



September 3, 2021

**Please Note: The GSSI Office & Shop will be closed Monday, September 6 for Labor Day.**

## COVID-19 Updates

GSSI has updated our COVID-19 guidance as of August 1. For full guidance, please reference the Back to Troop COVID Recommendations and Guidance document linked below. (Note: All updates are highlighted in yellow.)

[LEARN MORE](#)



### Important Girl Scout Shop Updates!

**NEW SHOP HOURS:** (Beginning Tuesday, September 7, 2021)

- Mondays & Wednesdays: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM CST
- Thursday: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM CST
- Tuesday & Friday: CLOSED

*Note: This does not affect GSSI Office hours which are Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM CST.*

Also beginning September 7, the shop will offer online ordering, curbside/in-store pickup and free shipping. More information on placing orders coming soon!



Tough Cookie

Thank You!



Unleash Strong

## Unleash Strong

Thank you to all of our sponsors, volunteers, community partners, and to everyone who braved the heat to attend Unleash Strong 2021! Check out pictures of the fun on our [Facebook page](#).

### Special thanks to our sponsors:

Alcoa Foundation  
Toyota Indiana  
Lark Ranch  
Atlas Van Lines  
Acclaim Graphics, Inc  
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Tri-State Gutter Topper  
Ken & Suzanne Hunter  
John & Sara Stachura

## Tough Cookie Mud Run

Shout out to all of our sponsors, runners, donors, and volunteers that helped make the Tough Cookie Mud Run a success! We'd like to also recognize Ranger Frank Spangler for building the obstacles and setting up the course. Pictures of the race are on our [Facebook page](#) - more coming soon!

### Special Thanks to Our Sponsors:

Acclaim Graphics  
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Introducing Adventurefuls! A crispy, indulgent, brownie-inspired cookie with caramel-flavored crème and a hint of sea salt, Adventurefuls will take cookie lovers on a delicious taste adventure just like Girl Scouts go on their own amazing adventures through the program! The new cookie will be available from both bakers and from all councils across the United States. For more info on Adventurefuls and to sign up for a reminder of when cookie sales begin, visit [girlscoutscookies.org](https://girlscoutscookies.org). (GSSI's cookie season begins December 10!)

## **Gluten-Free Caramel Chocolate Chip Cookie Troop Pre-Orders Due October 15**

Any troops who wish to sell Gluten-Free Caramel Chocolate Chip Cookies during the 2022 Cookie Program must submit their troop's pre-order by Friday, October 15, 2021. Supplies in the cookie cupboards will be limited and inventory cannot be guaranteed, so please plan accordingly. The maximum pre-order for a troop is 2 cases. If your troop is requesting more than 2 cases, prior approval must be given by the Cookie Department.

This cookie is not on the girl's order card for pre-orders. If the troop decides to take orders during pre-sale, please make sure the troop cookie volunteer is aware of how many packages each girl pre-sold to ensure the product will be available. (This does not include Direct Ship orders.)

Gluten-free cookies cannot be returned. The cookies cost **\$6.00** per package. Once you have placed your troop's gluten-free order with GSSI, your troop will be

financially responsible for the cookies and payment at the end of the Cookie Program with Troop Final paperwork on March 12, 2022.

The cookies will be delivered with the troop Initial Orders in February 2022.

For any questions please contact the Cookie Department at [cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org](mailto:cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org)

**SUBMIT ORDER**

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## Register Now for GSSI's New Fall Event Series!

All girls in grades K-5 are invited to participate in our Fall Event Series, and the more events she attends, the more you will save on admission. Each event will be hosted by a different community partner in Evansville and offers unique Girl Scout-inspired experiences

- Sign up for one: \$15
- Sign up for two: \$25 (\$5 discount)
- Sign up for three: \$35 (\$10 discount)
- Sign up for all four: \$45 (\$15 discount)

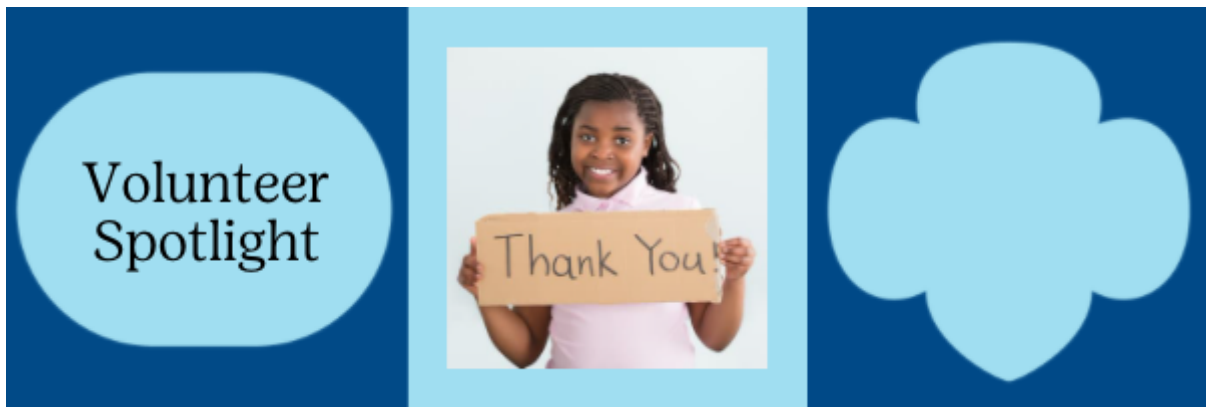
**PLUS-** All girls who attend any of the events can visit the GSSI council shop to receive a free Girl Scout drawstring bag!

