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# A Note Regarding the Events in Uvalde, Texas

GSSI is heartbroken to share that one of our Girl Scouts from a sister council was killed during the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Texas this week. The Girl Scout organization mourns the death of Amerie Garza, along with the families of the victims and everyone affected by this violence. For ways you can help our sisters in Uvalde, please visit our Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas's Girl Scout Strong for Uvalde web page at www.girlscouts-swtx.org/girlscoutstrong.





Summer is here, and that means it's time to head to Camp Koch for all new camp adventures! We have a series of sessions planned, including three options just for Girl Scouts in grades 6-12 (including spring 2022 graduates) and a weekend

overnight for girls entering grades 2 and up. Please note: session dates have changed from the initial save the date information.

#### CSA Session 1: Program Aide & CIT Certification

#### Sunday, June 26-Wednesday, June 29

#### Check-In 3:00 PM Sunday, Check-Out 10:00 AM Wednesday Cost: \$275

This session will include Program Aide and Counselor-In-Training certifications and a Take Action Project at camp. Campers will also participate in waterfront fun, rappelling, and traditional resident camp activities. PA/CITs can volunteer for hands-on experience as official PA/CITs during the Weekend Camp Experience on July 15-17, 2022.

#### CSA Session 2: Extended Camp with Off-Site Excursion

#### Sunday, June 26-Sunday, July 3 Check-In 3:00 PM CDT Sunday, Check-Out 4:00 PM CDT Sunday Cost: \$650

This session includes the Program Aide and Counselor-In-Training session plus a 4-day, 3-night excursion to Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana's Camp Stem Adventure Center in Laconia, IN. PA/CITs can volunteer for hands-on experience as official PA/CITs during the Weekend Camp Experience on July 15-17, 2022.

#### CSA Session 3: Off-Site Excursion Only

#### Wednesday, June 29-Sunday, July 3 Check-In 3:00 PM CDT Wednesday, Check-Out 4:00 PM CDT Sunday Cost: \$375

This session includes one night at Camp Koch and a 4-day, 3-night excursion to Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana's Camp Stem Adventure Center in Laconia, IN.

#### Deadline to register for all CSA sessions is Monday, June 20.

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#### Weekend Camp Experience

#### Friday, July 15-Sunday, July 17 (Day only option July 16) Check-In 3:00 PM Friday, Check-Out 10:00 AM Sunday

With the theme Girl Scouts University (based on "Monsters University"), this camp will include traditional activities with a fun new spin. Girls will participate in waterfront activities, enjoy camp meals, go hiking, sleep in platform tents, and more! Girls may also participate in a day-only program from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM CDT on Saturday. This program is open to girls entering grades 2-12 (including spring 2022 graduates.)

Cost: \$95 for the overnight, \$45 for the day program. Deadline to register is July 8.

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#### **Camp Volunteers**

Are you interested in becoming a camp volunteer? You can choose to attend any or all of the sessions! Mandatory volunteer training will take place Friday, June 17-Sunday, June 19 at Camp Koch. To register, visit the link below or contact Crista Owens, Camp Director, at gssicampdirector@gmail.com with questions.

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# Camp Koch Good Turn Weekend

Troops and adults are invited to volunteer their time and skills to prepare Camp Koch for the summer season during Good Turn Weekend on June 24-25. You can choose to volunteer one or more days from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM CDT. There will be no overnight lodging and/or camping unless you are Girl Scout adult volunteer staff for Session 1. Please be sure to bring any snacks or food that you will need for the day. Water will be provided at various areas around camp.

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# Service Unit Day Camps

- Vanderburgh/Posey: 6/20-6/23 at USI Learn More»
- Southwest Warrick: 6/16-6/17 at Camp Brosend Learn More»
- Pike/Daviess/Martin: 6/22-24 at Pride's Creek Info coming soon
- North Dubois: 7/11-7/13 at Camp Carnes Learn More»
- Perry: 6/7-6/9 at Camp Koch Learn More»
- Gibson: 6/18 at Gibson County Fair Grounds Learn More»
- Spencer: 8/13 at Lincoln State Park Info coming soon



Connecting. Testing her strength. Making a difference. Renew today to make sure your Girl Scout continues to shine her brightest.

