



April 16, 2021

A promotional graphic for summer camp programs. It features a blue background with a white trefoil symbol on the left. The text "Camp life is the best life..." is written in a yellow cursive font. Below it, the text "REGISTER NOW FOR OUR EXCITING NEW SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS!" is written in large, bold, white, uppercase letters. At the bottom left, the Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana logo is displayed. On the right side, there are four triangular photo cutouts showing girls engaged in various outdoor activities: one girl in a blue jacket, a group of girls in a canoe, a girl in a colorful shirt, and a group of girls around a campfire.

Summer camp programs are back for 2021! We have several all-new programs for all grade levels.

Join us as we kick off the summer at Camp Carnes in Jasper on May 1st for our Passport to Camp Jamboree! It will be a day full of camp-themed activities including canoeing, marbling, wood making, tie dye, nature lessons, fire building, and songs! Plus, meet our Camp Koch summer staff and sign up for your 2021 camp weekend session! This event is open to all girls entering grades K-12 in the fall and their families. Get full information and register [HERE](#). *Hurry, the registration deadline is Wednesday, April 28!*

Can't make it to Jasper? Don't worry - we've got a full schedule of programs happening this summer. Check out the complete list and register for your session now at the link below.



Day Camp Dates & Information Available

In addition to council camp events, day camps will also be held by service units this summer! More information will be added as dates are confirmed.

[GSSI Day Camps](#)

Announcing the 2021 Top Cookie Bosses!



We are proud of all of our Girl Scouts and volunteers that made this year's Cookie Program a huge success. Over 1,300 girls participated, and as a council sold nearly 270,000 packages. The top Cookie Boss, Addy Burge, broke a GSSI record by selling 4,051 packages!

Top Cookie Boss: Addy Burge from Troop 315 sold 4,051 packages

Top-Selling Troop: Troop 557 from Knox County sold 11,705 packages

Bling Your Booth Winner: Troop 418 from Northwest Vanderburgh

Watch for a full recap of the 2021 program and a list of all of our cookie celebrities coming soon!

Cookie Recognitions Update

Cookie recognitions are in and will be distributed to troop leaders in the upcoming weeks. Please email support@girlscouts-gssi.org if you have not received your girl's recognitions by May 3, 2021.



End of Cookie Program Survey Now Open

GSSI's Product Sales team is always here to help! We want to do whatever we can to make your next cookie program even bigger and better. We read every comment and suggestion, so please share any feedback or ideas with us through our short [2021 Cookie Program Survey](#).

Congratulations to Our Girl Award Recipients

Congratulations to our award recipients for 2020-2021! Check out GSSI's Award Publication below and please email support@girlscouts-gssi.org for any corrections to the publication.

AWARDS PUBLICATION

It's Time to Renew Your Membership!

A banner with a light blue background on the left and a purple background on the right. The left side features a purple hexagon with the text 'You've Got This' in white. Below the hexagon, the text 'Today, tomorrow, together— Girl Scouts is on your team.' is written in a dark teal color. At the bottom left, a purple rounded rectangle contains the text 'RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP' in white. The right side of the banner features a photograph of a young girl with long brown hair, wearing a white jacket and a brown vest, and a pink face mask. The photo is framed with a purple border that has a scalloped edge.

You've Got This

Today, tomorrow, together—
Girl Scouts is on your team.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

When the world turned upside down, you turned to Girl Scouts, and your trust in us means so much. Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana will continue to be here for you and your family through it all. Cheering you on, lifting you up, celebrating your strengths. Today, tomorrow, together - Girl Scouts is on your team.

Renew her membership now to earn special incentives!

LEARN MORE

It's almost here! Join us for **Becoming Me**, a virtual event with Michelle Obama!

Kick off another year of discovery, sisterhood, and Girl Scout fun by joining GSUSA's exclusive, virtual **Becoming Me** program! Girls will unlock the power of their unique story and explore who they can become, earn badges, and even attend a special members-only event with Mrs. Obama!

