



November 12, 2021

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

October 2021 marked 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. Proceeds will go towards continuing to support Camp Koch and Girl Scout Outdoor Programs.

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

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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

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.*

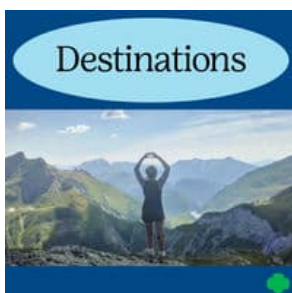
Girls and their families are invited to join us on **Tuesday, November 16 at 6:00 PM CDT** for an informational meeting which will cover the trip activities, safety, travel logistics, and payment options.

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 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 »](#)

Leaders & Cookie Volunteers: Mark Your Calendars for Service Unit Cookie Trainings

Cookie season is fast approaching, and Service Unit Cookie Meetings have begun! All troop cookie volunteers must attend these meetings. You will learn about program updates, receive your troop's cookie packets, and take home a package of the new Adventurefuls to sample with your girls! If you are unsure of when your meeting is taking place, contact your Service Unit Cookie Chair or cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org for assistance.

2022 Cookie Permission Forms

Don't forget to submit your troop's Cookie Permission Forms for the upcoming program! 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.

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



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](#)

2022 Troop Tees & Hoodies Now Available

New troop tees and hoodies are now available for order! The design features the GSSI logo on the front and your troop number on the sleeve. (This may be left blank.) Orders will be placed the first of each month. To view the designs and place your order, visit the link below.

[ORDER NOW](#)



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.

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 fantastic volunteers and Girl Scout Counselors in Training (CITs) who helped with the Troop Camporee on November 6. Whether training leaders, teaching girls new skills, overseeing activities, or simply introducing new visitors to Camp Koch, your time, enthusiasm, and talents are truly appreciated! Special thanks also to GSSI Camp Director Crista Owens and Ranger Frank Spangler for planning and coordinating another awesome event at camp!

Camporee Volunteers:

- Laura Abernathy
- Jim & Karen Bengert
- Mary Birkhead
- Kelly Birkhead
- Jennifer Brown
- Greg Brown
- Natalie Cardin
- Shawnetta Compton
- Amber Elkins
- Suzanne Hunter
- David Longest
- Dennis Longest

- Teri Rawlings
- Rebecca Russell
- Tina Voges
- Tori Abernathy (CIT)
- Melanie Russell (CIT)

We would also like to recognize those volunteers that have assisted with our Animal Dance Party Events:

- Kirby Risch, Barr-Reeve
- Natalie Teeters and Debra Ice, Princeton Primary
- Becky Grimes, Cammie Holm, and Nicole Clemensen, Vanderburgh events
- Carmen Sterling, Winslow and Otwell Miller Academy
- JoAnn Smith and Kym Mosby, Tell City

Have a leader or volunteer you'd like to recognize for going above and beyond?
Contact 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»](#)