She's ready to explore, learn, and create. She's ready to come back. Keep the fun going with Girl Scouts and watch her confidence soar.

All members who register from by **June 6**, **2022** will receive a free patch AND a double bubble fidget backpack charm.\* Plus, for every day before June 6 you are renewed, your name will be entered into a drawing to win fun Girl Scout prizes! (For example, if you renew May 13, your name will be entered 25 times—that's 25 chances to win.)

Troop leaders: Troops who renew 80% of their girls and 2+ co-leaders will receive a 25% off coupon to use in the GSSI council shop!

\*Girls who earned a membership through the 2022 Cookie Program will receive all early renewal incentives.

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# **Cookie Updates**

Troop leaders: Troop cookie checks have been mailed. If you do not receive yours by June 6, please contact cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org.

# **Congratulations to all of our Highest Award, Top Cookie Bosses & GSSI Adult Award Recipients!**

We celebrated our awardees on Saturday, May 14. To see a full list of all recipients and to read about our Gold Award Girl Scouts, view the Highest Awards Celebration event program at the link below.

If you were unable to attend the celebration or did not receive your award certificates, please contact Cassie McCord at cmccord@girlscouts-gssi.org.

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# We're going to Disney World!

# Learn more at the GSSI 2023 National Convention Trip Information Meeting on Monday, June 6

Get Ready! Girl Scouts is taking over Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando for the 2023 National Convention, and GSSI is planning a trip to join in the excitement! National Convention is a celebration of all things Girl Scouts. This mega event will provide attendees with unforgettable experiences as they gain inspiration, tools to empower themselves, and the know-how to lead change in their communities while connecting with some of the most influential women in the world. Participants will also enjoy daily entertainment from traditional Girl Scouts songs to dance parties and fun Disney extras! Best of all, girls will be part of the sisterhood that surrounds the entire event.

#### **Information Meeting Details**

Join us **Monday**, **June 6**, **from 6:00 PM–8:00 PM CDT** at the Council Office to learn more about this unique national event opportunity, travel details, cost, and fundraising options. Potential Travel Dates are July 16-24, but final times will depend on travel planning and additional experience options. *NOTE: Girl attendees must be entering 8th-12th grades in Fall 2023 to participate in the trip*.

Girls should bring one parent or guardian to the information meeting (no siblings, please). To ensure we have enough space, please RSVP at the link below. If you cannot attend in person, please reach out to Aimee Stachura at astachura@girlscouts-gssi.org for a virtual meeting link option.

## Plan Your Girl Scout Summer: New Program Guide Now Available

We invite you to check out the newest version of our Program Guide, which includes both scheduled and anytime events. We have added a variety of new community partners and included community events that girls and families can attend together. Check back often - the guide will be updated as we add new programs. Questions? Contact Cassie McCord, Girl Experience Specialist, at cmccord@girlscouts-gssi.org.

Summer 2022 Program Guide

# Take Action for the Environment with Alcoa Foundation



Thanks to a generous grant from Alcoa Foundation, GSSI will again offer mini grants for take action and highest award projects that focus on environmental sustainability and/or environmental education throughout the remainder of the 2021-2022 membership year.

Troops, service unit events, service unit camps, and individuals (registered members grades K-12) must submit a mini grant proposal form for consideration. If awarded, the project will receive \$75.00 towards project expenses. Project plans and proposed budgets must be submitted to and approved by GSSI before starting. Final project reports and receipts must be submitted by troop/group/individual to GSSI at the completion of the service for tracking. Projects must be completed and submitted before September 1, 2022.





All 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 friends and Girl Scouts. Girls can also pose for photos with Disney princesses and enter to win special door prizes!

The cost is just \$5 per person and the registration deadline is Monday, July 18. Learn more and register at the link below. Non-Girl Scouts are welcome.

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# **GSSI Shop Updates**

Shop Hours: Monday & Wednesday: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM CDT Thursday: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM CDT Tuesday & Friday: Closed

#### Can't Make it In?

In addition to in-store shopping, we now offer online ordering with the option of store pick-up or FREE shipping!

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# Have a question? Don't be shy! <u>Contact us</u> for more information.

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