

Outdoor Program Guide

January-March, 2023

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Daisies
(K-1)

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Brownies
(2-3)

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Juniors
(4-5)

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Cadettes
(6-8)

S
Seniors
(9-10)

A
Ambassadors
(11-12)

GSSI Events

These events are for Girl Scouts and volunteers and are hosted by GSSI or a community partner.

Girl Scouts Take on Angel Mounds

AR D B J

March 18 | 1:00-2:30 PM CST | Angel Mounds State Historic Site, 8215 Pollack Ave, Evansville | \$4/participant

Spend part of your weekend outdoors by exploring a hidden gem within your own council! Staff will give a guided tour of the property that was occupied by natives more than 500 years ago. Have you ever wondered what the natives ate? Visit the three sisters' garden or use a hand catapult to see how food was gathered. End the visit by creating corn husk dolls to remember your trip to Angel Mounds! Daisies will earn steps 2 & 3 of their Good Neighbor badge. Registration closes on Monday, March 6, 2023.

[REGISTER NOW](#) *Registration closes on Monday, March 6, at 12:00 PM CST.*

Flowers, Bugs, and More! at Wesselman Woods

AR D B J C S A

March 25 | 12:00-4:00 PM CST | Wesselman Woods, 551 N Boeke Rd, Evansville | \$6/girl

Have you ever wondered where bugs call home or why flowers come in all shapes and sizes? Join us at Wesselman Woods to explore more about flowers and bugs while having a blast in the outdoors! Girls will dissect flowers, use microscopes, go on a bug hunt, and more! Brownies will complete the "bugs" badge, while Juniors will complete the "flowers badge (badges not included in the price and must be purchased separately). Families and troops can stay on the property and explore the nature playscape, trails, and animals after the event.

[REGISTER NOW](#) *Registration closes Monday, March 17, at 12:00 PM CST*

Save the Dates!

Fire Building & Basic Outdoor Cooking Adult Training
Sunday, April 23. Location and times TBD.

Summer Camp Programs at Camp Koch

We have a summer of fun planned, so mark your calendars now! See the end of this guide for more.

Community Events

The following programs or events are open to the community, and offer more options for troops to participate in fun activities together or with their families.

Eagle Watch at Patoka Lake

January 7 | 10:00 AM-3:00 PM EST | Patoka Lake Nature Center, Birdseye, IN | \$25/person; Children under 5 free

Enjoy indoor and outdoor programming during this 35th annual event. Learn about the success of the eagle reintroduction program in Indiana. See live birds of prey during an indoor program. Take a drive around the lake to look for eagles in the wild. Advance registration is required by calling the Nature Center at (812) 685-2447.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Free Day at Angel Mounds State Historic Site

January 16 | 10:00 AM-5:00 PM CST | Angel Mounds, 8215 Pollack Ave, Evansville | Free

The community is invited to enjoy free admission to Angel Mounds State Historic Site as they celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT SITE TOUR OPTIONS](#)

Wesselman Woods Junior Forest League: Maple League February Activity for Ages 9-12

February 11 | 10:00 AM-2:00 PM CST | Wesselman Woods, Evansville | \$45

Junior Forest League is back! Saturdays will be a day of forest exploration for your children. Our focus? Environmental topics specific to Southern Indiana. This session will be about Maple Sugarbush and pancakes! Registration is required and space is limited! (Note: The Junior Forest League activities take place on the second Saturday of the month through April 2023.)

[LEARN MORE AND REGISTER](#)



2023 Summer Camp Sessions at Camp Koch

For Brownies-Ambassadors



Happy Camper Sampler

June 10–11, 2023 (2 days, 1 night)

Check-in: 9:30 AM CDT

Check-out: 11:00 AM CDT

Whether it's your first time at camp or you can't get enough, this session is for you! Sample all Camp Koch offers from swimming, paddling, shooting sports, hiking, gaga ball, hammocking, and more. Spend a night in the platform tents and see what camp is all about!

Paddle and Splash

June 25–27, 2023 (3 days, 2 nights)

Check-in: 2:00 PM CDT

Check-out: 5:00 PM CDT

Do you want to spend your days by the lake playing water games, paddling, and relaxing? Then pack your sunscreen and get ready to splash around at Camp Koch! Campers will choose from activities including kayaking, canoeing, swimming, paddle boarding, visiting Blue Wells, and more! End the session with a family dinner in our dining hall with a beautiful lake view. Overnight lodging will be available for campers wanting to stay for the Explore the Outdoors session. (July 28–July 1)

Explore the Outdoors

June 28–July 1 (4 days, 3 nights)

Check-in: 2:00 or 5:30 PM CDT

Check-out: 10:30 AM CDT

Join us for traditional camp activities while learning new outdoor skills. Plus, compete in a jamboree to show off all the skills you learned and see what group will take the prize! Families can also join us for "Donuts with Grownups" during camper checkout.

Me and My Girl Scout Family Camp

July 8–9 (2 days, 1 night)

Check-in: 9:30 AM CDT

Check-out: 10:00 AM CDT

For Girl Scouts and their families

Take a break from everything and spend uninterrupted family time at Camp Koch! Together, explore the property and choose activities you would like to participate in as a family. Join us while we "slow down with a hoe down" and enjoy music, dancing, campfires, and games at the end of the day. Decorate your platform tent and dress to impress to win a Camp Koch surprise!



Registration is coming soon! To receive an email notification when registration begins, fill out this form or scan the code.

Questions? Contact GSSI's Outdoor Experience Specialist, Olivia Blanco, at oblanco@girlscouts-gssi.org or (812) 421-4970.

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Why is Girl Scout Camp the place for me?

Imagine an outdoor wonderland where you can climb hills, jump into a lake, shoot arrows, star gaze, row a canoe, rappel down a cliff, and tell stories and sing silly songs around a campfire. Camp is where you can be yourself while you have fun trying new things, going on new adventures, creating new friendships, and making memories that will last a lifetime!

Why is Girl Scout Camp the place for my girl?

For over 100 years, Girl Scouts have written their own stories of friendship, adventure, and leadership at Girl Scout Camp. This all happens in a community where each camper can:

- Discover her ability to solve problems better and overcome challenges.
- Develop leadership skills, build social bonds, and become team players.
- Increase her level of overall happiness and gratitude.
- Care for the environment and others through learning and action.

Whether she attends camp for a day, a weekend, or longer, your camper will receive first-rate opportunities to learn and explore, expand her horizons, and have unforgettable fun with friends, all while under the guidance of caring, trained adults committed to helping her unleash her leadership potential.

All About GSSI's Camp Koch

Located along the Ohio River in Cannelton, Indiana, Camp Koch has served as a wooded, hilly, and beautiful summer haven for Girl Scouts for over 80 years.

Things to do at Camp Koch:

- **The Lake:** Nestled at the bottom of natural stone cliffs, this is where you can swim, kayak or canoe, fish, or relax in a beautiful spot.
- **Shooting sports*:** Try your hand at slingshots, BB guns, archery, and knife and ax throwing!
- **Hiking:** Camp Koch has miles of hiking trails. Points of interest include Diamond Cave, Blue Wells (a natural spring), and the Butterfly Garden.
- **Overnight Camping:** We have 4 platform tent units.
- **Hidden Hammock Hideaway:** This is the perfect spot for girls to rest and recharge in a quiet, shaded clearing in the woods.
- **Campfires:** The campfire is where campers come together to make s'mores or meals, tell stories, sing songs, and wind down a day of camp adventure.

**Activities may vary based on age level*

