



April 2, 2021

## COVID-19 Updates

GSSI has updated our council COVID-19 guidance as of April 1. The [COVID-19 General Council Guidance](#) document is an at-a-glance reference for expectations for April and May. The [Back to Troop Recommendations and Guidance](#) document contains full information on all activities (updates are noted in red).

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## It's Time to Renew Your Membership!

A graphic with a light blue background on the left and a purple background on the right. On the left, a purple hexagon contains the text "You've Got This" in white. Below it, the text "Today, tomorrow, together— Girl Scouts is on your team." is written in a dark teal font. At the bottom left, a purple button contains the text "RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP" in white. On the right, a photograph of a young girl with long brown hair, wearing a pink face mask and a brown vest over a white shirt, is framed by a purple border with rounded corners.

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

## Show Your Volunteers Some Love During Volunteer Appreciation Month!



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!

Here are six simple ways to show you care:

- Personalize one of these super cute (and free!) [thank-you cards](#) designed just for this purpose.
- Bake a special treat to brighten their day.
- Give them a glow-up with a special social media post.
- Send a quick video thanking them for all they've helped your troop accomplish.
- Choose a project from [Girl Scouts at Home](#) to make and give to your volunteer.

Thank you to all of our AMAZING volunteers!

[LEARN MORE](#)



*Camp life is the best life...*

**REGISTER NOW OUR  
EXCITING NEW  
SUMMER CAMP  
PROGRAMS!**

girlscouts  
of southwest  
indiana

Summer camp programs are back for 2021! We have several all-new programs for all grade levels. Check out full details and register now at the link below.

[MORE INFO](#)

## **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](#)

Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana Presents

# Women of Distinction



*Rising Star*  
Elisabet Sena-Martin  
Education Consultant



*Woman of Distinction*  
Lori Sutton  
Berry Global, Inc



*Advancing Women Company*  
Deaconess Health System

Join us Friday, April 9 at 11:30 AM CDT

Live streaming on Facebook Live & YouTube



Watch the awards ceremony live at

[fb.com/girlscouts.gssi](https://fb.com/girlscouts.gssi) or [youtube.com/c/girlscoutsgssi](https://youtube.com/c/girlscoutsgssi)!

## Women of Distinction 2021

This year's *Women of Distinction* is a free virtual event to enjoy; however, we are asking you to be a supporter of *Women of Distinction* to help us equip future female leaders by **giving a minimum gift of \$25**. Your investment in leadership development programs for girls today will empower more positive female leaders for tomorrow. For every \$25 given, your name will be placed in a drawing for this year's prize basket which is valued at over \$4,500 and includes:

- A Hearts on Fire platinum ring with a stunning Swiss blue topaz center stone, donated by the Diamond Galleria
- A dinner excursion for eight, donated by Bonefish Grill
- A round of golf for four with cart, donated by Rolling Hills Country Club
- A selection of wine, donated by the Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana Board of Directors

To make a donation, visit the link below. Enter "Women of Distinction" in the comment box to ensure that you are entered in the drawing.

**GIVE 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 over the age of 14 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](#)

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## Girl Scout Voices Count Survey Opens April 5



At Girl Scouts, we care about your experience—good or bad—and we want to hear from you!

In April, we'll be 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.

**The surveys open on April 5.** Save the date and be sure to check your email for the invitation to participate.

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](mailto:GSVoicesCount@girlscouts.org)

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## Cookie Updates

- Recognition orders have been placed and will be delivered to the SUCC in each area. Please work with your SUCC to make sure recognitions are picked up and distributed within your troop.
- All final paperwork is due to the council by **Monday, April 5**. If you do not turn in your final paperwork or any money by this date, it will be considered delinquent. If you have questions, contact Gretchen at [cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org](mailto:cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org).
- Watch for Top Cookies Bosses and Top Troops coming soon!

# Submit Your 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](#)



## 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](#)

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### Making Music Together with Sigma Alpha Iota (Juniors)

Sunday, April 18, 2021, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM CDT

Join members of Sigma Alpha Iota, international music fraternity for women, on Sunday, April 18 2021 for an afternoon of music and fun! This virtual event will offer girls the opportunity to identify different instruments, learn about famous women composers, make instruments from things you have at home, hear from a music professional in our community, and make music as a group. At the end of the day, you will have earned your Musician badge! [LEARN MORE](#)

### Girl Scout Citizen Science (All grades)

Saturday, April 24, 2021(Evansville) and Sunday, April 25 (Newburgh) - Times differ by grade level

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Get started on the NEW Girl Scout Citizen Scientist Journeys with the help of NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador, Girl Scout leader and lifetime member Mandy Scurry. We will prepare our minds for scientific observations and learn about ways we can help scientists from our own backyards!

[EVANSVILLE SESSION INFO](#)

[NEWBURGH SESSION INFO](#)

