

August 5, 2022



All girls in grades K-12 and their families are invited to join us for a day of fun and adventure at our annual Unleash Strong event! Girls will take on new challenges, learn new skills, and discover how they can unleash their strengths with Girl Scouts.

The event at YMCA Camp Carson will include community partner stations, a climbing wall, canoeing, a 50-foot alpine climbing tower, archery, air rifles, teambuilding on a low ropes course, slingshots, hiking, and more. Plus, an optional overnight for troops in Camp Carson's cabins or your tents!

Unleash Strong 2022

Saturday, September 10, 2022 1:00-5:00 PM CDT YMCA Camp Carson, 2034 Outer Lake Rd, Princeton, IN 47670 Cost: \$5 per child, ages 4 and under and adults are free

Visit the link below for details and registration. For questions, contact <u>support@girlscouts-gssi.org</u>.

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Community Partners!

Join us to help girls learn new skills and unlock their full potential. We are looking for community partners to host activity stations during the event, which regularly serves hundreds of families across southwest Indiana. There's no cost to participate as a partner! Register below to join us, and our Girl Experience Specialist Cassie McCord will contact you to confirm all details.

REGISTER NOW

Sponsorships are also available. For more information, contact Mary Fee at <u>mfee@girlscouts-gssi.org</u> or download a sponsorship form below.

BECOME A SPONSOR

Trailblazer CAMPaign: Give Today to Improve Camp Koch



As we celebrate 80 years of Camp Koch, we set our sights on the future and making camp a special place for girls for generations to come. Our CAMPaign goal is to raise \$50,000 by 2023 to renovate the shelter house, create a fire pit, and build four furnished cabins at the Trailblazer campsite.

Thanks to your generosity, to date we have raised: **Cabins:** \$17,900 of \$25,000 goal **Shelter House:** \$500 of \$6500 goal **Furnishings:** \$13,392 of \$16,500 goal

Fire Pit: \$2,000 of \$2,000 *FUNDED!* **Total:** \$33,792 of our \$50,000 goal - WE ARE HALFWAY THERE!

Give today and help make Camp Koch an even more exciting outdoor destination for all girls! To donate, visit the link below and select "Donate Online Now." When filling out the form, choose Camp Koch as the designation and enter "Trailblazer Campaign" in the comment box. For questions, contact <u>mfee@girlscouts-gssi.org</u>.

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Troop Leaders: Renewal Incentives are Ready

Troop Support has contacted leaders regarding pick-up or delivery of troop renewal incentives; if you have not received a message, please contact support@girlscouts-gssi.org.

As a reminder, if you earned the 25% off coupon to the GSSI shop, it will expire September 30.



We'd like to send a huge thank you to the following volunteers for assisting with recruiting at recent back-to-school events at local elementary schools. Your work helps strengthen the Girl Scout Movement in southwest Indiana, and we appreciate your time!

• Aaron Blackwell

- Amber Sutton
- Audra Houghton
- Becky Grimes
- Becky Williams
- Bobbi Oost
- Cammie Holm
- Carolyn Biggs
- Courtney Payne
- Danielle Arrigo
- Dawn Crowley
- Debbie Whitbeck
- Elamon Barrett
- Ellen Ricketts
- Heather Beadles
- Jamie Waugh
- Jannelle James
- Kara Gunther
- Karen Schulte
- Kassie Risse
- Kelsi Beaver
- Krissy Osbourne
- Kristina Nadin
- Maria Koch
- Megan Mullins
- Melissa Brown-Stewart
- Nicole Clemensen
- Nicole Pearch
- Nycholle Harris
- Rebecca Russell
- Robyn Brown
- Shelby Aldridge
- Suzy Harper
- Troop 452
- Trudy Day

To assist with recruiting in your area, contact support@girlscouts-gssi.org.

The GSSI Membership Team has Grown!

We are excited to announce that Lisa Prow, long time GSSI volunteer, has joined the council staff as a Membership Recruiter. Lisa will support Dubois, Daviess, and Martin, while assisting in other areas as needed.



Registration is Now Open for the 2023 Girl Scout Convention at Disney World!

It's our time to shine! Join us in July 2023 at *Walt Disney World*® Resort for the world's biggest gathering of Girl Scouts. Our national convention only happens every three years, so you don't want to miss it. Register for Phenom by Girl Scouts today and save with early bird pricing. Connect with Girl Scouts from across the country to experience amazing activities and demos in the Expo Hall, meet special guests, attend the National Bridging ceremony and Gold Award celebration, and much more.

Register for Phenom by Girl Scouts today and save \$50 or more per person with early bird pricing.

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Cookie Program Information

2023 Cookie Volunteers

If you have your troop has your 2023 cookie volunteer in place, please email <u>cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org</u> so they can be added to Smart Cookies when the system becomes available again.

Smart Cookies Maintenance

ABC Smart Cookies will be down for routine maintenance from Sunday, July 31-Monday, October 3. If you have any questions, contact cookies@girlscoutsgssi.org.

Give to 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 receive a Girl Scout Family Giving patch!

To donate online now, visit the link below and enter "Family Giving Partnership" in the Designation dropdown box. To give by mail, download this <u>FORM</u>.

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Upcoming Events

eVscope Star Parties at the Evansville Museum for Juniors and Cadettes

<u>Juniors</u> When: Friday, August 19, 8:30-9:30 PM CDT Where: The Evansville Museum, 411 E Riverside Dr, Evansville, IN Cost: \$10 per girl

<u>Cadettes</u> When: Saturday, August 20, 8:30-9:30 PM CDT Where: The Evansville Museum, 411 E Riverside Dr, Evansville, IN Cost: \$10 per girl

Are your girls interested in seeing what star clusters, nebula and galaxies look like close up? Using GSSI's eVscope, you'll be able to view these objects bright and close-up just like in you see in pictures. Through the eVscope, galaxies and nebula are seen in color, and hundreds of stars normally not seen also become visible. The eVscope allows users to observe objects normally invisible in light polluted, urban locations. Unlike traditional telescopes with eyepieces, views through the eVscope are shared in real-time using a smartphone or tablet. We've planned several star parties around this amazing piece of technology in cooperation the Evansville Museum to allow girls to explore the sky and learn more about space. Max 18 girls per session to allow for a hands-on experience.

Requirements

Prior to arriving, troops need to download the Unistellar app from their device's app store. One smartphone or tablet with the Unistellar app will need to be available for every two girls attending.

In the event of inclement weather, the event will be substituted with a planetarium show at the Evansville Museum. In this scenario, leaders will be contacted by the museum by email with 24-hour notice.

To register: Call the Evansville Museum at (812) 425-2406 from 12:00-5:00 PM Friday-Sunday.

Questions? Contact Mitch Luman at (812)425-2406, ext 227 or email mluman@emuseum.org.

Check out our Event Calendar for a full list of upcoming activities!

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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!

SHOP NOW

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.

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