



February 4, 2022

## **Submit GSUSA Adult Awards Nominations by February 15!**

Do you know an adult volunteer that went above and beyond during the past membership year and would like to recognize their efforts? GSUSA offers several formal awards that can be bestowed upon deserving adult volunteers. All submissions need to be received by February 15 and should be complete, including all endorsement letters, in order to be considered. Anyone can nominate a volunteer. Awardees will be recognized at GSSI's Women of Distinction Award Ceremony & Luncheon on April 8, 2022 at Bally's Evansville. Each awardee will receive a complimentary ticket to the event; additional tickets will be available for purchase. Ticket information will be sent to recipients with their award notifications.

Use the links below to submit nominations and letters of endorsement.

[NOMINATION FORM](#)

[LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT FORM](#)

[GSUSA AWARDEES 2000-2021](#)



## Important Cookie Updates

### **Cookies arrive beginning Monday, February 7!**

You should have been notified of your pick-up time and location by your SUCC. For an overview of cookie pickup and delivery to girls procedures, reference the Cookie Delivery section of Cookies 101 below. If you have any questions, please contact [cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org](mailto:cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org).

### COOKIE DELIVERY INFO

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### **The GSSI council cookie cupboard will be open at the council shop beginning Monday, February 7.**

Cupboard hours are as follows: (all times CST)

- Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM-5:30 PM
- Friday: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
- Saturdays February 12, February 19, February 26: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Cookie cupboards in Daviess, Dubois, Knox, and Perry Counties will vary and will be communicated by your SUCC.

### **Friday Cookie dates are February 11 and February 18!**

- Registration for February 11 will be available Monday, February 7 at 8:00 AM CST-Wednesday, February 13 at 4:00 PM CST.
- Registration for February 18 will be open Monday, February 14 at 8:00 AM CST-Wednesday, February 16 at 4:00 PM CST.

### **Friday Cookie Procedures:**

- Place your order on the dates listed at the link below or by calling the council office at (812) 421-4970.
- Orders are limited to 40 cases. For more than 40 cases, contact [cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org](mailto:cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org).
- Pick up is at **Belmont Moving at 2825 Maxx Rd, Evansville, IN**, from 8:00 AM-3:45 PM. When ordering, you will select a pick-up time; only two groups may pick up per 15-minute time slot.
- Full, unopened cases of cookies may be returned to the council office the Monday following your Friday pick-up. Orders must be returned by 5:30 PM CST.

For a complete overview of the Friday Cookie procedures, reference [Cookies 101: Friday Cookies](#). For questions, contact [cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org](mailto:cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org).

## FRIDAY COOKIE RESERVATIONS

### Council Cupboard & GSSI Shop Hours for Cookie Season

The council cookie cupboard located will be open Monday, February 7-Friday, March 4.

**Note: The GSSI shop will be open during all cupboard hours.**

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### Farewell and Best Wishes, Keregan!

We are sad to announce that Troop Support Specialist Keregan Cole's last day at GSSI will be Monday, February 7. Keregan has been with GSSI since 2018 when she began as the council Placement Specialist before moving into troop support last year.

We will miss you, Keregan! Thank you for your service to GSSI, and we wish you and your family all the best in the future.

Until a new Troop Support Specialist is hired, volunteers who currently work with Keregan may contact Jodie Cross, Director of Membership, at [jcross@girlscouts-gssi.org](mailto:jcross@girlscouts-gssi.org) for assistance.



*Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana*  
*presents*

 **WOMEN**  
*of* **DISTINCTION**  
**2022**

**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.

**2022 Awardees:**

- Woman of Distinction: Dr. Gina Huhnke, Regional Director, Emergency Medicine at Deaconess Health System
- Rising Star: Jacqueline Keneipp Barnette, Director of English as a Second Language and District Data at Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation
- Advancing Women Company: CenterPoint Energy

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

## Volunteer Spotlight



- A HUGE thank you to all of the CenterPoint volunteers who spent time sorting and organizing cookies at the docks this week. With their help, we're ready to go for cookie pickups on Monday!
- We'd like to recognize the following volunteers for their assistance collecting interest forms from local schools:
  - Kirby Risch
  - Jessica Hodges
  - Jillian Schroering
  - Jade Wehr
  - Jessica Miller
  - Stephanie Buse
  - Kenny Speed
  - Rachel Lewis
- Thanks also to Suzy Harper for facilitating an Animal Dance Party event in Washington.

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

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### Introducing the Spring 2022 Event Series

We have an all new series of community partner events scheduled for the spring! 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 multiple events you will receive a \$5 discount on each subsequent event; up to a total discount of \$15!

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

### March 5: Koala Art with DIY Studio

Create your own, one-of-a-kind wooden art inspired by Girl Scouts' 2022 Cookie mascot, the koala. Two session times are available.

- Session 1 – 10:30 am – 11:15 am (Max 20 girls, 1 adult may stay)
- Session 2 – 11:30 am – 12:15 pm (Max 20 girls, 1 adults may stay)

Location: 1304 S. Green River Road Evansville, IN

Deadline to register: February 24

### April-June Events:

- April 2: Zoobilee with Mesker Park Zoo
- May 7: Building Friendships Through Yoga with Sift Yoga
- June 4: Learn Tumbling & Gymnastics with Newburgh Tumbling

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

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## **Past and Present Camp Staff Members: Join us for the Camp Koch 80th Anniversary Staff Reunion!**



If you have ever been a member of the Camp Koch staff (paid or volunteer), you're invited to Camp Koch for a reunion celebration of everything you miss and love about camp. It will be a time to reunite with friends, hike to Fox Ridge or Blue Wells, enjoy the lake, make s'mores, share meals in the Dining Hall and more! The reunion will take place over Labor Day weekend, September 2-5, 2022.

Full information including a schedule of events, pricing options, and registration information is available at the link below. Questions? Please contact Beth (Alvin) Heil at (812)550-7093 or [katesmom@hotmail.com](mailto:katesmom@hotmail.com) OR Karen (Dusty) Selby at (812)457-9339 or [ksdusty758@gmail.com](mailto:ksdusty758@gmail.com). Please put 'Camp Koch Reunion' in subject line of emails.

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## Join Girl Scouts' Astronomy Club!

Do you love all things space? Are you curious about astronomy? Maybe you just love anything STEM-related. Then Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana's Astronomy Club is for you. This girl-led leadership experience gives Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador level Girl Scouts an opportunity to explore the universe together. We hold monthly meetings that focus on various fun activities in the world of astronomy like earning space science badges, performing citizen science, and of course, gazing at the cosmos. The club's meeting schedule is listed below, girls must be registered for the 2022 program year to participate.

### Meeting Schedule:

- February 13, 6:00 pm – 7:30 PM CST
- March 13, 6:00 pm – 7:30 PM CST
- April 10, 6:00 pm – 7:30 PM CST
- May 15, 6:00 pm – 7:30 PM CST

### Club Meeting Location:

Bethlehem United Church of Christ  
6400 Oak Hill Road, Evansville, IN 47725

Sign up [HERE](#) to get started! Please RSVP for February's meeting by February 10 to ensure supply availability.

GSSI's Astronomy Club is led by Mandy Scurry, NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador. She is looking for additional adult volunteers to help at meetings. If you are interested, please email Mandy at [amanjohn@hotmail.com](mailto:amanjohn@hotmail.com).

## 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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**Have a question? Don't be shy!**  
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