



January 21, 2022



Career opportunities with GSSI are now available!

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

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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Council Cookie Lotteries

Any remaining booth time slots from Council Lotteries are now available as first come, first serve (FCFS) in Smart Cookies. Troops can select 2 FCFS slots.

Troop Secured Booths

Don't forget to register your troop secured booths in Smart Cookies. Adding them to the Smart Cookies platform allows you to accept credit cards at the booth and will add your booth to the Cookie Finder website and app.

Notes for adding multiple booths at the same location to Smart Cookies:

- If you have multiple booths at the same location, you only need to list the location once in Troop Secured Booths. You may then add multiple appointment times and dates for that location.
- To add an additional booth to a location at a later date:
 - Navigate to the My Reservations page

- Scroll to the booth you need to add to, click on the three dots and select "Booth Details" from the dropdown menu. This will take you to the page for this booth location.
- Add additional booths using the "Appointment Times" tab.

If you have any questions about entering a troop secured booth, please contact cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org.

Gluten Free Cookies

If your troop needs Gluten Free (GF) Cookies, please contact your cupboard manager by Thursday, February 3, if you have not already done so. (This is for troops who did not pre-order the GF cookie or troops who did pre-order but need additional cookies.) Each cupboard manager has a list of these orders, and we shouldn't have a problem fulfilling the orders that have already been placed. Cupboards will fulfill troop cookie orders first. Any additional GF cookies will then be available for troop cookie booths.

Troops that pre-ordered GF cookies will receive them with their initial order. Any additional GF cookies needed will be picked up at your local cupboard.

Additional Updates

- **Delivery dates & times:** Be sure to confirm your cookie delivery date, location, and time with your SUCC!
- **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 Cupboard Contacts

- Council Cupboard: Gretchen Fuelling, cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org
- Knox Cupboard: Sandy Maier, freymaier518@yahoo.com
- Dubois Cupboard: Kenny Speed, kspeed56@gmail.com
- Perry Cupboard: Stormie Woodrum, ckmom710@yahoo.com
- Daviess Cupboard: Annette Talbert, matalbert63@gmail.com

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



Introducing GSSI's New Director of Membership

GSSI is excited to welcome Jodie Cross to our team as the Director of Membership.

Jodie is a US Air Force and Air Force Reserve veteran who recently moved to the area with her husband, Chad, from Eau Claire, Wisconsin. As a past Girl Scout mom and a troop leader for a different grade than her daughter's, as well as Boy Scouts of America employee and volunteer, Jodie understands the time and commitment it takes from both staff and volunteers to support quality youth programs!

Outside of work, Jodie and her husband enjoy volunteering with different organizations, including a project to teach STEM skills through the youth-led restoration of a '67 Mustang Coupe in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, and participating in Star Wars cosplay for various charities. Jodie writes novels in her spare time. She has a passion for theater, gardening, vintage and muscle cars, travel, good food, board games, and antiques.

Jodie will be living near New Harmony and has a rescued horse, two rescued dogs, and two adult children. Kyle, her eldest, is a BSA Order of the Arrow Eagle, "grown and flown." Her daughter, Krysta, is a past Girl Scout Junior, has worked in nursing, and is a budding entrepreneur in self-taught candle-making. Her husband works for Expressway Dodge.

Save the date for



WOMEN
of DISTINCTION

Sponsorships Available!

April 8, 2022 - 11:30 AM CST - Bally's Evansville

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.

Last Chance to Order 2022 Troop Tees & Hoodies!

Don't miss out - order your 2022 troop tees and hoodies before it's too late! The design features the GSSI logo on the front and your troop number on the sleeve. (This may be left blank.) To view the designs and place your order, visit the link below. **Orders are due by Tuesday, February 1.**

ORDER NOW

Order New Official Apparel from GSSI and Receive a Free Patch - While Supplies Last!



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 [Girl Scouts Essentials Guide](#). For complete information on ordering from the GSSI shop, visit the link below.

