

of Wayne County



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Back to School Means Even More Fun At Girls Inc.

After-school time at Girls Inc is filled with a flurry of excitement. We're happy to welcome back some familiar faces and ready to meet some new girls during our latest school-year session. As the girls arrive at the end of the school day, our center is transformed from a quiet, office-like setting, to a bustling hub of fun and activity. The girls are greeted by their favorite facilitators and offered a healthy snack. As they wait for

their friends to arrive, girls have the option of working on homework, playing games, or releasing some energy in the gym.

Next comes program time, where girls are split into age groups and directed to one of our many program spaces depending on which activity they're doing that day. This year,

we've renamed our spaces to better suit our programming, including the Healthy Living Space and the SMART Academic Enrichment Room. We're also in the process of finishing up our newest STEAM Lab, and are excited to start programming in that space.

Our programs are research-based and proven to be effective in helping children achieve academically and socially, two areas that have been greatly affected during the pandemic. Girls Inc. is committed to being a safe space where girls can discover their full potential, take risks, and create lasting relationships.

To better serve our families, we've extended our after-school program hours. Girls Inc. is open Monday- Friday from 9am to 6pm.



The Girls Inc. Experience

In order to fulfill our mission of inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold, we take a comprehensive approach to whole girl development. This process is known as the Girls Inc. Experience, and is a vital part of what our organization is all about.

We strive to help every girl achieve her very best, through direct service and advocacy. To do this, we focus on three core elements:

People: trained staff and volunteers who build lasting, mentoring relationships

Environment: girls-only, physically and emotionally safe, where there is a sisterhood of support, high expectations, and mutual respect

Programming: research-based, hands-on and minds-on, age-appropriate, meeting the needs of today's girls

For more information how we achieve the optimal Girls Inc. Experience, visit our website: www.girlsincwayne.org

Steppingstones to a Healthy Life



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in failure. Evaluation of this program indicated success in the skills tested (running, jumping, throwing, kicking, catching, dribbling) this summer:

88% increase in Kindergarten-1st grade skills ability
42% increase in 2nd-3rd grade skills ability

The Steppingstones program helps teach girls to enjoy physical activity, and lays the foundation for a healthy, active lifestyle from an early age.

High School Helpers

This semester, Girls Inc. has two very important additions to our team. Emma, a senior at Centerville High School, and Andrea, a freshman at Richmond High School have chosen to intern at our center to gain extra experience and service hours.



High School Intern
Emma

Emma has been sharpening her marketing skills, learning about the structure of a non-profit, and has been interacting with different groups of girls during our afterschool session. She plans to study public policy and law at IU East.

Andrea has been a Girls Inc. girl since she was in 1st grade, and wanted to continue the connection she's had with our organization throughout her high school career. Andrea assists with office and cleaning tasks, as well as providing peer mentorship for younger girls who attend afterschool.



The Outreach Corner

Our Outreach Team has been busy preparing for a new semester. In addition to our Healthy Sexuality curriculum, we're introducing a new puberty education program for students in 5th and 6th grade.

This program will focus not only on the physical changes that occur during puberty, but also the social and emotional changes and how to manage them. Students will learn how to care for their changing bodies, how to have healthy relationships with friends, and how to be confident in themselves.

Thanks to a generous grant from Whitewater Valley REMC, we're offering "swag bags" of sample hygiene and self-care products to students who participate in the puberty program.

We're also preparing to deliver our Taking Action advocacy and leadership program to teens in Wayne County this semester.

In addition to our school programs, you'll be seeing Girls Inc. at several community events this fall, as we strive to meet more families and engage even more girls in the Girls Inc. Experience.

We're always looking for more partnerships with other community organizations. If you're interested in partnering with Girls Inc., contact our Outreach Manager, Nichole Kanney, by email at nkanney@girlsincwayne.org or by phone at 765-962-2362.

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Who Dunnit? Girls Inc. CSI

What happens when a couch cushion goes missing at Girls Inc. and is being held ransom? The girls investigate!

As part of our Operation SMART programming, our middle school group participated in a forensics week this summer.

They spent the week learning about problem-solving through handwriting analysis, fingerprinting and paper chromatography to solve the crime of who stole the couch cushions.

The girls teamed up to interview staff, collect handwriting samples, and used logic to eliminate suspects.

The week ended with a visit from the Richmond SWAT Team and their K-9 officers.

"This was my favorite week at Girls Inc. I hope we can do it again next summer!"
-Chloe, 12

Save The Date 2021 Signature Event

Saturday November 13th, 2021
Forest Hills Country Club

"I will be my own SUPERHERO"

Honoring:
Ann Brooks
Becky Jewison
Ella Watson

Inspiring all girls to be **STRONG, SMART, & BOLD**

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Wishlist Items:

- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Reusable Water Bottles
- Watercolor paint and paintbrushes
- First Aid Supplies
- Chapstick and Lip Balm
- Child size flip flops

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“When I first came to Girls Inc., I had a lot of fears and insecurities. The staff here really helped me get over them and learn to deal with my emotions. I wanted to be that person for future girls, so I chose to become a volunteer.”

- Andrea, 9th grade

