



November 26, 2021



*Please note the GSSI Office is closed for the holiday today, Friday, November 26.*



Girls begin taking orders December 10!

## Important Cookie Updates

### 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](mailto:cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org) for assistance.

### Cookie Permission Forms are Due December 1

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 THE FORM HERE](#)

### **Smart Cookies Troop Registration**

Cookie Volunteer/Troop Leaders, you should have recently received an email from [noreply@abcsmartcookies.com](mailto:noreply@abcsmartcookies.com) to register your troop in Smart Cookies. If you have not received this, please contact [cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org](mailto:cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org).

### **Council Cookie Booth Lotteries Coming Soon**

We will hold lotteries for the following locations the first two weeks of Decembers: Sam's Club, GNC in Eastland Mall, and Lowes East Side. Email notifications of lottery times and locations will be sent via Smart Cookies; be sure that your troop is registered in Smart Cookies to ensure you are able to participate in the lotteries.

## **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 with their girls. If registering as a family or individual adult, please list troop number on form. 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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## Invest in a Girl-Led Future this Giving Tuesday.

All donations kindly matched by  
Schultheis Insurance.



On November 30, we're participating in Giving Tuesday, a global day of unity and giving. By investing in GSSI, you can support girls in gaining the tools they need to meet today's problems with bold solutions and create a better, brighter tomorrow. Your support amplifies girls' abilities to improve the world, regardless of their backgrounds, locations, or financial situations. With your gift, we can champion the changemakers of today—and tomorrow. Will you join us?

For every \$25 donated for Giving Tuesday, you will receive an entry into a drawing for a Girl Scout Cookie prize pack - including the new Adventurefuls!

To give, you can follow the link below now and specify "Giving Tuesday" in the dropdown box, or you can give through our Facebook page Donate link on 11/30/2021.

*Thank you to Schultheis Insurance for generously matching all Giving Tuesday donations.*

**GIVE NOW**

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## 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 »](#)

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## 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.

**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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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 **Sandy McBeth** (Petersburg Elementary) and **Amelia Wildeman** (Farmersville Elementary) for assisting with Animal Dance party recruitment events.

Special thanks also to **Mesa Compton**, a Counselor-in-Training, for assisting at the Troop Camporee on November 6. (We inadvertently omitted her from the original Camporee volunteer spotlight.)

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).

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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.*

Learn more by viewing the recording of the informational meeting [HERE](#).

Ready to enroll? Visit the EF Tours registration page [HERE](#).

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



### 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»](#)**



## National Service Project: Fighting Hunger

As we think about ways to give back this holiday season, we know Girl Scouts can make a big difference in their communities—and for children around the world—by supporting hunger-relief efforts.

Through *Fighting Hunger*, our National Service Project, there are lots of ways for your troop to have an impact even if you aren't able to give food directly.

Opportunities for service include supporting or organizing a food drive, thanking food bank heroes, and participating in activities to unlock local and global impact with your troop. We hope that your troop will join us for our second year of this important national service project.

Check out the [Girl Scout national service projects](#) page on November 8 for instructions on how your troop can get involved.



## Upcoming Holiday Office Hours

Please note that the GSSI Office & Shop will have shortened hours or be closed on the following dates:

**December 14, 2021:** Closing at 12:00 PM CST

**December 23, 2021-January 4, 2022:** Closed



## Upcoming Events

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

Learn different types of dance such as Hip Hop, Filipino Tinikling, and dances from Mexico! This program satisfies some requirements for badges including performance.

**When:** Sunday, January 23, 2:00-4:00 PM

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

**Cost:** \$9, plus \$3 for fun patch

[MORE INFO](#)

