



August 20, 2021

## COVID-19 Updates

GSSI has updated our COVID-19 guidance as of August 1.

Updates include:

- **Masks:** When participating/meeting in a Girl Scout capacity, individuals and groups should follow state/county/school/facility mask expectations. If an area or facility (or your group's school) requires masks, the group must wear them while participating indoors and if you are unable to maintain the appropriate distance when outside.
- **Troop Meetings in the Home:** GSSI may allow all levels (Daisy-Ambassador) during the pandemic on a case-by-case basis to meet within a private residence if a public facility is not available and if the residence and volunteer meets all the guidelines listed below. However, troops are strongly discouraged from meeting in private homes due to the following: Girl Scouts has no control over a private residence and a typical home is not setup to host other people's children on a regular basis. Our goal is to protect both the Council and the homeowner. If something goes wrong, the homeowner could potentially be legally liable for accidents, injuries, etc., and we do not want to put troop leaders or troop parents in that position. GSSI encourages troops to find an alternative public facility location to hold meetings this upcoming membership year.

For full guidance, please reference the Back to Troop COVID Recommendations and Guidance document linked below. (Note: All updates are highlighted in yellow.)

[LEARN MORE](#)



### Important Girl Scout Shop Updates!

The GSSI Retail Shop will be closed August 30 – September 3 for inventory. You may email [support@girlscouts-gssi.org](mailto:support@girlscouts-gssi.org) to place orders during the week; orders will be fulfilled as time allows.

**NEW SHOP HOURS:** (Beginning Tuesday, September 7, 2021)

- Mondays & Wednesdays: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM CST
- Thursday: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM CST
- Tuesday & Friday: CLOSED

*Note: This does not affect GSSI Office hours which are Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM CST.*

Also beginning September 7, the shop will offer online ordering, curbside/in-store pickup and free shipping. More information on placing orders coming soon!

## Register Now for Unleash Strong



# Unleash Strong

## 2021

Saturday, August 28  
1:00-5:00 PM CDT  
Evansville National Guard Armory

Presented in partnership with 

Join us for a day of fun and adventure as you take on new challenges, learn new skills, and find out how you can unleash your strengths with Girl Scouts.

With over 30 activity stations, music, games, giveaways, and food trucks, Unleash Strong is a day of fun for the entire family!

- Become an eco-friend and learn about salamanders, snakes, butterflies, and more
- Conquer a climbing wall
- Experience virtual reality
- Meet Beau the T-Rex
- Take a solar system stroll
- Challenge your friends in the Rolling Video Games gaming theater
- Chill out with Kona Ice
- Grab lunch or a snack from a local food truck including Poppa Bacon's Kitchen, Crazy Daisy's, Sassy Sweets, Cheese Queen, and Dawgs on the Ohio
- All girl participants in grades K-12 will receive a free patch courtesy of Alcoa Foundation

Admission is \$5 for kids in grades K-12; ages 4 and under and adults are free. Registration deadline is August 23.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available! Contact Mary Fee at [mfee@girlscouts-gssi.org](mailto:mfee@girlscouts-gssi.org) for more information.

**REGISTER NOW**



Introducing Adventurefuls! A crispy, indulgent, brownie-inspired cookie with caramel-flavored crème and a hint of sea salt, Adventurefuls will take cookie lovers on a delicious taste adventure just like Girl Scouts go on their own amazing adventures through the program! The new cookie will be available from both bakers and from all councils across the United States. For more info on Adventurefuls and to sign up for a reminder of when cookie sales begin, visit [girlscoutscookies.org](https://girlscoutscookies.org). (GSSI's cookie season begins December 10!)

In case you missed it, GSUSA also recently announced new Cookie Business badges that help girls think like entrepreneurs as they run their own cookie businesses and incorporate online sales via the Smart Cookies platform. The badges progress from goal setting and effective sales-pitching in person and online to using market research, creating business plans, and implementing digital marketing campaigns. Learn more about these and all of the new badges [HERE](#).



**Camp Koch t-shirts  
now available!**

Cost: \$10  
Sizes: Adult S, L, XL and Youth S, M, L.

Contact the GSSI shop at 812-421-4970  
to pay and arrange for pick up.

## **Support GSSI With the Family Giving Partnership**

The Family Giving Partnership is an opportunity for families and friends of Girl Scouts to make a financial contribution to directly benefit the girls. As a member of our Girl Scout family, you know how important Girl Scouting is to girls, their



families, and the community. Any amount is appreciated, but a \$25 or greater donation will get your Girl Scout a Family Giving patch.

**GIVE NOW**

## Program Facilitators Needed!

Are you a college student, retiree, or just looking for a part time job opportunity? GSSI is looking for responsible, enthusiastic, and energetic program facilitators to lead After-School Outreach programs in community centers and schools across the Evansville area.

