



May 14, 2021

Camp life is the best life.

Register now for our
exciting new summer
camp programs!



Summer camp programs are back for 2021! We have several all-new programs for all grade levels. Check out the events coming up in May and June:

Good Turn Weekend at Camp Koch:

When: Saturday & Sunday, May 29-May 30

Where: Camp Koch, Cannelton, Indiana

What: Want to help make a difference? Join Camp Koch volunteers and staff while we prepare camp for its 2021 summer sessions. Girls entering grades 6-12 and their families are welcome to volunteer and get Camp Koch ready for summer fun. Volunteers are welcome to attend one or both days; no overnight option is available. Get full information and register [HERE](#).

Passport to Camp One-Day Event at Camp Koch:

When: Monday, May 31

Where: Camp Koch, Cannelton, Indiana

What: The Passport to Camp event allows girls and their families to preview what camp life is all about. It will be a day full of camp-themed activities, including canoeing and a floating lunch option. Plus, meet our Camp Koch summer staff

and sign up for your 2021 camp weekend session! This event is open to all girls entering grades K-12 in the fall and their families. Get full information and register [HERE](#).

Registration deadline is Monday, May 24.

Reach for the Stars Family Camp Weekend:

When: Saturday & Sunday, June 19-20

Where: Camp Koch, Cannelton, Indiana

Who: Girls entering grades K-12 and their families

What: This option is fun for the whole family! Want to take a mission to space?

Join us as we explore the exciting realm of space science, become an amateur astronomer, and reach for the stars with experts from the Evansville Museum.

Plus, check out GSSI's NEW eVscope as we sleep under the stars. Get full information and register [HERE](#).

Registration deadline is Monday, June 14.

Kite Festival:

When: Saturday, June 26

Where: Camp Koch, Cannelton, Indiana

Who: Girls entering grades K-12 and their families, Perry County first responders, camp alum, and community supporters

What: GSSI invites you to join us and fly a kite as we honor the individuals impacted by the events at camp in 2019. Bring your own kite or purchase one from GSSI; proceeds go to the "I Love Camp Koch Fund." Enjoy the outdoors, listen to music, and bring a picnic lunch to share with your friends and family. The event is free to attend, but donations are graciously accepted. Get full information and register [HERE](#).

Registration deadline is Monday, June 21.

For more information on all of our summer programs, visit the link below.

MORE INFO



Day Camp Dates & Information Available

In addition to council camp events, day camps will also be held by service units this summer! More information will be added as dates are confirmed.

[GSSI Day Camps](#)



Now, thanks to a generous grant from Alcoa Foundation, girls can get outdoors and make a difference for the environment!

GSSI is excited to offer funding for take action and highest award projects that focus on environmental sustainability and/or environmental education through \$75 mini-grants. Projects must be completed in the 2020-2021 membership year.

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

Renew Her Membership Now to Earn Special Incentives



When the world turned upside down, you turned to Girl Scouts, and your trust in us means so much. Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana will continue to be here for you and your family through it all. Cheering you on, lifting you up, celebrating your strengths. Today, tomorrow, together - Girl Scouts is on your team.

Hurry, register by June 7 to receive your "We've Got This" patch. Also, the first 500 girls to renew will receive a fun new GSSI beach towel, and they're going fast!

RENEW NOW

Congratulations to our 2021 Girl & Adult Award Recipients and Top Cookie Bosses

Congratulations to all of our award recipients for 2021! View the complete list of all awardees at the links below. GSSI Adult Awards will be presented at service unit meetings this month, and a full list of recipients will be published in an upcoming newsletter.

In case you missed it, the full GSUSA Adult Awards presentation is available to view [HERE](#).

GIRL AWARD RECIPIENTS



Cookie Updates

Cookie Recognitions: Cookie recognitions have been delivered to Service Unit Cookie Chairs. Please reach out to your SUCC or contact cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org if you have not received any communication about your troop's cookie recognitions.

Troop Bonus Checks: Troop Bonus Checks have been mailed. If your troop earned one but it has not been received, please email cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org including your troop number and contact information for research.

Join Us for a Frozen II Family Swim Party!



Girls entering grades K-12 and their families are invited to join us for an evening of fun at the Burdette Park Aquatic Center! The entire pool has been rented for this event, so you can enjoy the water and slides with just your fellow Girl Scouts. Elsa and Anna from Frozen II will also be on hand to take pictures!

When: Saturday, July 24 (Rain date: Friday, July 30)

Where: Burdette Park Aquatic Center, Evansville, IN

Cost: \$5 per person, children 2 & under free

REGISTER NOW

Volunteer Spotlight



Mandy Scurry, GSSI Volunteer & NASA/JPL Ambassador: In April, Mandy hosted a series of sessions for girls to begin working on their Citizen Science Journey. More than 80 girls in grades K-10 and their leaders worked to sharpen their scientific observation skills through a series of games, demonstrations, and simulated science. View pictures of the event and learn more [HERE](#).

Kathy Messmer, North Dubois Troop 60 and 119: Kathy recently held a free Journey Workshop and Book Share for Jasper families. She provided girls, families, and leaders with a brief history of Girl Scouts and an introduction to the Journey curriculum including traditional Journeys and the new outdoor and STEM Journeys.



Is Your Troop Information Up to Date?

Keeping your troop information updated helps us know when and where your troops are meeting, what your troop focuses are, and if you plan to return in the fall. We appreciate your help in keeping our records current!

[Update Your Info Now](#)

Tough Cookie Mud Run Registration Now Open



You may be tough, but are you tough enough to conquer the Tough Cookie Mud Run? Test the limits of your mental and physical toughness as you run, crawl, jump, climb, and giggle your way through rugged woodland and steep hills along the beautiful Ohio River. Whether you're an elite athlete or just looking for a fun challenge with friends, Tough Cookie Mud Run is for you!

WHEN: August 21, 2021 at Camp Koch in Cannelton, Indiana

NEW COURSE THIS YEAR! You'll take on natural and man-made obstacles like treacherous tight ropes and arduous mud-caked trails as you make your way to the finish line. You will get dirty, muddy, and wet; that's what makes it fun! Participants must work together to overcome a number of obstacles along the way, at least 10 within the 5k trail. Try not to crumble as you climb a giant tire wall, crawl through muddy pits, run up a 10' warped wall, take an arctic dip, and leap over fire!

First 50 to register get a **FREE** Tough Cookie t-shirt! Must be registered by July 16, 2021!

Must be 14 years old by August 21, 2021 to participate in all obstacles. Kids ages 10-13 may run a limited course. All participants will sign a waiver to participate. Individuals under the age of 18 will need a parent or guardian present to sign a waiver on the day of the event.

[**LEARN MORE**](#)

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



Upcoming Events & Program Opportunities

View the [Spring 2021 Program Guide](#) for all full list of fun activities for your troop!

eVscope Star Party for Seniors with the Evansville Museum

Are you fascinated by the night sky and wonder what star clusters, nebula and galaxies look like close up? Don't miss this event that features GSSI's new eVscope for the girls to learn about and test out!

When: June 5, 2021

- Session I: 8:45-9:30 PM CDT
- Session II: 9:30-10:15 PM CDT

Cost: \$10 per girl

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Cybersecurity Program with PAR IT Consulting for Grades 6-12

Come hang out with your troop at 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: June 15 from 4:30-7 p.m. CST

Cost: \$15 per girl

Contact: Jo Van Hoy, jo.vanhoy@par.consulting, to register your troop

