



April 29, 2022

Because of you,  
they shine.

Thank you, volunteers!



As Volunteer Appreciation Month draws to an end, we want to send one more heartfelt thank you to all of our amazing volunteers. Our Movement wouldn't be the same without your commitment, spark, and giving hearts. Whether you're a Girl Scout troop leader, troop volunteer, camp staff member, or a cookie parent/caregiver, you deserve to be celebrated and appreciated for changing lives, instilling hope, and building girls of courage, confidence, and character. We applaud you now and every day!



Connecting. Testing her strength. Making a difference. Renew today to make sure your Girl Scout continues to shine her brightest.

She's ready to explore, learn, and create. She's ready to come back. Keep the fun going with Girl Scouts and watch her confidence soar.

All members who register from **April 1-June 6, 2022** will receive a free patch AND a double bubble fidget backpack charm.\* Plus, for every day before June 6 you are renewed, your name will be entered into a drawing to win fun Girl Scout prizes! (For example, if you renew today, April 29, your name will be entered 39 times—that's 39 chances to win.)

Troop leaders: Troops who renew 80% of their girls and 2+ co-leaders will receive a 25% off coupon to use in the GSSI council shop!

*\*Girls who earned a membership through the 2022 Cookie Program will receive all early renewal incentives.*

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# Highest Awards Celebration

May 14, 2022

The 2022 Highest Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 14 at 2:00PM CST at First Christian Church in Evansville. We will recognize the following awardees:

- Gold, Silver, Bronze Awards
- Top 5 Individual Cookie Bosses
- Honor & Golden Honor Troops
- Journey Summit Award
- Community Service Bar
- Service to Girl Scouting
- Program Aide Mentoring Award
- 10 Year Members
- Graduating Seniors
- GSSI Adult Awards

To ensure accuracy and correct spelling, we ask all leaders with girls receiving any of these recognitions to please review the document below. Invitations have been emailed to awardees. If you have a correction to the award list or did not receive an invitation, please contact [cmccord@girlscouts-gssi.org](mailto:cmccord@girlscouts-gssi.org).

**Reminder: RSVP deadline is May 4!**

**AWARDEE LIST**

## **Plan Your Girl Scout Summer: New Program Guide Now Available**

We invite you to check out the newest version of our Program Guide, which includes both scheduled and anytime events. We have added a variety of new community partners and included community events that girls and families can

attend together. Check back often - the guide will be updated as we add new programs. Questions? Contact Cassie McCord, Girl Experience Specialist, at [cmccord@girlscouts-gssi.org](mailto:cmccord@girlscouts-gssi.org).

## Summer 2022 Program Guide

## Cookie Updates

### **Congratulations & Thank You for a Successful 2022 Cookie Program**

Thank you to our cookie volunteers for your hard work and support, and kudos to our cookie entrepreneurs for an outstanding cookie season! Check out our [Cookie Celebrity Publication](#) for the list of all of our top Cookie Bosses.

### **2022 Program Facts & Figures**

- 99.8% of eligible girls participated
- Girls sold 277,056 packages total
- Average packages sold per girl was 224
- 696 packages were donated via Cookie Share

### **End of Program Survey**

Thank you to everyone who submitted feedback via our end of Cookie Program Survey; your input is appreciated. Congratulations to Sandy McBeth for winning the prize drawing!

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## **Join us for the Spring Troop Camporee at Camp Koch-Registration Deadline is Sunday, May 1!**



We invite all troops to kick off the summer camp season at the **Spring Troop Camporee on May 7** and enjoy Camp Koch while spring is in full bloom. This session is a perfect opportunity for troops who want to visit camp but don't know where to start. GSSI will organize everything for you; all you do is show up with your girls and have fun! Troops can attend for the day or spend the night and put their camping skills to the test.



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## Summer Camp Programs

- **Resident Camps:** In addition to the Spring Troop Camporee, we will offer five different resident camp sessions at Camp Koch this summer; four for CSAs and one for Brownies and Juniors. [Learn More»](#)
- **Day Camps:**
  - Vanderburgh/Posey: 6/20-6/23 at USI [Learn More»](#)
  - Southwest Warrick: 6/16-6/17 at Camp Brosend [Learn More»](#)
  - Pike/Daviess/Martin: 6/22-24 at Pride's Creek *Info coming soon*
  - North Dubois: 7/11-7/13 at Camp Carnes [Learn More»](#)
  - Perry: 6/7-6/9 at Camp Koch [Learn More»](#)
  - Gibson: 6/18 at Gibson County Fair Grounds *Info coming soon*
  - Spencer: 8/13 at Lincoln State Park *Info coming soon*

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## Take Action for the Environment with Alcoa Foundation



Thanks to a generous grant from Alcoa Foundation, GSSI will again offer mini grants for take action and highest award projects that focus on environmental sustainability and/or environmental education throughout the remainder of the 2021-2022 membership year.

Troops, service unit events, service unit camps, and individuals (registered members grades K-12) must submit a mini grant proposal form for consideration. If awarded, the project will receive \$75.00 towards project expenses. Project plans and proposed budgets must be submitted to and approved by GSSI before starting. Final project reports and receipts must be submitted by troop/group/individual to GSSI at the completion of the service for tracking. Projects must be completed and submitted before September 1, 2022.

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## Upcoming Community Partner Events

### **Girl Scout Event at Countryside Orchard**

**May 21 9:00-12:00 PM CT**

**16800 Petersburg Rd, Evansville, IN 47725**

Explore the orchard during spring tree blooming season. Travel through program stations across the orchard, meet the farmers and get an in-depth look at what they do every day, and take home a fruit seed to plant for GSSI's Tree Pledge. Space and parking are limited, so register early! All girls must attend with an adult or as a troop/group with required adult ratios. No tag-a-longs, please.

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### **Girl Scout Night at Newburgh Tumbling**

**June 4 6:00-8:00 PM CT**

Join Newburgh Tumbling for a fun opportunity for girls to learn the sport of gymnastics and tumbling with a carnival theme, The Greatest Gymnastics Show. Registration deadline is May 23. \*This is the final session in the spring event series.

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## GSSI Shop Updates

### **Shop Hours:**

Monday & Wednesday: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM CST

Thursday: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM CST

Tuesday & Friday: Closed

## Can't Make it In?

In addition to in-store shopping, we now offer online ordering with the option of store pick-up or FREE shipping!

SHOP NOW



## “Save your spot” for 2023 Convention!

Calling all innovators, problem solvers, phenoms, and doers (that’s you!). True phenoms find innovative solutions to problems, do things that have never been done before, and make a difference in their communities.

Ready to show the world just how phenomenal you are? Join us for a national gathering of changemakers from across the country in July 2023 at Walt Disney World Resort. Get ready to spark new ideas, make friends, have fun, and create something incredible.

Early bird registration will open this summer, but don’t wait—[fill out our interest form](#) to save your spot and stay in the loop on all the fun that awaits! There will be activities and demos in the Expo Hall, special guests, live performances, and much more. This event is open to all, including Girl Scout members, non-members, alums, and families.

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