

Submit GSSI Award Nominations Now

In an organization where leadership and excellence is customary, special recognition is a must for those who go above and beyond! Do you know of a teen, adult volunteer, or staff member who deserves a little extra appreciation?

Nominate them for a GSSI Award!

Nominations for council awards are due April 30. Awards are presented at service unit meetings in May. For more information on each award and to submit a nomination, visit the link below.

GSSI AWARDS

Honor & Golden Honor Troop Applications Due April 1

The deadline for Honor & Golden Honor troops for the 2019-2020 program year

has been extended through April 1! Troops can apply using the link below.
Contact support@girlscouts-gssi.org with questions.

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Virtual Volunteer Workshops

From GSUSA: "Tips for Troop Leaders Live: How to Overcome Troop Leader Burnout" Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00 PM CST [Register](#)

Workshop with Mental Health America: "QPR, Questions, Persuade, Refer" on Thursday, April 8, 6:00-7:00 PM CST [more info](#)

Troop Leader Blueprint Tutorial: Learn about all of the resources available on the Troop Leader Blueprint with this [tutorial video](#).

Girls of Faith: Celebrating Together



Curious about other faiths? Join us for a special event series!

If you want to learn more about how your own faith connects to your Girl Scout experience, we have just the thing! Our new virtual event series for girls in grades 4-12, Girls of Faith: Celebrating Together, will feature:

- An inspiring interfaith celebration
- Girl Scouts and faith speakers sharing their views about what makes their faiths unique and what we have in common—all faiths welcome!
- Fun, interactive activities

- A very special series kick-off message from GSUSA interim CEO Judith Batty

Join your sister Girl Scouts and faith leaders to celebrate your own faith, learn about other faiths, and take steps to earn your [My Promise, My Faith pin](#).

RSVP today, and invite a friend to come along too! Choose from three events—come to one or come to all. You can even submit your [questions](#) for speakers ahead of each event.

REGISTER NOW

Girl Scouts & UNICEF Kid Power®

More than 50 million adults, kids, and families in the U.S. are experiencing food insecurity, a number that has only increased since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Those in need may include members of our own communities, friends and family, or members of our troops, making this a sensitive and important take-action issue for Girl Scouts.

Girls can make a big difference in their communities—and for children around the world—through GSUSA's new partnership with [UNICEF Kid Power®](#). This program will get girls moving, and allows your troop to unlock virtual coins to support local causes that provide meals to families in your community! And, for every ten exercise or mindfulness videos girls complete, UNICEF delivers one therapeutic food packet to a severely malnourished child. Your troop's donation may go anywhere in the world!

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Join in the Fun with a Monthly Mailer Subscription

We know it has been a tough year for everyone, and Girl Scouts is one of the only activities in a girl's life that can continue virtually. Right now their sisterhood is more important than ever! To help girls continue the fun of Girl Scouting, GSSI has created our new Monthly Mailer subscription program. By joining this fun program, girls will receive a different kit in the mail each month containing a badge activity, fun patch activity, a SWAP to make and share, and a mystery Girl Scout item! Find out more and subscribe now at the link below.

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Join Us for GSSI's Virtual Troop Meetings

Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana would like to invite girls in grades K-5 to participate in our Virtual Girl Scout Troop! This opportunity is for individually registered girl members, girls whose troops have paused during the winter months, and girls in active troops who are excited to meet new friends!

Staff-led meetings will be held through Zoom the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 6:30-7:30PM CST. (Meeting time subject to change based on needs of participants.)

The next virtual Zoom meeting is **March 9 from 6:30-7:30pm CST**. Register to join us with the link below! *A link will be emailed to you to join the virtual troop meetings after registration.*

[REGISTER NOW](#)

GSUSA Girl Advisory Board Now Accepting Applications

The Girl Advisory Board to GSUSA works with the Girl Scout national office on key projects and initiatives aligned to the national strategy and provides critical customer insight and innovative ideas to serve girls in the 21st Century. If you are interested, please apply using the application below by March 31. This program is for girls in grades 8-12.

[APPLY HERE](#)



Upcoming Events & Program Opportunities

National Girl Scout Week 2021

March 7-March 13

Girl Scout Week is definitely something to celebrate—seven straight days to show off

your Girl Scout pride and lift up all that this worldwide sisterhood has given you, your community, and the world. Join us in treating each day from Sunday, March 7, through Saturday, March 13, as a day of action focused on a powerful yet simple way to get involved. [More Info](#)

Girl Scout Day of Dance

March 14 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

Children's Center for Dance Education will host a day to learn different types of dance! Come for fun and fitness! Learn different types of dance such as western suite. Program satisfies some requirements for badges including performance. Please wear stretchy clothes and socks. Masks or our bandana required to enter studio. [More info](#)

Take Action for the Environment with Alcoa

Thanks to a generous grant from Alcoa Foundation, GSSI will offer mini grants for take action and highest award projects that focus on environmental sustainability and/or environmental education throughout the 2020-2021 membership year. Troops, service unit events, service unit camps, and/or individuals (registered members grades K-12) must submit a mini grant proposal form to be considered. If awarded, project will receive \$75.00 towards project expenses.

[GSSI Tree Pledge Seed Request](#)

Spring Program Guide Now Available!

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