[>>MORE INFO](#)

Volunteer  
Spotlight



## Thank you to all of our back-to-school volunteers!

This week we're sending a huge shout-out to the volunteers who have assisted with recruitment in their areas. As a small staff serving 11 counties, your help in welcoming more girls to Girl Scouts is invaluable!

- Vivian Taylor & Angela Schneider - Held a recruitment night for families at Harper Elementary
- Annette Talbert & Suzy Harper - Held a recruitment night for families at Washington Schools
- Gayla Vincent - Delivered flyers and yard signs to North Warrick schools
- Rebecca Russell - Assisted with recruitment at Castle Elementary

**Thank you to Donna Cobb:** Special thanks also to Donna Cobb for hosting the North Warrick swim party earlier this month! Girls from 3 different troops attended the event held at Richard's Pool in Boonville.

**Watch for Girl Scout flyers from your girl's school**



All schools that have resumed classes have received either digital or hard copy flyers with information about the upcoming Unleash Strong event and joining/renewing for the 2021-2022 membership year. Be sure to watch for them to come home in your girl's backpack! (Or via an online communication.)



Now is the perfect time to get outside and complete an environmental take action or highest award project, and now, thanks to a generous grant from Alcoa Foundation, girls can receive funding to help complete these projects!

GSSI is offering funding for projects that focus on environmental sustainability and/or environmental education through \$75 mini-grants. Projects must be completed by September 30, 2021.

Troops, service unit events, service unit camps, and/or individuals (registered members grades K-12) must submit a quick form outlining the project to be considered.

[APPLY NOW](#)

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## Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend



Girl Scouts love the outdoors, including state parks. Join us in celebrating Girl Scouts Love State Parks weekend September 11–12 and earn a colorful new patch for participating in one or more scenic events!

Girl Scouts and their families and friends are all welcome to join in the fun at Lincoln State Park in Vincennes on Saturday, September 12. [EVENT INFO](#)

Can't make it to the park that day? There's more! Girls can virtually tour parks nationwide using our [interactive map](#). Visit our site to download a [free activity passport](#) to guide your adventures and learn how to pledge to clean up the parks through [Pick Up America](#). Also, consider purchasing the official patch!

**GET THE PATCH!**

## Register Now for GSSI's Fall Event Series

All girls in grades K-5 are invited to participate in our Fall Event Series, and the more events she attends, the more you will save on admission. Each event will be hosted by a different community partner in Evansville and offers unique Girl Scout-inspired experiences

- Sign up for one: \$15
- Sign up for two: \$25 (\$5 discount)
- Sign up for three: \$35 (\$10 discount)
- Sign up for all four: \$45 (\$15 discount)

**PLUS-** All girls who attend any of the events can visit the GSSI council shop to receive a free Girl Scout drawstring bag!

**LEARN MORE**

# More Upcoming Events & Programs

## Cybersecurity Virtual Program for K-5 with PAR IT Consulting

Come hang out virtually with your troop and a real IT firm where you'll play games, solve puzzles, earn THREE badges, and learn about real-life good-guy hackers! Find out what happens to every phone photo you take, every video you post on TikTok or YouTube, and how you could even get spied on in your own home (and how to prevent that). This is the perfect age to become an official "PAR IT Consulting Junior Cybersecurity Investigator!"

**When:** Wednesday, August 25

**Where:** Zoom (Link provided upon registration)

**Register:** Contact Jo Van Hoy at [jo.vanhoy@par.consulting](mailto:jo.vanhoy@par.consulting) or (812) 430-3492 to register your troop. When emailing, please include the number of girls attending and their grade levels.

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## Two Digital Leadership Badge Launch Events September 14

To celebrate the launch of our new Digital Leadership badges for Girl Scouts of all ages, GSUSA and Instagram are hosting two virtual events for Girl Scouts and girls in grades K–12. Attendees will get a sampling of brand new activities from the badges as they explore what it means to be a leader online and offline.

### Explore the Digital World

What: A 30-minute event for girls in grades K–5 that features hand-on activities and exploration. Girls will:

- Create art to show how they'll make a difference online and offline.
- Play a game to find out how they can stay safe online and help others.
- Make a digital "SWAP" to share how they're a digital leader.
- Celebrate the new Digital Leadership badges for Daisies, Brownies and Juniors.

When: Tuesday, September 14, 6:00-6:30 PM CDT

[REGISTER HERE](#)

### Make a Digital Difference

What: A 60-minute event for girls in grades 6–12 that features a panel of young leaders sharing their experiences. Girls will:

- Hear from panelists and Girl Scout alum who are making the real and digital worlds a better place.
- Examine how you can stay safe online and be intentional with technology.
- Celebrate the launch of the new Digital Leadership badges for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors.

When: Tuesday, September 14, 7:00-8:00 PM CDT

[REGISTER HERE](#)



**Have a question? Don't be shy!**  
**Contact us** for more information.