

GSSI Summer 2024 Program Guide May - September

What's Inside?

Section 1: Council and Community Partner Events

These are scheduled events exclusive to Girl Scouts and hosted by GSSI or community partners. See each event's details for specific information. Some events may be open to all girls and families.

Section 2: Anytime Community Partner Programs

These programs are hosted by a variety of community partners and are available to schedule any time for a troop or group. This section is divided into categories by the Girl Scout pillars: Life Skills, STEM, and Outdoors. Many of these programs fulfill badge work requirements; the corresponding badges are listed at the end of each program description.

Section 3: Summer Camps

Here you will find the 2024 summer camp sessions for Girl Scouts at Camp Koch.

Find community events and the most up to date info on all council events on [GSSI's online calendar](#).

Have a suggestion for a new community partner program?

We'd love to hear from you! Contact Megan Lane,
Girl Experience Specialist, at mlane@girlscouts-gssi.org.

Summer 2024 Council & Community Partner Events



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Acclaim Graphics

Girl Scout Tie-Dye



Learn how to tie-dye and create your own wearable art with Acclaim Graphics! The first 30 registered Girl Scouts will receive a free fun patch!

Cost	Date & Time	Location
Depends on shirt size; Plus a credit card processing fee of \$2.50	Saturday, June 1 Session 1: 12 PM Session 2: 1 PM Session 3: 2 PM Session 4: 3 PM	908 N Garvin St, Evansville, IN

Price includes all dyes, setup, gloves, t-shirts, and take-home rinsing instructions.

Registration: The deadline to register is May 15, 2024.

[Register](#)

Burdette Park Aquatic Center

Girl Scout Family Swim Party



Join us for a night of swimming, slides, and fun as Girl Scouts take over Burdette Park Aquatic Center!

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We've rented out the whole space for the evening so that you can enjoy the park with just your friends, family, and Girl Scout sisters. The concession stand will be open, and raft rentals will also be available.

Cost	Date & Time	Location
\$5 person *Children two and under are free	Saturday, July 13 7-10 PM CT	5301 Nurrenbern Rd, Evansville, IN

Registration: Pre-registration is required. The deadline is July 8, 12:00 PM CDT.

[Register](#)

Dubois County Bombers

A League of Their Own Night: Peaches vs. Belles



Join the Dubois County Bombers to celebrate baseball history with a "Rockford Peaches vs. Racine Belles" game. Some incredibly talented ladies will re-enact the first season of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League from 5-6 PM in each team's respective, vintage uniforms! The Bombers will take the baseball field immediately after the Peaches vs. Belles game at 6:30 PM.

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Summer 2024 Council & Community Partner Events

Continued: A League of Their Own Night: Peaches vs. Belles

Cost	Date & Time	Location
\$7-30 *Special Discount for Girl Scouts	Saturday, July 13 5-9 PM EDT	League Stadium in Huntingburg, IN

Girl Scouts are being given a special discount of \$3 off tickets for this event. To receive the discount code, please email Megan Lane at mlane@GirlScouts-GSSI.org.

[Get Tickets](#)

Evansville Otters

Girl Scout Night



Join the Evansville Otters for a night of baseball fun at historic Bosse Field! Tickets will include admission to the game, dinner, and a special Otters Patch!

Cost	Date & Time	Location
\$7 girl \$10 adult	Saturday, August 3 at 6:35 PM CDT	Bosse Field in Evansville, IN

For more information and to purchase tickets, please contact Gabi Gilpin at (812) 435-8686 or ggilpin@evansvilleotters.com. The deadline to purchase tickets is July, 20.

The Foundry Center for the Arts

Acting Workshop



Save the date and keep an eye out for more information about this event!

Holiday World & Splashin' Safari

FALL EVENT: Splashing into Fun: Celebrating Girl Scout Family Day



Girl Scout councils from across the states of Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio are excited to partner up for Girl Scout Family Day at Holiday World & Splashin' Safari in Santa Claus, Indiana. This day of fun and adventure is perfect for the entire family! Tickets to this event will give families access to both parks, a buffet lunch, a Girl Scout SWAP session, and additional program activities throughout the day.

Cost	Date & Time	Location
\$60 person	Saturday, September 7	Santa Claus, IN

If you hold a season pass, you may use your season pass for admission but will need to pay \$25 for the buffet lunch and Girl Scout program activities to gain access to the event.

