

January 7, 2022



Upcoming Holiday Office Hours

Please note that the GSSI Office & Shop will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 17.



For more than 100 years, Girl Scouts has helped girls develop the skills and confidence they need to succeed in every area of life. From the youngest Girl Scout to our graduating high school seniors, we believe in the power of every girl. Join our team and help champion the changemakers and leaders of tomorrow.

Are you seeking a career that allows you to use your unique skills and talents to continue the mission of creating girls of courage, confidence, and character? GSSI has positions open now, and we invite you to find out more about joining our team.

Girl Experience Specialist

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The Girl Experience Specialist is responsible for developing, implementing, and

evaluating inclusive, innovative, and relevant girl program experiences that fulfill the Girl Scout mission. This position will serve as an internal program expert to Girl Scout volunteers and drive the creation of activities and services to improve the delivery of the Girl Scout experience to girls in grades K-12.

Customer Care Retail Specialist

The Customer Care and Retail Specialist provides professional, quality customer service to internal and external customers. They also maintain merchandise and stimulate sales in the Girl Scout Shop while presenting a positive image of Girl Scouts.

Learn more about these and other open positions as well as compensation and benefits at the link below.

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Important Cookie Updates

Upcoming Cookie Dates

Please note these upcoming deadlines:

- For troops opting out of recognitions & Cookie Dough, forms are due by Sunday, January 9. The form is available <u>HERE</u> and can be emailed to cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org.
- Initial girl orders are due to the troop by Tuesday, January 11.
- Initial troop orders are due to the SUCC no later than Friday, January 14.
- Cookies arrive Monday, February 7.

Council Cookie Booth Lotteries

A council lottery for multiple locations will run from **Tuesday, January 18th at 10 AM CST-Thursday, January 20th at 6:00 PM CST**.

The locations included in the lottery will be:

- Walmart- Newburgh
- Walmart- First Avenue, Evansville
- GNC in Eastland Mall, Evansville
- A stationary cart in Eastland Mall, Evansville

Lotteries will be drawn at 7:00 PM CST on the ending date and troops selected will receive an email from ABC Smart Cookies. Any remaining council lottery locations will become first come, first serve on Friday, January 21st at 10:00 AM CST.

Additional Updates

- If you are a cookie volunteer or troop leader and do not see any of your girls listed in Smart Cookies, please contact cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org
- Cookie costumes can be checked out for cookie booths. There will be a limit of 2 costumes checked out at a time for a troop. The return date will be confirmed when the troop checks them out. Costumes will be sanitized between uses.

Cookie questions? Contact us at cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org.

Upcoming Girl Event: Girl Scout Day of Dance with Children's Center for Dance Education

Learn different types of dance such as Hip Hop, Filipino Tinikling, and dances from Mexico! This program satisfies some requirements for badges including performance.

When: Sunday, January 23, 2:00-4:00 PM Where: Children's Center for Dance Education, 5900 Vogel Rd, Evansville, IN 47715



We invite you to save the date to join us for our Women of Distinction awards ceremony and luncheon on April 8, 2022 at 11:30 AM CST at Bally's Evansville. Women of Distinction is a community-wide annual celebration of successful female leaders in Southern Indiana. All proceeds go to fund the Girl Scout Leadership Program, which in turn helps Girl Scouts grow into the leaders and changemakers of tomorrow. Awardees and ticket information will be announced in the coming weeks.

Sponsorship opportunities are available! For more information, contact Mary Fee at mfee@girlscouts-gssi.org or call (812) 421-4970.

Order New Official Apparel from GSSI and Receive a Free Patch - Limited Time Only!



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GSUSA has new uniform and official apparel available for all ages, and now, when you shop through GSSI, you will receive a free "Girl: As in Girl Scout" patch! (While supplies last.) To view the entire collection, view the new <u>Girl Scouts Essentials Guide.</u> For complete information on ordering from the GSSI shop, visit the link below.

2022 Troop Tees & Hoodies Now Available

New troop tees and hoodies are now available for order! The design features the GSSI logo on the front and your troop number on the sleeve. (This may be left blank.) Orders will be placed the first of each month. To view the designs and place your order, visit the link below.

