



December 10, 2021



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 3, 2022: Closed



Important Cookie Updates

Cookie Permission Forms are Due

All girls who wish to participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program must have a permission form on file with the council office. **Please note, the form must have the troop number and parent or guardian's physical signature. We CANNOT accept electronically embedded or DocuSign signatures.** Scanned, signed

documents can be emailed to cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org. [DOWNLOAD THE FORM HERE](#)

Council Cookie Booth Lotteries

We will hold cookie booth lotteries in December and January. Cookie volunteers will be notified through Smart Cookies of when lotteries will take place and if additional lotteries are added, so please be sure to regularly check your email for updates.

The first four lotteries will be:

- Lowe's East Side: Friday, December 10 at 9:00 AM CST–Sunday, December 12 at 5:00 PM CST
- Sam's Club: Monday, December 13 at 9:00 AM CST–Wednesday, December 15 at 5:00 PM CST
- Walmart East Evansville: Thursday, December 16 at 9:00 AM CST–Saturday, December 18 at 5:00 PM CST
- Walmart West Evansville: Sunday, December 19 at 9:00 AM CST–Tuesday, December 21 at 5:00 PM CST

Lotteries will be drawn at 7:00 PM CST on ending date and troops selected will receive an email from ABC Smart Cookies. Any remaining council lottery locations will become first come, first serve in January after all lotteries have concluded. Cookie volunteers will receive an email when these times become available.

We are still working to confirm with the Newburgh and Evansville First Avenue Walmart locations whether they will be council lotteries or if troops can call directly. Please DO NOT call these stores at this time.

Other Store Updates:

- Joann: Currently negotiating with GSUSA
- Schnucks: On hold for any girls under 18; updates will be sent if this changes
- Lowe's West: Not allowing booths this year
- Rural King Evansville Locations: Troops may call to schedule
 - East: Ask to speak with Kelly or Jonathon
 - West: Ask to speak with Theresa (She is available Monday-Friday)

Smart Cookies

If you are a cookie volunteer or troop leader and have not received an email notification to set up your troop in Smart Cookies, please contact cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org.

All cookie volunteers: Please review your troop roster in Smart Cookies and make sure all girls participating in the cookie program are listed. We advise that you encourage your troop parents and guardians to register their Girl Scout in Smart Cookies. If they are not registered in Smart Cookies, they will not have access to the online platform of the Cookie Program. This includes e-cards, QR codes, and social media links.

Cookie questions? Contact us at cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org.



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 »](#)

Giving Tuesday 2021



Thank you for
investing in a
girl-led future.

#GivingTuesday



Thank you to everyone who donated on Giving Tuesday, with special thanks to Schultheis Insurance for their generous donation match. Congrats to Susan Longest, winner of our Cookie Sampler Pack giveaway!

SHOP GSSI THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Clothes - Bags - Jewelry - Winter Hats - Stocking Stuffers

Shop in person or order online or over the phone for pick up or FREE shipping!

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. **Note: The January order will be placed on January 5.**

[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.

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

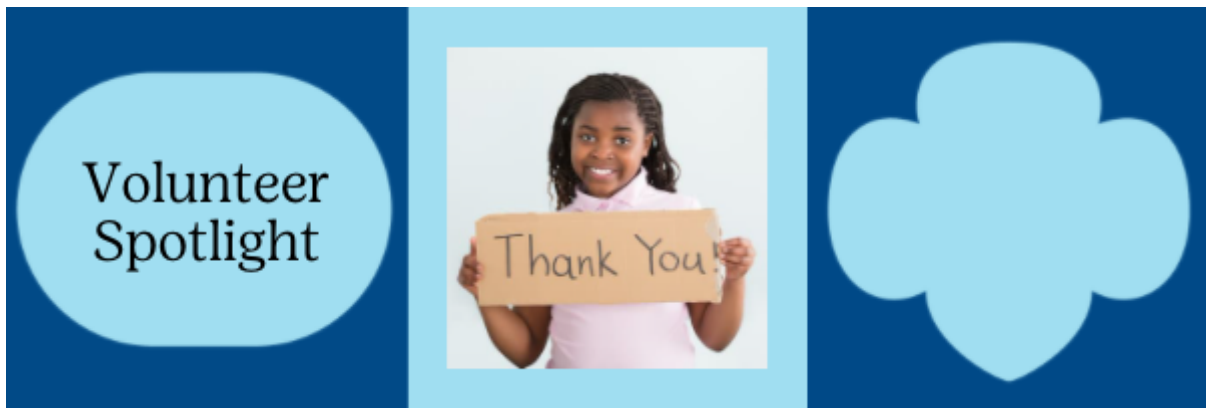


Adventures in Aerospace Day Camp Coming Summer 2022!

In partnership with Girl Scout volunteer and NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador Mandy Scurry, GSSI is planning an Adventures in Aerospace Girl Scout Day Camp for summer 2022. Girls will learn about flight, planes, rockets, and spaceflight by studying women in aviation history, flight demonstrations, and building and flying models. The camp will end with a family air show to showcase the girls' hard work.

Please complete this short, one-minute interest survey to help guide us in our planning process. We want to hear from ALL levels of GSSI Girl Scouts!

[Astronomy Club Interest Form»](#)



This week we'd like to recognize the following volunteers for their assistance with our Animal Dance Party recruitment events:

- Hillary Loehr
- Amber Headley
- Amber Sutton
- Lori Sermersheim
- Jessica Pfau
- Brooke Oser
- Nicole Kurzendoerfer
- Jessica Miller
- Megan Helfert
- Kelly Lashley
- Cindy Watjen
- Penny Leffler
- Shirley Harrison
- Kristina Nadin

Have a leader or volunteer you'd like to recognize for going above and beyond?
Contact amiller@girlscouts-gssi.org.

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



GSUSA Girl Advisory Board Applications Open January 1

In 2022, GSUSA is seeking ten new members to join the Girl Advisory Board to Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA). The Girl Advisory Board to GSUSA works with the Girl Scout national office on key projects and initiatives aligned to the national strategy and provides critical customer insight and innovative ideas to serve girls in the 21st Century. Members of the Girl Advisory Board will make recommendations, contribute to key initiatives, and influence decision-making processes at our national office. Girls gain experience creating change in a national nonprofit organization, receive hands-on training, professional development opportunities and skill development.

Girl Advisory Board members serve for two years or until their high school graduation, whichever comes first.

Application Qualifications

- Enrolled in 7th – 11th grade for fall 2022.
- Registered as a Girl Scout at the time of application (if accepted, girls must renew their membership by the start of the new membership year, October 1).
- Genuine interest in taking on a leadership role on the national level of Girl Scouts.
- Ability to communicate with your peers and with adults.
- Ability to work well independently and on a team.
- Committed to using technology as a platform for research and communication.

For a full description of the position, visit the link below. To apply, please submit the application below to astachura@girlscouts-gssi.org by February 14, 2022.

[GSUSA Girl Advisory Board Position Description & Application](#)

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.

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 or call (812) 421-4970.



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](#)

