



October 14, 2022

Cookie Updates and Information

2023 Cookie Permission Forms and Program Calendar

It's time to start planning for cookie season! The program calendar is listed below for your reference. Remember that Cookie Permission Forms are due to the council office by December 1.

- [2023 Cookie Program Calendar](#)
- [Cookie Permission Form](#): Each girl must have a permission form on file to participate in the cookie program. Forms are due to the council office by December 1.

Additional Updates

- **Cookie Billboard Contest Extended:** The troop billboard contest has been extended! Troops can now submit designs for our second billboard, which will be displayed in Evansville in February. Instead of announcing that cookies are coming, this billboard will inform customers that cookies have arrived. The new deadline for submissions is November 4.
- **Save the Date for the 2023 Cookie Kickoff:** The Cookie Kickoff will be held on Sunday, December 4 at Deep Blue Play in Evansville. We will have two sessions, one beginning at 3:00 PM and one at 5:30 PM CST. Register and get more info [HERE](#).
- **2023 Service Unit Cookie Chairs:** Each Service Unit Cookie Chair (SUCC) is listed below. The SUCC serves as the main cookie program contact for each

service unit. If you need your SUCC's contact information, please email cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org.

- Daviess & Martin: Annette Talbert
 - North Dubois: Lisa Prow
 - South Dubois: Tarry Kerkhoff
 - East River: Heather Barnett
 - East Gibson & South Gibson: Jennyfer Strickland
 - North Gibson: Natalie Teeters
 - Knox: Cindy Watjen
 - North Central: Karen Bengert
 - Northwest: Kathy Peckenpaugh
 - North Warrick: Amy Draeger
 - Perry: Jannelle James
 - Pike: Sandy McBeth
 - Posey: Erica Sims
 - Southwest Warrick: Kaycie Oakley
 - Spencer: Kathy Seckinger
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- **Service Unit Cookie Volunteer Training Dates:** All troop cookie volunteers must attend their service unit's cookie training. Preferably, troop leaders will attend as well. If both the cookie volunteer and troop leader are unavailable, a volunteer from the troop can instead. If you cannot attend or have questions, please get in touch with your SUCC or cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org.
 - Daviess, Martin, and Pike: Wednesday, November 2, at Harvest Community Fellowship
 - East River, North Central, and Northwest: Thursday, November 3, at Central Library
 - Spencer and Perry: Monday, November 7, at St. Boniface Parish Hall
 - North Dubois and South Dubois: Monday, November 14, at Teen Outback
 - Knox: Tuesday, November 15, at Monical's Pizza
 - North Warrick and Southwest Warrick: Thursday, November 17; Location TBD
 - Posey: Monday, November 21, at St. Francis Church
 - North Gibson, East Gibson, and South Gibson: Monday, December 5, at Oasis Church
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Jump into adventures with your troop at Camp Koch this fall! GSSI will organize everything for you; all you have to do is show up with your girls and have fun!

Update! Daisies may now attend, but cannot participate in archery.

The following activities will be available for you and your troop to enjoy:

- Archery (Brownies and up only)
- Guided Creek Hikes
- Team Building Course and Slacklining
- Pollinator Workshop (Take Action Project and some badgework steps)
- Hayrides
- Rock Painting
- Hammock Hideaway Hike and Relaxation
- Chalk Art Installation
- SWAPs
- Letterboxing
- Gaga Ball & Tetherball

GSSI Daisy, Brownie and Junior troops are invited to attend this event. Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors may volunteer at this event with an hour after the camporee for older girl fun! (archery and tomahawk/knife throwing) GSSI will sign off on Girl Scout and school service hours for volunteers. Check-in begins at 9:30.

When: Saturday, November 5, 2022, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM CST

Where: Camp Koch, Cannelton, IN

Cost: \$20 for campers, \$10 for CSA & adult volunteers (Camp registration fee includes lunch, a snack, and a camporee patch.)

Registration closes October 31 at 11:00 PM CST.

Learn more and register now at the link below. Questions? Contact oblanco@girlscouts-gssi.org.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Troop Leader Updates



For one incredible day, November 12, Girl Scout volunteers across Southwest Indiana will join together to grow our networks, gain invaluable leadership skills, and join the conversation to create positive local solutions to ensure movement success.

We know Girl Scout volunteers are superheroes, and we want to provide you with the tools and network you need to lead the girls in your life to be the superheroes of tomorrow.

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Volunteer Spotlight

This week we would like to recognize the following volunteers:

For assisting with recruiting:

- The Dubois County Volunteers who recently held a Trunk or Treat in Jasper
- Elamon White

For hosting a Journey in a Weekend event for Pike, Daviess, and Martin girls:

- Sandy McBeth
- Suzy Harper

Your work helps strengthen the Girl Scout Movement in southwest Indiana, and we are grateful for you!