Registration: The deadline to buy tickets is August 11, 2024.

For more information, visit [GSSI's website](#).

[Get Tickets](#)

Summer 2024 Council & Community Partner Events

New Harmony State Historic Site

Girl Scout Day at New Harmony



New Harmony State Historic Site welcomes all Girl Scouts to participate in their first ever Girl Scout Day! Tour the historic hall of Community House #2 and learn about the two utopias that lived there, as well as the renaissance of science, spirituality, and art that followed. Then, participate in their DIY Archaeology program, where girls will learn about the work of archaeologists, and how they restore discovered artifacts by reconstructing their own Harmonist- inspired pottery pieces. Girl Scouts will earn a special New Harmony patch!

Cost*	Date & Time	Location
\$10 girl	Saturday, July 6 11 AM - 12:30 PM CT	New Harmony State Historic Site
\$10 girl	Saturday, July 6 1:30 - 3 PM CT	New Harmony State Historic Site

Registration: Due by July 5, 2024
*25% discount for members; general admission not included.

[Register](#)

St. Louis Cardinals

Scout Nights at the Ballpark



The St. Louis Cardinals invite all Girl Scouts and their families and friends to enjoy Scout Nights at the Ballpark. Girls and their guests can enjoy discounted tickets, and each scout ticket will include a special patch! Prior to each game, all girl scouts and troop leaders will be invited to participate in an on-field parade around the warning track.

Cost	Date & Time	Location
\$12 ticket	Monday, May 20 6:45 PM CT	Busch Stadium, St. Louis, MO
\$12 ticket	Wednesday, June 12 6:45 PM CT	Busch Stadium, St. Louis, MO

Tickets can be purchased online, by calling 314-345-9000, or by submitting an order form via mail or [email](#). There is a \$15 total service charge for phone and mail orders. Online orders are subject to a \$2.50 per ticket fee with a max of \$30. Groups of 12 or fewer are available for online purchase only. Phone and mail orders for 13 + tickets are preferred. Tickets will be mailed with patches. Orders received the week preceding your selected game date will be held for pickup at Will Call next to Gate 3.

[Tickets](#)

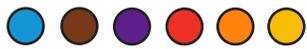
Summer 2024 Anytime Community Partner Programs

Life Skills Programs

Acclaim Graphics

Contact: Kelly Birkhead |
kelly@acclaimgraphics.com | (812) 453-8371

Troop Tie-Dye Program



Tie-dye and create your own wearable art with Acclaim Graphics! The cost includes all dyes, setup, gloves, t-shirts, and rinsing instructions to take home with you. Girls and adults can tie-dye. No group size minimum.

Location: 908 N Garvin St, Evansville, IN or troop meeting location

Cost: Depends on shirt size (\$10-20)

American Red Cross

Contact: Loida Rodriguez |
Loida.Rodriguez@redcross.org |
(317) 452-2816

Community Service Bar Volunteer Opportunity



Volunteering with the American Red Cross allows girls to support the largest humanitarian organization in the world while making a positive impact on their peers and their community. Girls can learn new skills, maximize talent, meet new people, improve their resumes, and earn the Community Service Bar Pin while making a difference in the lives of others.

Location: Varies

Cost: Free

Prepare with Pedro the Penguin Preparedness Presentation



Prepare with Pedro in a 30-45-minute preparedness education program that teaches girls how to be prepared and take action during home fires and/or local hazards.

Location: Virtual

Cost: Free

The Pillowcase Project



This is a preparedness education program that teaches girls about personal and family preparedness and safety skills, local hazards, and basic coping skills.

Volunteers will lead girls through “Learn, Practice, Share” frameworks to teach them about disaster preparedness and survival skills. Upon completion, girls will receive a pillowcase to build their personal emergency supply kits.

Location: Virtual or In-Person

Cost: Free

MapSwipe Program



Girls can help humanitarians find vulnerable people. This mobile app helps making mapping around the world more coordinated and efficient. MapSwipe allows girls to support humanitarian responses worldwide in three simple steps.

Location: Virtual

Cost: Free

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Summer 2024 Anytime Community Partner Programs

Continued: American Red Cross

Be Red Cross Ready Program



This program teaches simple steps to follow in advance to ensure that girls and their families can weather a crisis safely and comfortably. Girls will learn to build a survival kit, make a plan, and understand the disasters that are likely to happen in their area.

