



September 30, 2022

Cookie Updates and Information



Start Brainstorming with Your Troop for the Cookie Billboard Design Contest!

Our Cookie Billboard Design Contest is back! Troops are invited to put their creative skills to work and design a billboard on display in Evansville in December. The billboard should let the community know that cookie season is beginning and showcase one or more cookies. Designs are due to council by October 7. Winners will be selected by vote and announced on October 28. The final billboard images will be created by GSSI using the winning design idea. For design requirements, guidelines, and cookie images, visit the link below.



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Cookie Permission Forms

Don't wait - submit your cookie permission forms now! Each girl must have a permission form on file by December 1, 2022, to participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program.

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Additional Updates

- **Two Online Exclusive Cookies:** Along with Raspberry Rally™, Caramel Chocolate Chip (Gluten Free) cookies will be exclusively available online for direct shipment only. They will not be on the order cards or available from troops or the Cookie Cupboards.
- **Troop Cookie Volunteers:** As soon as your troop has your 2023 cookie volunteer in place, please email cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org so they can be added to Smart Cookies when the system becomes available again.



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!

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

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

GSSI 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.)

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

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Troop Leader Updates



Volunteer
Spotlight

Thank You!

This week we would like to recognize the following volunteers:

For assisting with recruiting:

- Becky Grimes
- Rachel Beier
- Tarry Kerkhoff
- Angie Speed

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

- Ellen Ricketts
- Carmen Sterling

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

Honor & Golden Honor Troop Forms Due October 1

Honor and Golden Honor recognition showcase troops achieving the Essential Elements of a Girl Scout Troop and overall excellence in troop management and programming each year. To achieve this honor, leaders, and girls must work in partnership with each other, other troops, their local Service Team, and council staff. When completing the application form, please only reference activities from the 2021-2022 membership year. If you have any questions, please contact your Troop Support Specialist or email support@girlscouts-gssi.org.

[View Award Requirements](#)

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Upcoming Fire Building & Basic Outdoor Cooking Training Session for Volunteers

The Fire Building & Basic Outdoor Cooking Training will equip volunteers with the skills to effectively utilize the Girl Scout program in an outdoor setting. The activities learned can be done at troop meetings, in parks, or in backyards to

familiarize girls with outdoor activities. With this course, you will be certified to conduct outdoor campfires for recreation or cooking. This class consists of in-person training and required online information to review prior to in-person training (40 minutes). Fire Building and Basic Outdoor Cooking is valid for three years and may be recertified online once the certification lapses.

When: Sunday, October 23, 12:00-6:00 PM

Where: Evansville (address will be sent with registration confirmation email)

Cost: \$10

Registration ends October 14, 2022.

If you have additional questions, please reach out to GSSI Outdoor Experience Specialist, Olivia Blanco, at oblanco@girlscouts-gssi.org or 812-421-4970.

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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.

[VIEW GUIDE](#)

GSSI Shop Updates

GSSI Shop Promotions

My Girl Scout Kit



Free bag with purchase!

Back to Troop Special



Buy now, save later!

Introducing two exciting new shop promotions!

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](#).

GIVE NOW

Upcoming Events

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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Trunk or Treat Events

Dubois County

When: Friday, October 7, 2022, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM EDT

Where: Jasper Middle School. 3600 N Portersville Rd, Jasper, IN

Cost: \$5 per girl, includes a Girl Scout fun patch

All Dubois County girls in grades K-5 and their families are invited to a night of Halloween fun. Wear your costume, get some treats, and learn more about the fun of Girl Scouts! The event will include 10+ candy stations, 5 games with prizes, 2 craft stations, and a photo booth. Participants are encouraged to bring a donation item for the Dubois County Humane Society. For questions, contact Amber Sutton at ambersutton87@yahoo.com.

Evansville

When: Saturday, October 22, 2022, 5:00-7:00 PM CDT

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, play games and learn more about the joy of Girl Scouts! Questions? Contact Nicole at events47715@gmail.com.

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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