



June 25, 2021

There's Still Time! Register Now for LEGO Build the Change Events



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 from 1:30-2:30 PM CST**. 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.

In addition to the virtual event, GSSI is also hosting a LIVE Viewing Party with fun LEGO themed activities & challenges before and after tuning into the live broadcast! Register now and bring a friend - girls don't have to be a Girl

Scout to participate.

When: Saturday, June 26th, 1:00-3:00 PM CST

Where: Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library Red Bank Branch

Cost: \$3/girl

PLUS all girls who participate in the live or virtual event and submit a photo of their LEGO creation will be entered to win 1 of 5 LEGO build kits from GSSI!*

**Photos can be submitted to the [GSSI Facebook page](#) or to lalvey@girlscouts-gssi.org. Must be received by June 29, 2021.*

REGISTER FOR VIRTUAL EVENT

REGISTER FOR VIEWING PARTY

Camp life is the best life.

Register now for our
exciting new summer
camp programs!

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

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](#)



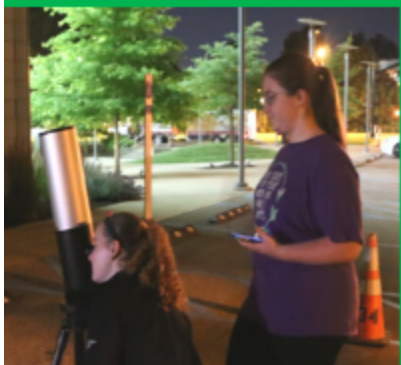
Day Camp Dates & Information Available

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](#)



Because of you, Girl Scouts in southwest Indiana do more than they ever thought they could and dream bigger than they ever imagined.
Thank you for standing strong with Girl Scouts.



Girls Explored the Cosmos

Together with the Evansville Museum, girls recently learned how to navigate the night sky from their smartphones using our new eVscope.



Girls Served Others

Troop 561 donated cookie earnings to a classmate to help cover expenses after a recent medical diagnosis.



Girls Went to Camp

GSSI's Passport to Camp event at Evansville's Camp Reveal in May taught girls about camp life & protecting our environment.

Want to continue creating possibilities for girls? A gift this summer will empower girls in our community to change the world for themselves and for others. Thank you in advance for giving every girl the chance to be her best self!

GIVE NOW

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? 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. Participants must work together to overcome a number of obstacles along the 5k trail. 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, IN, 2:00-6:00 PM CST with waves starting every 15 minutes.

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.

REGISTER NOW

Dive Into Family Fun with GSSI's Swim Party at Burdette Park



The poster features a purple background. On the left is the Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana logo and a cartoon Olaf. On the right is a cartoon illustration of Elsa and Anna from Frozen II. The text in the center provides event details.

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**Girl Scouts Frozen II
Family Swim Party!**
Saturday, July 24, 2021
7:30 PM-10:00 PM CST
Burdette Park Aquatic Center
301 Nurrenbern Rd, Evansville, IN 47712

Join the fun - Register Now!

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! Admission is only \$5 per person.

REGISTER

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 fun activities this summer like camps and the Frozen II Dive-In Family Swim Party, AND includes her membership for all of 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
- 10% off Girl Scout merchandise purchased online
- Discounts at Joann stores, Trust and Will, and Edith Macy Center
- 20% off online purchases from 8 different companies that were founded by women (offer valid through March 24, 2022, see website for complete list)

JOIN NOW

Meet the 2022 Cookie Mascots: Kiana & Katie



We are excited to introduce the 2022 Cookie Program mascots, Kiana and Katie the koalas. Chosen by popular vote last year, the koalas will remind girls to climb with courage to their goals, and that they are totally koali-fied cookie bosses!

Vote Now for Cookie Your Favorite 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 to Our Camp Volunteers

Summer camp programs are back, and we couldn't welcome girls back to the outdoors without the help of our amazing camp volunteers and staff.



Camp Koch Staff & Volunteers

- Crista Owens- Camp Director
- Frank Spangler- Camp Ranger
- Beth Heil- Activity Leader/Naturalist
- Clara Garman- Lifeguard
- Jamie Voges- Kitchen Staff
- Jennifer Brown- Nurse
- Karen Selby- Activity Leader
- Kathleen Boyer- Activity Lead/Unit Leader
- Mary Birkhead- Activity Lead/Unit Leader
- Melinda Garman- Activity Lead/Unit Leader
- Natalie Cardin- First Aid
- Rebecca Russell- Lifeguard
- Scott Zoll- Lifeguard
- Taylor Lawson- Activity Lead/Unit Leader
- Teri Rawlings- Kitchen Staff
- Tina Voges- Kitchen Staff

Service Unit Day Camp Directors

- North Dubois: Jayme Buechler
- South Dubois Rachel Beier and Tammy Haug
- Vanderburgh & Posey: Cathy Claridge
- North Warrick Twilight Camp: Michelle Loughrie
- Southwest Warrick: Trudy Day
- Perry County: Stormie Woodrum & Chris Allen

In addition to those listed, we appreciate everyone who has donated their time & talents to help make our summer programming a success.

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](#)



Summer is the perfect time to get outside and complete an environmental take action or highest award project, and now, thanks to a generous grant from Alcoa Foundation, girls can receive funding to help complete these projects!

GSSI is offering funding for 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

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 Community Partner Events

Girl Scout Night with the Evansville Otters

- **When:** Saturday, July 10 Game Time is 6:35 p.m. CDT.
- **What:** Girl Scouts, troop leaders, and their families are invited to join the Evansville for a special night of baseball fun! The event is just \$5 and includes reserved seating admission to the game, a meet & greet with the team, a post-game baseball clinic, and the chance to sleep under the stars at historic Bosse field! (Fee also includes dinner and breakfast)
- Full details and registration form available [HERE](#)