Location: Virtual

Cost: Free

ARK Creative Dessert Co.

Contact: Anicia | (812) 827-0574

Or message [ARK Creative Dessert Co.](#) on Facebook

Troop Cookie Decorating Program



Learn how to decorate sugar cookies with ARK Creative Dessert Co! Each girl will receive three cookies to follow along with the instructor and learn how to decorate using different royal icing techniques. The program lasts approximately one hour. A fun patch can be added at an additional cost.

Location: Troop meeting location or GSSI

Cost: \$25 per girl

Build-A-Bear

Contact: (812) 469-9999

Location: Eastland Mall, 800 N Green River Rd, Evansville, IN

Troop Party



Special Girl Scout-themed Troop party packages feature a Girl Scout furry friend for each Girl to make and take home. For an additional fee, girls can personalize their bears with Girl Scout-inspired uniforms, fashions, accessories, and even a Girl Scout Cookie scent.

Cost: \$20 per girl

Crisis Connection

Contact: Renee Williams |

renee.williams@crisisconnectioninc.org | (812) 482-1555

For Girls in Dubois, Perry, Spencer, Pike, & Martin Counties

“In Their Shoes” Relationship Card Simulator



A scenario-based training designed to help participants learn what dating violence is like from a victim’s perspective.

Location: Troop meeting location

Cost: Free

One Love—Healthy & Unhealthy Relationships



One Love engages young people with powerful films and honest conversation.

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Summer 2024 Anytime Community Partner Programs

Continued: One Love—Healthy & Unhealthy Relationships

Through their workshops and peer-to-peer discussions, One Love offers a framework that helps students spread the message online and in their communities. One Love educates young people about healthy and unhealthy relationships, empowering them to identify and avoid abuse and learn how to love better. The programs give students the tools to recognize the warning signs of abuse, understand the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships, and help to empower bystanders.

Location: Troop meeting location

Cost: Free

CrossFit High Bar

Contact: Leslie | (812) 404-0095

Location: 301 N Stockwell Rd,
Evansville, IN

Kids 'n Action



Girls can get moving and learn all about cross training in this kid-friendly training class while earning badges.

When: 1st Saturday of the month at
10:15 AM CT

Cost: \$10 per girl

On Ramp Intro to CrossFit



CrossFit High Bar offers introductory training classes for ages 10 and older. These small group classes meet 3 times a week for 2 weeks.

When: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at
5:30 or 6:00 PM CT

Cost: Contact for pricing

Elliot Kyusho-Jitsu

Contact: Master Eric Elliot |

xiaozhangkempo@yahoo.com

Location: 942 W Main St, Boonville, IN

Troop Self-Defense Class



Tri-State's premier leader in both fun and educational martial arts instruction.

Contact to schedule troop self-defense class.

Enchanted Character Co.

Contact: enchantedcharacterco@gmail.com

Troop Enchanted Character Party



Enchanted Character Co. is a professional character entertainment company in Southern Indiana. The program includes story time, music time, and craft and/or games. The program can be tweaked depending on the age of the girls.

Location: Troop meeting location

(mileage fee of \$2/mile for locations more than 10 miles from Downtown Evansville)

Cost: Girl Scout discounted rate of \$125 for 1 hour program. Includes one character.

Additional characters can be added for \$50 per character.

Summer 2024 Anytime Community Partner Programs

Etiquette Classes with Charm Appeal & Hosting

Contact: Charnika Baltzell |
Baltzell.Charnika@yahoo.com |

(812) 647-4518

Location: 401 SE 6th St, Suite 110 E,
Evansville, IN 47713, or troop location for
groups of 8 or more

The session is spent allowing students time to practice presentations and learn the dos and don'ts of public speaking. Contact for information on programs for different grade levels.

Cost: \$25 per girl | Contact for special group rate

Business Etiquette Workshop



This program is designed to teach students proper business etiquette and protocol practices crucial to success in the workplace.

Cost: \$25 per girl | Contact for special group rate

Dining Etiquette Workshop



Girls will receive a comprehensive overview of dining which includes utensil review, course identification, and informal/formal table settings. Course includes a certificate of completion. Contact for information on programs for different grade levels.

Cost: \$25 per girl | Contact for special group rate

Image Etiquette Workshop



This workshop is designed to teach girls the importance of image and how to properly present themselves. Poise and elegance will be emphasized through topics such as sitting, standing, and walking.

