



October 29, 2021

## Join Us for a Year of Celebrating Camp Koch's 80th Anniversary!

October 2021 marks 80 years since Henry F. Koch gifted the land that became Camp Koch to the council, and June 2022 will mark 80 years of summer camp programs! To celebrate these milestones, GSSI has several special events and promotions planned, including the following:

### Special Edition 80th Anniversary Patch

We have an exciting year planned, and it all begins with introducing our new camp logo and exclusive anniversary patch! Order yours through the link below! (Note, the patch is only available through this link, not through the council shop.)



[ORDER NOW](#)

### "Camp Kochbook" Commemorative Publication

Once you have your patch, continue the celebration by purchasing a commemorative "Camp Kochbook," a unique collection of recipes, memories, songs, and traditions.

We invite Camp Koch alum, staff, friends, and family to submit materials for inclusion in the publication – honor a loved one, share your own memories, add a

recipe, and even submit a picture for the book. All proceeds go towards Camp Koch and Girl Scout Outdoor Programs.

The deadline to pre-order is Friday, May 6, 2022. Books will be delivered in summer 2022.

**PRE-ORDER**

**SUBMIT CONTENT**

## **Be a Trailblazer by Supporting Camp Koch Improvements**

GSSI invites you to be a part of transforming Camp Koch's Trailblazer campsite. Our CAMPAign goal is to raise \$50,000 by 2023 to renovate the shelter house, create a fire pit, and build four new furnished cabins. Reaching our goal will take donations of all sizes; please consider giving a meaningful gift to our Trailblazer CAMPAign today!

See how your donation can help with this project [HERE](#). To give now, follow the link below and select "Camp Koch" from the dropdown menu.

**GIVE NOW**

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## **Girls Grades in Grades 4-9 are Invited to Learn More about GSSI's 2024 Trip to Belize**



Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana is hosting an international trip to Belize in summer 2024! Participants will explore ongoing preservation efforts, including tracking turtles via radio signal, practicing self-care with beachside yoga, learning to live off the land with cooking classes and jungle healing techniques, experiencing the excitement of snorkeling and cave tubing, and immersing themselves in local Mayan culture.

Tentative dates for the trip: June 24 – July 1, 2024. *NOTE: Girls must be entering 7th grade or above at the time of the trip to travel.*

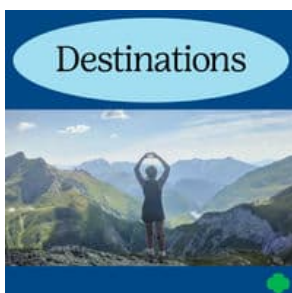
Girls and their families are invited to join us on **Tuesday, November 16 at 6:00 PM CDT** for an informational meeting which will cover the trip activities, safety, travel logistics, and payment options.

RSVP to attend the meeting and receive your Zoom link [HERE](#).

Get more information about the trip [HERE](#).

Questions? Please contact Aimee Stachura at [astachura@girlscouts-gssi.org](mailto:astachura@girlscouts-gssi.org) or call (812) 421-4970.

## Girl Scout Destinations 2022-2023 Now Open



Girl Scout Destinations are the ultimate adventure for individual Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts! Make friends from all over the country as you travel with Girl Scouts from different states. There's a unique, life-changing experience for every girl. Learn more about the 2022 options at the link below.

**LEARN MORE**



## **Career Positions with GSSI Now Available!**

For more than 100 years, Girl Scouts has helped girls develop the skills and confidence they need to succeed in every area of life. From the youngest Girl Scout to our graduating high school seniors, we believe in the power of every girl.

Are you seeking a career that allows you to use your unique skills and talents to continue the mission of creating girls of courage, confidence, and character? GSSI has a variety of positions open now, and we invite you to find out more about joining our team.

**[@Careers at GSSI »](#)**

**Congratulations to our Cookie Billboard  
Design Winner, Troop 319!**

**Did you say  
cookies?**

Order your Girl Scout Cookies  
beginning December 10!

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[girlscouts-gssi.org](http://girlscouts-gssi.org)



Congratulations to Troop 319 for winning the Cookie Billboard Design Contest! Thank you to all of the troops who submitted artwork and to everyone who voted. Watch for the billboard at the corner of St. George Rd and Hwy 41 in Evansville coming in December.

## 2022 Cookie Recognitions

The 2022 Cookie Recognitions form is now available! We encourage you to share with your girls so they can start planning their goals for the upcoming season now. View the downloadable file [HERE](#).

