



June 11, 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:

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.

Holiday Camp Overnight at Camp Koch:

When: Saturday-Sunday, July 17-18

Where: Camp Koch, Cannelton, Indiana

Who: Girls entering grades K-12 (K-1 will have a day program - no overnight)

What: Feel like COVID took some of your 2020 holiday joy? Join us at Camp Koch and relive the fun of your favorite holiday traditions! If you love trick-or-treating, hunting for eggs, birthday cake, and all things holiday – this camp is for you! Learn more and register [HERE](#).

Registration deadline is Monday, July 12.

Pet Detective Camp Overnight at Camp Koch:

When: Saturday-Sunday, October 16-17

Where: Camp Koch, Cannelton, Indiana

Who: Girls entering grades K-12 (K-1 will have a day program - no overnight)

What: Pet Detective Camp is focused on fostering kindness, empathy and respect for all creatures through hands-on animal interactions, art projects, fun games, lessons and special presentations by real veterinarians and animal care specialists. Girls will meet working animals, farm animals, and shelter cat and dog friends. Register [HERE](#).

Registration deadline is Monday, October 11.

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](#)



Take Action for the
Environment with



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](#)

**Save the Date: LEGO Build the Change Virtual
Event for Grades 4-5**



Do your girls want to make a difference for humans, animals, and the environment? Through creativity and collaboration, girls can unlock their imagination and build a better world.

Girl Scouts of the USA and The LEGO Group are hosting a national virtual event for girls in grades 4 and 5 on Saturday, June 26, 2021. Guided by LEGO® BrickMaster, Amy Corbett, and LEGO Play Agent, David Pallash, girls will explore engineering for the environment, complete a hands-on activity from the Think Like an Engineer Journey from Girl Scouts, and find out about The LEGO Group's new Build the Change online experience.

Save the date and watch for registration info soon via e-mail and the GSSI Facebook page!

Dive Into Fun with GSSI's 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, 7:30 PM-10:00 PM CDT (Rain date: Friday, July 30)

Where: Burdette Park Aquatic Center, Evansville, IN

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

REGISTER NOW

Ready to Rejoin Girl Scouts? Don't Miss Out on Summer Fun - Renew Her Membership Now!



Did you take a break this fall and you're ready to rejoin Girl Scouts? Sign up for an Extended Year Membership for just \$35. This membership runs through September 30, 2022 and will allow your girl to take advantage of Girl Scouts summer camps, Council events such as the Burdette Frozen II Dive-In, AND next school year!

Thank you to everyone who participated in Spring Renewal! Incentives will be delivered to troop leaders in late June and early July.

RENEW NOW

Lifetime Membership Special Opportunities



Celebrate girls who are changing the world today and for generations to come as they learn cutting-edge skills, work to protect and preserve the environment, explore new technology, and so much more. By becoming a lifetime member, you can champion the next generation of change-makers by investing in the world's largest leadership development organization for girls!

Now, when you sign up as a lifetime member, \$25 of your dues automatically fund a year of Girl Scouting for a girl in an underserved community in our area.

In addition to the traditional adult lifetime membership, the following are special opportunities for young alums and 10+ year volunteers. Anyone may also give the gift of a lifetime membership.

Young Alums Lifetime Membership: Just because you're graduating doesn't mean your Girl Scout journey has to end! Continue on as a Girl Scout Young Alum (under the age of 30) for \$200.00 and receive a lifetime membership.

10+ Year Volunteer Lifetime Membership: Current volunteers with ten or more years of volunteer service can receive a lifetime membership for \$200.00 (normally \$400.00).

Gift a Lifetime Membership: To gift a lifetime membership to someone in your household, [renew](#) the recipient as a lifetime member. To gift a lifetime membership to someone not in your household, please contact GSSI at support@girlscouts-gssi.org for assistance. Your lifetime membership donation is tax deductible as allowed by law.