ORDER NOW



NEW SHOP HOURS:

- Mondays & Wednesdays: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM CST
- Thursday: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM CST
- Tuesday & Friday: CLOSED

Note: Customer Care is available Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM CST.

The shop now offers online ordering, curbside/in-store pickup and free shipping. This includes GSSI council merchandise, fun patches, and GSUSA uniforms and apparel. For more information and to view catalogs and place an order, visit the GSSI Shop page.



This week we'd like to recognize the following volunteers for their assistance with our

Animal Dance Party recruitment events:

- Ashley Bradley
- Angie Speed
- Bethany Stephens
- Vanessa Jacques
- Robyn Nordhoff
- Cammie Holm

Have a leader or volunteer you'd like to recognize for going above and beyond? Contact amiller@girlscouts-gssi.org.

FYI: Girl Scout Interest Flyers Distributed to Schools This Week

GSSI is distributing interest flyers to all elementary schools in our council this week. The purpose of the flyer is to recruit girls who were too busy to join in the fall but are interested in joining this winter. Schools that distribute flyers electronically or via Peachjar have received a digital copy of this flyer which includes a direct link to the interest page on our website in place of the tear-off portion.

GSSI staff will collect interest flyers from the schools the week of January 24, 2022. We will place interested girls with existing troops who are welcoming new girls. If an existing troop is full at this time, we will not place an interested girl with that troop. We are also working to form new troops where needed based on interest. If you know someone that may be interested in leading a troop, please direct them to GSSI!

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GSUSA Girl Advisory Board Applications Now Open!

In 2022, GSUSA is seeking ten new members to join the Girl Advisory Board to Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA). 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. Members of the Girl Advisory Board will make recommendations, contribute to key initiatives, and influence decision-making processes at our national office. Girls gain experience creating change in a national nonprofit organization, receive hands-on training, professional development opportunities and skill development.

Girl Advisory Board members serve for two years or until their high school graduation, whichever comes first.

Application Qualifications

- Enrolled in 7th 11th grade for fall 2022.
- Registered as a Girl Scout at the time of application (if accepted, girls must renew their membership by the start of the new membership year, October 1).
- Genuine interest in taking on a leadership role on the national level of Girl Scouts.
- Ability to communicate with your peers and with adults.
- Ability to work well independently and on a team.
- Committed to using technology as a platform for research and communication.

For a full description of the position, visit the link below. To apply, please submit the application below to astachura@girlscouts-gssi.org by February 14, 2022.

GSUSA Girl Advisory Board Position Description & Application



ENTER GSUSA's "To the Moon and Back" ESSAY CONTEST AND WIN A SPACE SCIENCE BADGE THAT'S BEEN TO THE MOON! Early in 2022, NASA will launch the Artemis I mission around the Moon and back to Earth. This is the first step toward NASA's goal of sending the first woman and the first person of color to the Moon. Here's the exciting news: by entering the **"Girl Scouts to the Moon and Back" essay contest** starting on January 18, 2022, Daisies through Ambassadors could win a Space Science badge that's been to the Moon on the Artemis I. Fifteen winners from each Girl Scout level will be selected.

Girl Scouts can go to **girlscouts.org/moonandback** to review official contest rules, complete the free Space Science badge activity for their level, and submit a contest entry.

Girls Grades in Grades 4-9 are Invited to Learn More about GSSI's 2024 Trip to Belize

Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana is hosting an international trip to Belize in summer 2024! Participants will explore ongoing preservation efforts, including tracking turtles via radio signal, practicing self-care with beachside yoga, learning to live off the land with cooking classes and jungle healing techniques, experiencing the excitement of snorkeling and cave tubing, and immersing themselves in local Mayan culture.

Tentative dates for the trip: June 24 – July 1, 2024. *NOTE: Girls must be entering 7th grade or above at the time of the trip to travel.*

Learn more by viewing the recording of the informational meeting HERE.

Ready to enroll? Visit the EF Tours registration page HERE.

Questions? Please contact Aimee Stachura at astachura@girlscouts-gssi.org or call (812) 421-4970.

Program Facilitators Needed!

Are you a college student, retiree, or just looking for a part time job opportunity? GSSI is looking for responsible, enthusiastic, and energetic program facilitators to lead After-School Outreach programs in community centers and schools across the Evansville area.

>MORE INFO