



March 18, 2022

Congratulations to our Bling Your Booth Winners!



Congratulations to **Troop 97** for winning the 2022 Bling Your Booth contest! "Our whole troop worked very hard on the booth. My daughter and I made the cookie costumes and hand-stitched most of the details!" said Troop Leader Amber Sutton. In addition to Troop 97, **Troop 418** placed second and **Troop 440** third in the contest.

Thanks to all of the troops who participated and showed off their Girl Scout spirit

this cookie season! In case you missed it, check out all of the submissions [HERE](#).



THANK YOU COOKIE VOLUNTEERS!

As the Cookie Program draws to a close, we would like to send a huge shoutout to all of the Service Unit Cookie Chairs (SUCC), troop cookie volunteers, and troop leaders who helped to make the season a success! Thank you also to all of the community partners that allowed girls to host cookie booths and helped them reach their goals!

Special recognition to:

- Annette Talbert, Daviess/Martin SUCC & Cookie Cupboard Manager
- Lisa Prow, North Dubois SUCC
- Tarry Kerkhoff, South Dubois SUCC
- Kenny Speed, South Dubois Cookie Cupboard Manager
- Heather Barnett, East River SUCC
- Jennyfer Strickland, South & East Gibson SUCC
- Natalie Teeters, North Gibson SUCC
- Cynthia Watjen, Knox SUCC
- Sandy Maier, Knox Cookie Cupboard Manager
- Karen Bengert, North Central SUCC
- Kathy Peckenpaugh, Northwest SUCC
- Amy Draeger, North Warrick SUCC
- Stormie Woodrum, Perry SUCC
- Janelle James, Perry Cookie Cupboard Manager
- Kym Mosby, Perry Cookie Cupboard Manager
- Sandy McBeth, Pike SUCC
- Erica Sims, Posey SUCC
- Kaycie Oakley, Southwest Warrick SUCC
- Kathy Seckinger, Spencer SUCC

- Pat Buchanan & Diane Meier, Council Cupboard Volunteers
 - Ondrea Temme, Belmont Moving & Storage
 - Reggie Mahoney, ABC Bakers Representative for GSSI
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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.

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](#)

Troop Support & Service Unit Support

The Troop and Service Unit Support role works to successfully recruit, train, and support troop leaders within an assigned section of the council. [LEARN MORE](#)

Membership Recruiter

The Membership Recruiter works to successfully bring in more girls and families to the our movement. They promote the Girl Scout experience to girls, parents, other caring adults, and community partner organizations, encouraging them to join, volunteer, and give of their time and resources. [LEARN MORE](#)

Introducing Cassie McCord, Girl Experience Specialist

The GSSI team continues to grow! We are excited to introduce Cassie McCord, our new Girl Experience Specialist. In her role, Cassie will oversee girl programming, highest awards, community partnerships, council events, and more.

Cassie is originally from Montgomery, Alabama, but spent the last six years in Palm Beach, Florida.

Growing up, Cassie was a Girl Scout Brownie and Junior. She spent her summers volunteering for Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama and was a camp counselor for two years in high school.

She has an associate's degree in Child Development and was a pre-K teacher for four years. She also has a Certified Nonprofit Professional credential from the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance Program at Auburn University Montgomery. In this program, she partnered with Toys for Tots for their annual Christmas Program to benefit local families in need. She also organized community Thanksgiving dinners and Easter programs, Adopt-A-Thons with the Humane Society, and many other sustainable programs within her community.

Cassie is also a veteran, serving eight years as an Army Reservist.

*Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana
presents*



Save the date!

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



Woman of Distinction

Dr. Gina Huhnke
Deaconess Health System



Rising Star

Jacqueline Keneipp Barnette
Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation



**Advancing Women
Company**

CenterPoint Energy



Mistress of Ceremonies

Lori Sutton
Alcoa

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.

PURCHASE TICKETS

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

Join us for the Spring Troop Camporee at Camp Koch!



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.