New Fall Outdoor Program Guide Now Available

If you're looking for outdoor events for your troop or girl, check out our new Outdoor Program Guide, featuring monthly activities for October-December. The guide contains both Girl Scout-exclusive and community programming along with volunteer training opportunities. For questions or event suggestions, contact Outdoor Experience Specialist Olivia Blanco at oblanco@girlscouts-gssi.org.

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"Project Pollinate"
community service project
funding is now available!

Funding provided by



As part of our "Project Pollinate" program funded by Alcoa Foundation, we are now offering funding to assist with community service projects. Throughout 2023, Girl Scouts are encouraged to look for meaningful ways to contribute to their community, while sharpening their problem-solving skills and expanding their definition of philanthropy through community service projects focused on protecting pollinators. These projects will work to influence the community's environmental attitudes, values, and behaviors, and cultivate a sense of responsibility for nature. Funding of up to \$75 is available for approved projects.

This can be given to individuals, troops, service units, and/or camps. For questions, contact Cassie McCord at cmccord@girlscouts-gssi.org.

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GSSI Shop Updates



The banner features a purple background. At the top, a light purple rounded rectangle contains the text "GSSI Shop Promotion" in a black serif font. Below this, a lime green rounded rectangle contains the text "My Girl Scout Kit" in a large, bold, black serif font. Underneath the title, the text "Free bag with purchase!" is written in a smaller black serif font. On the left side of the green area is a black drawstring bag with a purple trefoil logo, and on the right side is a teal drawstring bag with a pink trefoil logo.

Introducing an exciting new shop promotion!

My Girl Scout Kit

The My Girl Scout Kit includes all of the essentials your girl needs for each grade level for just \$60, AND includes a free drawstring bag!

[LEARN MORE](#)

Regular Shop Hours:

Monday & Wednesday: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM CDT

Thursday: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM CDT

Tuesday & Friday: Closed

Note: GSSI office staff is available Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM CDT

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](#)

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 benefit the girls directly. 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, visit the link below and enter "Family Giving Partnership" in the Designation dropdown box. To give by mail, download this [FORM](#).

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Upcoming Events

Girl Scout Trunk or Treat-Evansville

When: Saturday, October 22, 2022

Where: GSSI Council Office side parking lot, 5000 E Virginia St, Evansville

Cost: Free

All girls in grades K-12 and their families are invited to a night of FREE Halloween fun! Wear your costume, get some treats, and play games. The event is open to non-members; members are invited to bring friends so they can learn about the fun of Girl Scouts!

The event is limited to the first 200 trunk or treaters. Parent or guardian must stay with kids at all time. Questions? Contact Nicole at events47715@gmail.com

Farming for the Community at Seton Harvest - New Date!

When: Saturday, October 22, 2022

Brownies & Juniors: 10:30 AM-1:00 PM CDT

Cadettes, Seniors, & Ambassadors: 12:00-1:30 PM CDT

Where: Seton Harvest, 9400 New Harmony Rd, Evansville, IN 47720

Cost: \$5 per girl

Learn about Community Supported Agriculture and earth-friendly farming practices. Girls will walk around the farm to see fields of vegetables, herb and flower gardens, and visit the hydroponic and aquaponic greenhouse. They will learn about composting, renewable energy, pollinators, and the importance of sharing abundance with people in need. Girls may also participate in community service by helping weed the crops and bring a sack lunch to enjoy while surrounded by nature under the shade of the shelter house from 11:30 - 12:00.

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Girl Scout Day of Dance with Children's Center for Dance Education

When: Sunday, October 23, 2:00-4:00 PM CDT

Where: 5900 Vogel Road, Suite A, Evansville, IN 47715

Cost: \$9/Girl Scout, add \$3 for optional fun patch

All Girl Scouts are invited to a dance workshop where they will learn dances such as Cha Cha, Filipino Tinikling, and Ballet! The program satisfies some badge requirements, including performance. Plus, all participants and accompanying

adults will receive 1/2 price tickets to the CCDE's Children's Nutcracker performance at the Old National Events Plaza on Sunday, December 10th! Girls should wear stretchy clothes and socks. No tagalongs, please.

To register, download the registration below. For all questions, please contact Sally Olson at sallyo@wowway.com or call 812-421-8066.

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Awesome Archery Workshop for Brownies-Seniors

When: Saturday, October 29, 2:00-4:00 PM CDT

Where: Evansville, location will be shared in confirmation email

Cost: \$10/girl

Girls will receive guided instruction from local NASP (National Archery in Schools Program) certified instructors to learn about equipment, safety, and strategy. Instruction will last 30 - 45 minutes, with the rest of the time dedicated to practice. All equipment will be provided upon arrival. This program will satisfy steps 1 - 4 of the Cadette Archery Badge.

For questions, contact Olivia Blanco at oblanco@girlscouts-gssi.org or call 812-421-4970.

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