This exclusive, virtual event is only open to individuals that have registered for the 2022 membership year (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022). This virtual event will provide you with early access to the **Becoming Me** program.

Event registration is now open; [save your spot](#) by April 30.

Women of Distinction 2021 - Thank You!

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Thank you to all of our sponsors, donors, and viewers of Women of Distinction 2021, and congratulations once again to all of our deserving awardees.

In case you missed it, the full awards ceremony is available to watch at the link below.

[WATCH NOW](#)

Are You Tough Enough to Conquer the Tough Cookie Mud Run?



You may be tough, but are you tough enough to conquer the Tough Cookie Mud Run? Test the limits of your mental and physical toughness as you run, crawl, jump, climb, and giggle your way through rugged woodland and steep hills along the beautiful Ohio River. Whether you're an elite athlete or just looking for a fun challenge with friends, Tough Cookie Mud Run is for you!

NEW COURSE THIS YEAR! You'll take on natural and man-made obstacles like treacherous tight ropes and arduous mud-caked trails as you make your way to the finish line. You will get dirty, muddy, and wet; that's what makes it fun! Participants must work together to overcome a number of obstacles along the way, at least 10 within the 5k trail. Try not to crumble as you climb a giant tire wall, crawl through muddy pits, run up a 10' warped wall, take an arctic dip, and leap over fire!

First 50 to register get a **FREE** Tough Cookie t-shirt! Must be registered by July 16, 2021!

Must be 14 years old by August 22, 2021 to participate in all obstacles. Kids ages 10-13 may run a limited course. All participants will sign a waiver to participate. Individuals under the age of 18 will need a parent or guardian present to sign a waiver on the day of the event.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Show Your Volunteers Some Love During Volunteer Appreciation Month!

We



you.

From troop leaders to cookie managers, the adults who make Girl Scouts so fun and meaningful are all volunteers. They give their time, energy, and talent because they believe in you and your community—because they believe in the power of girls.

This year we're marking National Volunteer Month by sending a shout-out to all of our amazing council volunteers in April, but we know it will mean so much more to them to hear directly from YOU!

Find fun ways to recognize your volunteers at the link below!

[LEARN MORE](#)

Girl Scout Voices Count Survey Now Open



At Girl Scouts, we care about your experience—good or bad—and we want to hear from you! This month GSUSA is conducting a national survey with girls,

parents or caregivers, and troop leaders called Girl Scout Voices Count to find out what's working and what's not. (Service unit volunteers will be surveyed in May.) We'll use your feedback to improve our services and programs.

As a thank you, everyone who completes the survey will have a chance to win one of 20 \$50 gift cards from GSUSA. PLUS - GSSI will enter troop leaders that complete the survey into a \$50 drawing (3 winners) and parents/girls will be entered into a \$25 drawing (4 winners)!

We can't wait for you to make your voice count!

Got questions? Email GSVoicesCount@girlscouts.org

Last Call for GSSI Award Nominations!

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](#)

2021 Spring Program Guide Now Available

Start planning for spring and summer activities with the latest program guide from GSSI! The guide contains a full list of available partner programs, camp dates, and council events for all grade levels.

[LEARN MORE](#)



[Upcoming Events & Program Opportunities](#)

It's Earth Month! 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. [GRANT REQUEST FORM](#)

Upcoming Community Partner Events

- **eVscope Event for Cadettes with Evansville Museum:** Saturday, May 8
[MORE INFO](#)
- **Thrive Dance, Cheer, and Tumbling** is offering \$20 off a Birthday Party for any Girl Scout that attends one of their summer camps. [MORE INFO](#)
- **Safe @ Home Virtual Safe Sitter Program:** April 26. Contact Kendra Hatfield at (812)485-5813 to register
- **PAR IT Consulting Digital Photography Workshop** for grades K-5, May 12
[MORE INFO](#)



Have a question? Don't be shy!
Contact us for more information.