At the Camporee, girls will learn about Leave No Trace principles, participate in team-building adventures, and try our expanded variety of shooting sports! All girls will be able to use our exciting new slingshots, Brownies will have fun with BB guns and archery, and Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors will have an opportunity to try their hand at knife and hatchet throwing.

To make the day more accessible to all, we will only be using upper camp (the ballfield, Breezy Corner, Pinewood, and Hilltop); troops will not have to tackle the hills and long treks back and forth from both sides of the property.

We will also hold Basic Outdoor Skills and Troop Camp Training sessions for adults. (Note: these adults will not be counted in troop safety ratios.)

Cost:

- Day Option: (Saturday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM CST) \$15 per person; includes lunch and snack.
- Overnight Option: (Saturday 9:00 AM-Sunday 9:00 AM CST) \$25 per person; includes lunch, snack, and dinner on Saturday plus breakfast on Sunday. Platform tent and pop-up tent accommodations only; troops must bring their own tents if not sleeping in platform tents. Platforms will be available first-come first serve during the registration period. (Please note, leaders must have completed Basic Outdoor Skills and Troop Camp Training prior to the Camporee to stay overnight.)

Questions? Contact Olivia Blanco, Outdoor Experience Specialist, at oblanco@girlscouts-gssi.org.

REGISTER NOW

Resident Summer Camp Programs

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»](#)

Take action for
the environment
with a mini grant
from



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.

APPLY HERE

In addition to the mini grants, Alcoa Foundation has joined with GSSI on our Local Tree Pledge, which allowing troops to receive free seeds to plant across our communities. The pledge will work to provide healthier air and water for our neighbors, make our communities more attractive, and teach girls to be good environmental stewards. [Request Your Seeds](#)

Join the Fun with the Spring 2022 Event Series!

We have two more community partner events scheduled for May & June! All girls in grades K-5 are invited; you don't have to be a registered Girl Scout to participate. Each program is facilitated by a different community partner at the business location.

The cost for each event is \$15, but if you sign up for both events you will receive a \$5 discount on the June event.

Note: Each event is for girls only; no tag-a-long siblings, please.

May: Building Friendships Through Yoga with Sift Yoga

Join Sift Yoga for a special Girl Scout-inspired 45-minute yoga class focusing on the theme of friendship (yoga mats, blocks and bolsters provided). The Program will be taught by Certified Children's Yoga Teachers. Four session times available, maximum 15 girls per session.

[June: Girl Scout Night at Newburgh Tumbling](#)

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.

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

More Upcoming Events

Girl Scout Night at Disney On Ice

March 31, April 1, or April 2 at the Ford Center in Evansville

Join Mickey Mouse and his friends at Disney On Ice presents Mickey's Search Party, an adventure filled with world-class skating, high-flying acrobatics and unexpected stunts! Each registered Girl Scout who attends will also receive a special Disney on Ice fun patch!* The patches will be distributed through council after the event, NOT at the event. (While supplies last.) Discounted tickets are \$20 and no Ticketmaster fees will be applied. Ages 2 and under are free.

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Party for the Planet with Mesker Park Zoo

Saturday, April 23

Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden will be partying for the planet to honor and celebrate our rich, beautiful planet and the diversity of life that calls it home.

The party will host many fun and engaging activities that will highlight the theme "Spring into Action!" There will be a lot to see and do, including activity stations, animal encounters, keeper chats, entertainment, animal feedings, community vendors and mascots, art contest entries on display, and more. The zoo will help families "spring into action" to save our species and planet through simple, meaningful daily actions! (This is a community event, not a Girl Scout-specific event.)



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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](#)

Celebrating 110 Years of Girl Scouts

March 12, 2022, marked the 110th anniversary of Girl Scouts! As a member of the Girl Scout family, you know firsthand how Girl Scouts are creating our future. From climbing mountains to breaking through glass ceilings, Girl Scouts dream big and make our world better. Thank you for being a part of our history—and our future. Please join us as we celebrate 110 years of Girl Scouts!



GSUSA has created a patch, pin, and activity sheet for you to use as you celebrate this Girl Scout milestone throughout the upcoming year.

[LEARN MORE](#)

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