



August 6, 2021

COVID-19 Updates

GSSI has updated our COVID-19 guidance as of August 1.

Updates include:

- **Masks:** When participating/meeting in a Girl Scout capacity, individuals and groups should follow state/county/school/facility mask expectations. If an area or facility (or your group's school) requires masks, the group must wear them while participating indoors and if you are unable to maintain the appropriate distance when outside.
- **Troop Meetings in the Home:** GSSI may allow all levels (Daisy-Ambassador) during the pandemic on a case-by-case basis to meet within a private residence if a public facility is not available and if the residence and volunteer meets all the guidelines listed below. However, troops are strongly discouraged from meeting in private homes due to the following: Girl Scouts has no control over a private residence and a typical home is not setup to host other people's children on a regular basis. Our goal is to protect both the Council and the homeowner. If something goes wrong, the homeowner could potentially be legally liable for accidents, injuries, etc., and we do not want to put troop leaders or troop parents in that position. GSSI encourages troops to find an alternative public facility location to hold meetings this upcoming membership year.

For full guidance, please reference the Back to Troop COVID Recommendations and Guidance document linked below. (Note: All updates are highlighted in yellow.)



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Save the Date for Unleash Strong




Unleash Strong 2021

Saturday, August 28

1:00-5:00 PM CDT

Evansville National Guard Armory

Presented in partnership with  Alcoa
Foundation

Join us for a day of fun and adventure as you take on new challenges, learn new skills, and find out how you can unleash your strengths with Girl Scouts.

With over 30 activity stations, music, games, giveaways, and food trucks, Unleash Strong is a day of fun for the entire family!

- Become an eco-friend and learn about salamanders, snakes, butterflies, and more
- Conquer a climbing wall
- Experience virtual reality
- Meet Beau the T-Rex
- Take a solar system stroll
- Challenge your friends in the Rolling Video Games gaming theater
- Chill out with Kona Ice
- Grab lunch or a snack from a local food truck including Poppa Bacon's Kitchen, Crazy Daisy's, Sassy Sweets, Cheese Queen, and Dawgs on the Ohio
- All girl participants in grades K-12 will receive a free patch courtesy of Alcoa Foundation

Admission is \$5 for kids in grades K-12; ages 4 and under and adults are free.
Registration deadline is August 23.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available! Contact Mary Fee at mfee@girlscouts-gssi.org for more information.

REGISTER NOW

Tough Cookie Mud Run Team Special - Only \$25 per runner for a team of 5!



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.

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



**Camp Koch t-shirts
now available!**

Cost: \$10
Sizes: Adult S, L, XL and Youth S, M, L.

Contact the GSSI shop at 812-421-4970
to pay and arrange for pick up.

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

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.

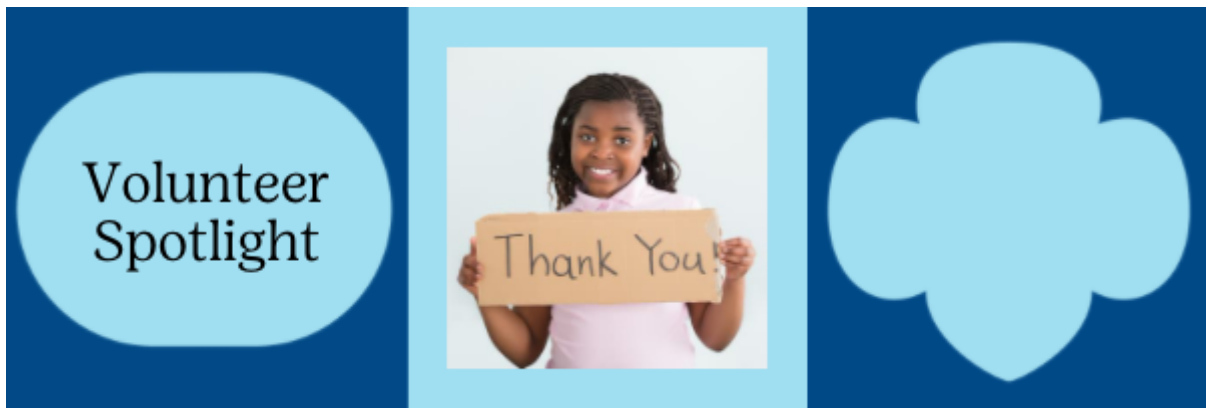
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New badges are here!



Now there's 28 new ways for Girl Scouts of all ages to explore their world, either online or unplugged. With this year's newest class of badges, Girl Scouts can take on more topics that matter to them, like getting outside and discovering math in nature (sponsored by Johnson & Johnson), taking their online cookie business to the next level, and learning how to be digital leaders (sponsored by Instagram). Get ready, because these new badges will spark her sense of wonder this year!

[SEE WHAT'S NEW](#)



Thank you to all of our back-to-school volunteers!

This week we're sending a huge shout-out to all of the Service Unit Chairs, School Coordinators, and other volunteers who are helping us schedule recruitment tables at back-to-school events. As a small staff serving 11 counties, your help in welcoming more girls to Girl Scouts is invaluable!

- JoAnn Smith - William Tell
- Angie Dykes - Cannelton
- Rachel Lewis - Rockport
- Trudy Day - St. John's
- Kym Mosby and Chris Allen - Perry Central
- Cammie Holm - Hebron
- Natalie Teeters - Princeton
- Rebecca Russell - John H. Castle
- Kirby Risch - Barr Reeve
- Crystal Kaiser-Wells - Sharon Elementary

Back-to-School Event Volunteer Opportunities: If your girl's school is planning a back-to-school night and you would like to hold a Girl Scout table at the event, please contact support@girlscouts-gssi.org. GSSI will provide print materials and giveaways for volunteer-run tables.



We have big cookie news coming soon! ABC Baker's Girl Scout S'mores cookie was retired last year, which means a new cookie will take its place! Stay tuned for the announcement coming in mid August.



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 by September 30, 2021.

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.

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