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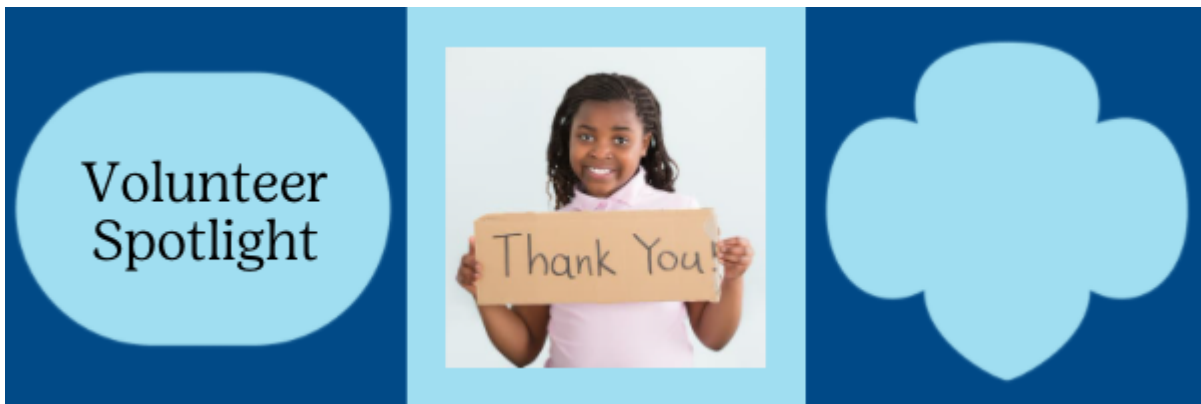
Girl Scout Shop Hours

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 collecting interest forms from local schools:

- Nina Whelan
- Gayla Vincent
- Michelle Loughrie
- Suzy Harper
- Tarry Kerkhoff
- Angie Speed
- Stephanie Walsh
- Traci Fischer
- Penny Lefler
- Cindy Watjen
- Becky Grimes
- Monica Gilmore
- Chris Magruder

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

Save the Date for Highest Awards 2022!

Our annual Highest Awards ceremony & banquet will take place on **Saturday, May 14** at Bally's Evansville. The ceremony will recognize Gold, Silver, and Bronze Award recipients, Top Cookie Bosses (500+), and GSSI Adult Awardees. Note: This year's GSUSA Adult Award recipients will be honored at the Women of Distinction event in April.

Event details will be released in future newsletters and on our Facebook page.

Upcoming Community Partner Event: Mesker Park Zoo's Teddy Bear Clinic

Teddy Bear Clinic is a fun event for kids to bring their stuffed animals to come visit the Veterinarian for a little TLC and then receive a Health Certificate.

When: Sunday, January 30, 2022 from 1:00-3:00 PM CST

Where: Mesker Park Zoo

Cost: Free with paid zoo admission; visit meskerparkzoo.com for more information. (This event is open to the public; it is not a Girl Scout-only event.)



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.

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**](https://girlscouts.org/moonandback) to review official contest rules, complete the free Space Science badge activity for their level, and submit a contest entry.

National Service Project: Cupid Crew Valentine's Day Cards



Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity for you and your troop to reach out and show others that you care—especially those who may be alone on a day that's all about connection!

For our second year, Girl Scouts of the USA is teaming up with Wish of a Lifetime from AARP, an organization dedicated to celebrating older adults' stories and forging intergenerational connections, for Cupid Crew 2022, a volunteer-driven effort to safely create heartfelt cards for older adults who are socially isolated. Building on last year's momentum, Wish of a Lifetime hopes to send nearly a quarter million cards through the Cupid Crew campaign.

Your troop can help spread the joy by writing Valentine's Day cards as a part of the Cupid Crew National Service Project. Check out [Girl Scouts' National Service Projects](#) page for instructions on how your troop can get involved.

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