



## CITY OF SOUTH BEND

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### **SOUTH BEND FIRE SPONSORS 'FIRE CAMP' FOR AREA GIRL SCOUTS**

The South Bend Fire Department will sponsor “Camp All In, Girls Fire Camp” where they will introduce area Girl Scouts to firefighting and emergency medical services from 5pm Friday, July 24 to 5pm Saturday, July 25 at the city’s Luther J. Taylor Fire Training Center, 710 E. Sample Street.

Twenty Girl Scouts, between the ages of 6 and 8, will participate in this first-time community outreach program. The camp provides insight into this male-dominated profession, and is designed to teach the value of working with others to achieve common goals and objectives.

The girls will learn how to initiate the 911 system in an emergency, how to put together aid kits and tend to someone in need, how to deploy a fire hose and extinguish a fire. They will also participate in fire and storm drills.

“We hope this event empowers girls and shows them that firefighting is a possible career,” says Fire Chief Steve Cox. “Nationally only three percent of firefighters are women. Here in South Bend we’d like to have more females on the force, and consider this camp a good introduction to the profession.”

For more information, contact Captain Gerard Ellis at 235-5562 or gellis@southbendin.gov.

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