Want a fun way to get your girls excited about the recognitions? Check out [this short video](#) for a sneak peek at all the fun items!

## 2022 Cookie Permission Forms

It's not too early to start collecting and submitting your troop's Cookie Permission Forms for the upcoming program! Remember, all girls who wish to participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program must have a permission form on file with the council office by December 1, 2021.

[DOWNLOAD FORM](#)

### Save the Date for the 2022 Cookie Kickoff!

Join the fun with GSSI and the Evansville Thunderbolts as we kick off the 2022 cookie season on December 4, 2021!! Girls will have the opportunity to be silly at a photo booth, participate in a post-game slap shot activity, and meet the Thunderbolt mascot, Pride. Bring a stuffed animal (like a Koala Bear!) to throw on the ice for the Teddy Bear Toss. These toys are collected by the Thunderbolts and donated to local children in need.

Doors open at 6:00 PM CST and the game starts at 7:00 PM CST. Family members are welcome to attend, but registrations must be done as a troop - no individual girl orders, please. Tickets are \$5 for Girl Scouts and \$10 for adults and tagalongs. Questions? Contact [cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org](mailto:cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org).

[>>Order Your Troop's Tickets](#)

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New uniform &  
official apparel for  
all ages now  
available!

Contact the GSSI Shop to place  
your order.

## Order New Official Apparel from GSSI and Receive a Free Patch - Limited Time Only!



GSUSA has new uniform and official apparel available for all ages, and now, when you shop through GSSI, you will receive a free "Girl: As in Girl Scout" patch! (While supplies last.) To view the entire collection, view the new [Girl Scouts Essentials Guide](#). For complete information on ordering from the GSSI shop, visit the link below.

[LEARN MORE](#)



### Important Girl Scout Shop Updates!

#### NEW SHOP HOURS:

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

**Note:** Customer Care is available Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM CST.

The shop now offers online ordering, curbside/in-store pickup and free shipping. This includes GSSI council merchandise, fun patches, and GSUSA uniforms and apparel. For more information and to view catalogs and place an order, visit the [GSSI Shop](#) page.

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## Join in the Fun with GSSI's the Fall Event Series

All girls in grades K-5 are invited to participate in our Fall Event Series! Each monthly event will be hosted by a different community partner in Evansville and offers unique Girl Scout-inspired experiences.

### Upcoming programs:

#### **November: Girl Scout Day of Dance with Children's Center for Dance Education**

Girls of all skill levels are invited to join the Children's Center for Dance Education and learn traditional dances from the Nutcracker Suite. Girls will also create their own Sugar Plum tiaras with Clara and the Nutcracker prince!

**When:** Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 2:00-3:00 PM CST and 3:00-4:00 CST (Each session limited to 40 girls.)

**Where:** Children's Center for Dance Education, 5900 Vogel Rd., Suite A, Evansville, IN 47715

Join us in December at Farm 57. More information coming soon!

### **The more events she attends, the more you save on admission!**

- Sign up for one: \$15
- Sign up for two: \$25 (\$5 discount)

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

[LEARN MORE](#)

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## 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



This week we'd like to recognize the following volunteers for their help assembling, delivering, and handing out treat bags at local trunk-or-treat events:

- Becky Grimes for assembling THOUSANDS of treat bags
- Lori Elpers and Troop 132 for delivering and handing out goodies at the Boo For Drugs event in Evansville
- Amy Schroeder for volunteering to hand out goodies at the South Terrace Elementary trunk-or-treat

Another shout-out goes to all of the volunteers who have assisted with hosting our Animal Dance Party series including:

- Katie Mayes, Owensville Community School
- Ginny Waters & Kaitlyn Jochim, Haubstadt Community School
- Melissa Lance, Chandler Elementary

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).



**Girl Scout Astronomy Club Now Forming**



GSSI is excited to be selected by GSUSA to create an Astronomy Club for girls in grades 6-12. As a member of the club, girls will learn about space science through a combination of hands-on activities and outings.

Please fill out the form below if you are interested in more information.

**[Astronomy Club Interest Form»](#)**

## **We Need Empty Gallon Milk Jugs!**

During the Troop Camporee, we will be using milk jugs for an activity. If you have clean empty jugs with lids to donate, please bring them to the council office or to camp with you the day of the Camporee. Your help is appreciated!