



February 19, 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

Additional Friday Cookies Date Added

Due to the recent inclement weather, Friday Cookies will be offered again on February 26. Orders must be picked up at Belmont that day and returned to the council office on Monday, March 1. Pick-ups are available every 15 minutes from 8:00 AM CST-3:45 PM CST; only two groups may pick up per time slot. Orders may be placed online through the link below or by calling the council office and must be received by Wednesday, February 24 at 4:00 PM CST. (NOTE: Form will not open for submissions until Saturday 2/20).

[ORDER FRIDAY COOKIES HERE](#)

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.](#)

NEW! 2021 Cookie Booth Guidelines Document

The new 2021 Cookie Booth Guidelines document contains complete information and safety guidelines for holding traditional, virtual, and drive-thru booths. View or download the guide [here](#).

Troop-Secured Cookie Booths

In addition to the GSSI-secured cookie booths above, troops are encouraged to contact local businesses to inquire about cookie booths. **Remember: ALL troop-secured booths must be entered into Smart Cookies and approved by the council in order to ensure times are not double-booked.** To ensure council approval, please add your booth information to Smart Cookies as soon as possible. *Reminder: If your cookie booth is not in Smart Cookies, troops will not be able to use the credit card platform at the cookie booth that ABC provides and the booth will not be shown on the Cookie Finder app/website.* GSSI has created the Cookie Booth Request Letter to provide specific COVID guidelines that troops and volunteers will follow. [Download Here](#)

Virtual Cookie Booths

The virtual cookie booth link is now available! Please remember to set a pick-up date from the virtual booth after your troop has received their cookies. Virtual

Cookie Booths need to be entered into Smart Cookies but do not need to be approved by council.



Keep Selling to Reach Higher Goals!

Don't forget that even though initial orders have been turned in, girls can continue taking orders to reach even higher goals! Need a new order card? [Download here!](#)

National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend Walkabout



National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend is this weekend, February 19-21! We invite girls to celebrate by spreading joy in their communities with a cookie walkabout. This is a great opportunity to visit customers you might have missed in January or revisit customers who need to restock. Who can resist when a Girl Scout is at their door with their favorite cookies in hand?

[LEARN MORE](#)



New Cookie Resources Now Available

- [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)
- [Cookie Marketing Tools for Troops](#): ABC Bakers and GSUSA have created a variety of printable and digital assets that girls can use to promote their cookie business.



Don't forget to stop by the council shop to grab your cookie season gear!

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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



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](#).

World Thinking Day is Monday, February 22!

On February 22, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides across 150 countries celebrate [World Thinking Day](#)—that’s one big celebration!

The [World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts](#) (WAGGGS), along with Girl Scouts of the USA and the other WAGGGS member organizations, have celebrated World Thinking Day since 1926. That’s when delegates from around the globe met at Camp Edith Macy—now called Edith Macy Conference Center—in New York and agreed that February 22 would now be known as a special day for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts worldwide.

Observed by 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts worldwide, World Thinking Day 2021 celebrates what it means to be a peacebuilder, an important component of our global Movement. Check out our activity guides at the link below to explore this theme—and celebrate being part of the diverse global sisterhood that is Girl Guides and Girl Scouts!

[GSUSA World Thinking Day 2021](#)

Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith During Girl Scout Week



Girl Scout Week is coming and that means it’s time to celebrate with our faith communities! **Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith** festivities are a great way for Girl Scouts to be recognized at their houses of worship. They’re also the perfect time to thank your volunteers and faith partners for their support. Celebration dates for

2021 include:

- **Girl Scout Sunday – Sunday, March 7, 2021**
- **Girl Scout Jummah – Friday, March 12, 2021**
- **Girl Scout Sabbath – Friday, March 12, 2021, through Saturday, March 13, 2021**

There are lots of ways to celebrate with your faith partners. Celebrate with worship services, pre- and post-service events, or service projects. [Get started](#) with resources to help you plan, including tips for celebrating virtually.

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.

[LEARN MORE](#)

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 **February 23 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](#)

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.

APPLY NOW



Upcoming Events & Program Opportunities

Girl Scouts at Home Virtual Programming

No matter where you are, every girl can have more fun learning, doing, and growing! Check out [Virtual Events](#) hosted by various Girl Scout Councils and GSUSA!

World Thinking Day 2021 - Come Together for Peace

February 22, 2021

[More Info](#)

Save the Date! National Girl Scout Week 2021

March 7-March 13

Girl Scout Night with Newburgh Tumbling

Friday, March 5th 6:30-8:30 PM CST

Join Newburgh Tumbling for a fun opportunity for girls to learn the sport of gymnastics and tumbling with an Olympic theme. For all grade levels.

Cost: \$12/girl

Contact Sarah Beegle to register at sbeegle.troop242@gmail.com by February 15

Zoom a Zoo with Mesker Park Zoo

Join Mesker Park Zoo for live virtual experiences with zoo animals and staff using Zoom or other video conferencing application. Gather your troop to experience a dynamic, interactive discussion, and meet our special animal guests. For all grade levels.

Cost: \$50-\$150 per program

This is an anytime program; contact the zoo education department at education@meskerparkzoo.com or (812) 435-0809 to schedule.

Sift Yoga Virtual Programs

Sift Yoga is offering Girl Scouts a special 45-minute virtual yoga class that can be done as a troop or from home. For all grade levels.

Cost: \$10/girl; minimum of 6 girls

Contact Carrie Rice to schedule at siftyoga@gmail.com

Girl Scout Program at DIY Studio

DIY Studio in Evansville is now offering Girl Scouts of all levels the chance to create their own, one-of-a-kind wooden art! In-studio fees are only \$15 per girl and include all supplies. Take-home kits are also available for only \$10 per kit, but do not include paint and glue. DIY Studio is located at 1304 S. Green River Rd in Evansville. To get started, contact Stacey Merkel at merkelstacey@hotmail.com or call 812-431-4006.

Girl Scout Programs at Angel Mounds

Angel Mounds offers Girl Scout badge programs for all ages including Art in the Outdoors, Troop Camping, Citizen, Naturalist, and Crafts! Check them out in GSSI's program guides. Cost is \$5 per Girl Scout ! Call or email Elizabeth Bostelman to schedule your troop at 812-853-3956 or ebostelman@indianamuseum.org.

View GSSI's current Program Guides:

[Daisies-Juniors](#)

[Cadettes-Ambassadors](#)



Have a question? Don't be shy!

Contact us for more information.

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