Benefits of a Lifetime Membership:

- Lifetime membership card and pin
- Invitation to join an annual call for lifetime members hosted by GSUSA's CEO

- Invitations to memorable local and national events
- The monthly Girl Scout Network e-newsletter
- 10% off Girl Scout merchandise purchased online
- Discounts at Joann stores, Trust and Will, and Edith Macy Center
- 20% off online purchases from the following companies that were founded by women (offer valid through March 24, 2022):
 - o Dagne Dover (accessories)
 - o Ellevest (financial services)
 - o GoldieBlox (STEM toys)
 - o Miss Jessie's (hair care)
 - o M.M. LaFleur (clothing)
 - o Skillcrush (coding classes)
 - o S'well (water bottles)
 - o Women in Negotiation (negotiation classes)

[JOIN NOW](#)

Vote Now for 2022 Cookie Recognitions



We are gearing up for cookie season, and we need your input! Girls can express themselves by voting for their favorite recognitions from for the 2022 Cookie Program. Check out all the fun options at the ABC Bakers survey link below.

[VOTE NOW](#)

Smart Cookies Update

ABC Smart Cookies Platform will be down for routine maintenance beginning July 30, 2021 through October 4, 2021. Parents are able to login to their girl's Smart Cookie account at <https://www.abcsmartcookies.com/> prior to July 30, 2021 to pull the customer contact information from the 2021 Cookie Program and will be able to upload the customer contact information for the 2022 Cookie Program. Directions to complete pulling the girl's customer contact information is available [HERE](#).



Thank You Cookie Volunteers!

GSSI has an awesome and dedicated team of Service Unit Cookie Chairs and Cookie Cupboard Managers. We appreciate you and thank you for your hard work this past cookie season.

Service Unit Cookie Chairs:

- Annette Talbert, Daviess & Martin Counties
- Jennyfer Strickland, East Gibson
- Heather Barnett, East River
- Cynthia Watjen, Knox
- Karen Bengert, North Central
- Stacey Metz, North Dubois
- Natalie Teeters, North Gibson
- Amy Draeger, North Warrick
- Kathy Peckenpaugh, North West Vanderburgh

- Tarry Kerkhoff, South Dubois
- Stormie Woodrum, Perry County
- Sandy McBeth, Pike County
- Erica Sims, Posey County
- Laura Brownell, South Gibson
- Kaycie Oakley, Southwest Warrick
- Kathy Seckinger, Spencer County

Cookie Cupboard Chairs:

- Annette Talbert
- Kenny Speed
- Heather Qualkenbush
- Stormie Woodrum

In case you missed it, check out all of our girl [2021 Cookie Celebrities!](#)

Volunteer Training Opportunities

The following certifications are required for specific high-risk outings with girls. When a certification is required, there must be at least one registered volunteer present who is currently certified in this area. If you are interested in completing one of these certifications, please fill out the interest form at the link below. The form also contains full details about each course.

- Fire Building
- Fire Building and Basic Outdoor Cooking (previously Basic Outdoor Skills)
- On the Go
- Troop Camp Training: A course is scheduled for July 10-11; register for this date [HERE](#). If this date does not work, complete interest form below.

In addition to the certifications above, GSSI is currently working to schedule First Aid/CPR dates for volunteers who have requested the training. If you have not requested this training recently and are interested, complete interest form [HERE](#).

COURSE INTEREST FORM

Summer Program Facilitators Needed!

Are you a college student, retiree, or just looking for a part time job opportunity this summer? GSSI is looking for responsible, enthusiastic, and energetic program facilitators to lead Summer Outreach programs across the 11-county GSSI council area.

[>>MORE INFO](#)

Tough Cookie Mud Run June Registration Special - Only \$35 per Runner!



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

Give to GSSI When You Shop on Amazon!



AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop with Amazon Smile, you can order what you need, and Amazon makes a donation of 0.5% of your purchase total to Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana!

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