**LEARN MORE**

### 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](#)



This week we'd like to thank **Angela Schneider** for her assistance in onboarding a new leader this fall and **Whitney Muncy** for hosting a back-to-school table at McCutchanville Elementary school!

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



### Honor & Golden Honor Troop Deadline is 9/30

Don't forget all Honor And Golden Honor Troop applications must be submitted by September 30. Questions? Contact [kmessersmith@girlscouts-org](mailto:kmessersmith@girlscouts-org).

[Submit Applications Here](#)



Now 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. **Don't wait! 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.

[APPLY NOW](#)

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## 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](#)

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## Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend



Girl Scouts love the outdoors, including state parks. Join us in celebrating Girl Scouts Love State Parks weekend September 11–12 and earn a colorful new patch for participating in one or more scenic events!

Girl Scouts and their families and friends are all welcome to join in the fun at Lincoln State Park in Vincennes on Saturday, September 12. [EVENT INFO](#)

Can't make it to the park that day? There's more! Girls can virtually tour parks nationwide using our [interactive map](#). Visit our site to download a [free activity passport](#) to guide your adventures and learn how to pledge to clean up the parks through [Pick Up America](#) . Also, consider purchasing the official patch!

**GET THE PATCH!**



## **National 9/11 Day of Service Coalition**

To commemorate those who lost their lives during the heartbreaking events that took place 20 years ago on September 11, 2001, Girl Scouts is proud to be a part of the National 9/11 Day of Service Coalition. Along with 9/11 Day and a wide coalition of leading nonprofits and organizations, we hope to rekindle the extraordinary spirit of unity, compassion, and service that arose in the immediate aftermath of the 9/11 tragedy, when people across the country came together in truly inspiring ways. Our goal is to inspire as many as 100 million acts of service



and kindness in tribute to those killed and injured on 9/11, first responders, recovery workers, and members of our military community. We hope that, along with your troop and Girl Scout sisters, you'll join us by participating in acts of kindness and community service on or around September 11, 2021. For service project ideas, visit [Girl Scouts' National Service Projects](#) page. For additional resources, information, and community service opportunities, visit [911day.org](http://911day.org) – more information will be added on September 1st.

## More Upcoming Events & Programs

[Check out all of our program offerings in the new Fall 2021 Program Guide!](#)

### Two Digital Leadership Badge Launch Events September 14

To celebrate the launch of our new Digital Leadership badges for Girl Scouts of all ages, GSUSA and Instagram are hosting two virtual events for Girl Scouts and girls in grades K–12. Attendees will get a sampling of brand new activities from the badges as they explore what it means to be a leader online and offline.

#### Explore the Digital World

What: A 30-minute event for girls in grades K–5 that features hand-on activities and exploration. Girls will:

- Create art to show how they'll make a difference online and offline.
- Play a game to find out how they can stay safe online and help others.
- Make a digital “SWAP” to share how they're a digital leader.
- Celebrate the new Digital Leadership badges for Daisies, Brownies and Juniors.

When: Tuesday, September 14, 6:00-6:30 PM CDT

[REGISTER HERE](#)

#### Make a Digital Difference

What: A 60-minute event for girls in grades 6–12 that features a panel of young leaders sharing their experiences. Girls will:

- Hear from panelists and Girl Scout alum who are making the real and digital worlds a better place.
- Examine how you can stay safe online and be intentional with technology.



- Celebrate the launch of the new Digital Leadership badges for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors.

When: Tuesday, September 14, 7:00-8:00 PM CDT

[REGISTER HERE](#)

### **Fall Troop Camporee at Camp Koch**

Enjoy beautiful Camp Koch during the best time of the year! This will be the perfect overnight opportunity for those troops that have been wanting to stay at camp but may not have been able to plan their own trip. GSSI will organize everything for you; all you have to do is show up with your girls! Hayrides, animals, fishing, kayaks, archery (2nd grade+), tomahawks (6th grade+) , pumpkins, outdoor movies, and a camp fire!

When: Saturday-Sunday November 6-7, 2021; a day camp-only option is also available

[GET MORE INFO AND REGISTER HERE](#)



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**Contact us for more information.**

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