Personal grooming and hygiene instruction will also be discussed.

Contact for information on programs for different grade levels.

Cost: \$25 per girl | Contact for special group rate

Public Speaking Etiquette Workshop



This workshop is designed to teach girls how to present themselves in front of an audience.

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Evansville African American Museum

Contact: RheAnn White Driskell,
Program Development Manager |

programs@evvaam.org

Location: 579 N. Garvin St., Evansville, IN

My Family Story Badge for Brownies



This museum celebrates the struggles, successes, and experiences of African Americans in Evansville over the last 70 years.

Cost: \$5 per adult, \$3 per child

Fire Horse Yoga

Contact: Samantha Knies Gray |

samantha@firehorseyoga.com |

(812) 631-2530

Location: 702 1/2 Main St, Jasper, IN

Yoga Program



Escape into a world of comfort, relaxation, and rejuvenation. Learn how yoga can help reduce stress and keep you fit.

Cost: \$7 per girl

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Fired Up!

Contact: Christie |
christie@fireduppaintspottery.com |
(812) 476-3121
Location: 2121 N Green River Rd,
Evansville, IN
When: May be scheduled any day except
Saturday

Clay Promise Hand



During this 2-visit program, girls will create and paint their own Girl Scout Promise hand clay art. (Painting takes place during the second visit)

Cost: \$25 per girl | \$30 group deposit

“Best Friends” 12x12 Canvas



Program is 1.5 hours

Cost: \$20 per girl | \$30 group deposit

Build a “Bug’s Life” Leaf



Program is 1.5 hours. Includes second visit to paint if needed.

Cost: \$25 per girl | \$30 group deposit

“Butterfly Fancy”



Program is 2 hours.

Cost: \$25 per girl | \$30 group deposit

Good Life Designs

Contact: Shelly Goodrich |
goodlifedesigns20@gmail.com |
(812) 548-6398
Location: 14874 North County Road 475
East, Lamar, IN

Girl Scout Program



Offers a variety of painting, printing, and pottery options and will host troop parties.

Princeton Public Library

Contact: (812) 385-4464
Location: 124 S Hart St, Princeton IN

Story Time



This program includes a story followed by an arts and crafts project, play dough or coloring, or a gross motor activity such as skipping and dancing.

When: Tuesday at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM CT
Cost: Free and open to the public

Games Club



This program is all about games! Come hangout with friends and find out what games we are playing today.

When: Thursday at 4:00 PM CT
Cost: Free and open to the public

Teen Scene



This teen-led program is a great for girls who want to hangout and enjoy art, games, anime and more.

When: Thursday at 4:00 PM CT
Cost: Free and open to the public

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Summer 2024 Anytime Community Partner Programs

Continued: Princeton Public Library

Family Lego



Families, troops, and kids of all ages are welcome to come out for Lego and Duplo building, challenges, and seasonal themed fun.

When: Saturday from 2:00 - 4:00 PM CT

Cost: Free and open to the public

Purdue Extension Office

Contacts by County:

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jstefanc@purdue.edu

Dubois: Chelsea Brewer |

cebrewer@purdue.edu

Knox: Tonya Short | short43@purdue.edu

Perry: Megan Jaspersen |

mjaspers@purdue.edu

Posey: Kristen Lowry | klowry@purdue.edu

Vanderburgh: Meagan Brothers |

brotherm@purdue.edu

Warrick: Jo Gilreath | jgilreat@purdue.edu

Location: Troop meeting location

Cost: Free

Purdue Extension Agents can present programs on the following topics:

- Financial Literacy
- Healthy Living

Babysitting Class



Teaches the basics of babysitting; including basic childcare for infants and children, basic first aid, child behavior, age-appropriate activities, emergency protocols, professionalism, and how to grow your babysitting business.

Location: Troop meeting location

Cost: Free

Sabor Colombia, LLC

Contact: Claudia Tascon |

saborcolombia22@gmail.com |

(812) 470-8319

Location: Troop meeting location

Cooking, Culture & Business with Sabor Colombia, LLC



Girls will learn about the history, culture, and how to prepare and cook Colombian food, along with how to own and operate a small business with Sabor Colombia, LLC co-owners Luis and Claudia Tascon.

