



April 1, 2022

A promotional graphic with a purple background on the left and a green background on the right. The purple section contains the text "Keep the fun going!" in a large, white, serif font, followed by "Bigger and better things are around the corner." in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Below this is a green button with the text "RENEW TODAY" in white, uppercase, sans-serif font. The green section features a circular cutout of a young girl with dark hair, wearing a yellow shirt and a brown Girl Scout sash with the number "017" on it, standing outdoors with her arms crossed.

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 April 1, your name will be entered 67 times—that's 67 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 2022 Information

Highest Awards Ceremony

SAVE THE DATE! The 2022 Highest Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 14 at 2:00PM CST in Evansville. Location information coming soon!

Highest Awards Publication

Each year, we produce a publication of all girl award recipients, including Highest Awards, Honor Troops, Community Service Bar, Service to Girl Scouts, Journey Summit, 10-year Girl Scouts, and graduating seniors. To ensure accuracy and correct spelling, we ask all leaders with girls receiving any of the above recognitions to please review the document below and contact Cassie McCord at cmccord@girlscouts-gssi.org with any additions or changes.

[2022 Girl Award Recipients List](#)

Cookie Updates

Congratulations to our Top Cookie Bosses!

- Top Cookie Boss: Addison Burge, 3,313 packages
- Top Troop: Troop 557 (Knox County), 12,425 packages

Kudos to these and ALL of our amazing cookie entrepreneurs! Watch for a full recap of the 2022 Cookie Program in the Cookie Celebrities publication coming soon.

Cookie Recognition Update

Cookie Recognitions have been ordered and should be in by the end of April. Once received, Service Unit Cookie Chairs will distribute to leaders. Please contact cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org if you do not receive your recognitions by

May 15, 2022.

End of Program Survey

GSSI is always working to make the Cookie Program better for the girls and volunteers. Please share your feedback and ideas with us by completing our End of Program Survey. As a thank you, there will be a drawing for a sweet treat for those who participate! [Take the 2022 End of Cookie Program Survey](#).



For 110 years, Girl Scouts have been breaking down barriers, climbing mountains, solving problems, helping others, running their own cookie businesses, making lifelong friendships, and so much more.

If you think that's incredible, just see what Girl Scouts do next!

Make your gift today and empower the changemakers of tomorrow.

[GIVE TODAY](#)

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month!

Because of you,
they shine.

Thank you, volunteers!



April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month, and we're providing tools and tips to help you celebrate all month long! Our incredible volunteers deserve to be recognized often, but during April in particular, we love to let them know just how special they are.

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We want to hear from you! The Girl Scout Voices Count survey is coming soon.

In April, we will conduct our annual Girl Scout Voices Count national survey of Girl Scouts, parents or caregivers, and troop leaders (service unit volunteers will be surveyed in May). The feedback you provide is so important as it helps us improve Girl Scouts programs and services.

The surveys open April 5. Save the date and be sure to check your email for an 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. Additionally, troop leaders who complete the survey will be entered into drawing for \$50 (3 will win) and parents/girls will be entered to win \$25 (4 will win) from GSSI.

We're looking forward to hearing what you have to say!

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.

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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.

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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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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 7: 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. Registration deadline is April 29.

June 4: 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. Registration deadline is May 23.

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More Upcoming Events

Tech Event with Vincennes University

Saturday, April 23, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM EST

Join Vincennes University instructors and students for a fun event that will allow girls to learn about a variety of STEM subjects with hands-on activities. Stations will include video game design, coding, robotics, and more!

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Party for the Planet with Mesker Park Zoo

Saturday, April 23, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM CST

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](#)