When: Must be scheduled 2 weeks in advance

Cost: \$200 per session; Minimum of 15 girls, maximum of 20 girls; 2 hour session

Santa Claus Museum & Village

Contact: Kathleen |

santaclausmuseum@psci.net

Location: 69 N. State Rd 245,
Santa Claus, IN

Santa Claus Museum & Village Interactive Tour



Pay a visit to the historic, 1935 Santa Claus Statue. Stop by the Original Santa Claus Post Office, where girls can sit at antique school desks and pen their letters to Santa. Make sure to tour the stunning 1880 Santa Claus Church. And stop by the Santa Claus Museum to read children's letters to Santa dating back to the 1930s. You may take a photo at the new Santa Claus mural on the front of the building and visit Santa's Museum Office. Don't forget to do some shopping in the museum gift shop for a souvenir of your visit!

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Summer 2024 Anytime Community Partner Programs

Continued: Santa Claus Museum & Village

Cost: Admission is free, but donations are always accepted

Reserve a Room for Your Troop Meetings



Need a space to host troop meetings and/or events? The historic 1880 Santa Claus Church offers accommodations for up to 100 people for meetings and events.

Cost: No cost for meeting request reservations

Shui Lung Tai Chi

Contact: Sifu Ron Weatherford |
sifuron1983@gmail.com | (812) 204-6980
Location: Troop meeting location

Girl Scout Tai Chi Program



Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese exercise form designed to increase flexibility and balance.

Solely You DIY Studio

Contact: Stacey Merkel | (812) 431-4006
Location: 1304 S Green River Rd,
Evansville, IN
Cost: \$18 per girl in-studio | \$15 for take-home kits, plus \$3 to include paint supplies
Requirements: 10 person min for a private workshop | for groups over 20, a workshop can be hosted at your facility

Girl Scout Workshop



Solely You DIY Studio is now offering Girl Scouts of all levels the chance to create their own one-of-a-kind wooden art! Workshops are blocked out for 1.5 hours, but painting alone takes approximately 45 minutes.

Traditional Arts Today

Contact: Alexianna Mundy |
alexi@traditionalartstoday.org |
(812) 998-2487
Location: 314 W 9th St, Ferdinand, IN

Crochet Coaster



Girls will create a crochet coaster and learn fundamental skills of crochet. Instructor will provide you with engaging instruction, a hook, darning needle, yarn, pattern, stitch marker, and printed stitch guides. Class time is approximately 2 hours.

When: Must be scheduled 4 weeks in advance

Cost: \$25 per girl; Minimum of 4 girls

Painting



Traditional Arts Today will create a custom painting class for your troop. Class time is approximately 2 hours.

When: Must be scheduled 4 weeks in advance

Cost: \$20-\$30 per girl, varies with available instructors; Minimum of 4 girls

Wild at Art - Creative Studio

Contact: Mandy |
wild.at.art.studio.ky@gmail.com |
(270) 823-2740
Location: 2480 US HWY 41 N Suite 120,
Henderson, KY
Cost: \$20 per girl (Girl Scout Discount)

Girl Scout Program



Wild at Art is a unique splatter paint room, creative studio, and event space for up to 40 people.

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Summer 2024 Anytime Community Partner Programs

Continued: Girl Scout Program

Girls can make slime, attend painting classes, or enjoy the splatter room!

Note: Troops visiting must submit a GSSI Special Activities Application

Yoga with Sarah Loehr

Contact: Sarah Loehr | (812) 598-9002

Yoga Program with Certified Yoga Instructor Sarah Loehr



Girls will learn about yoga (when and how it started, how it can help you stress less, and feel better physically and mentally).

Program lasts 1 hour and includes a yoga fun patch.

Location: Troop meeting location or a meeting room at the Newburgh Public Library

Cost: \$10 per girl with a minimum rate of \$70 (additional cost for milage may apply)

STEM Programs

Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center Programs

Contact: Tina Closser, STEM Director |

florentina.m.closser.civ@us.navy.mil

Location: 103 Furlong St, Crane, IN

Automotive Design



Daisies will design and build a car using pasta and hot glue.

Location: In person or virtually

Cost: Free

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Robotics



Brownies will use two robots to earn a badge- Cubelets and Dash. The Cubelets will allow the girls to design a robot, and the Dash will allow the girls to program the robot.

Location: In person or virtually

Cost: Free

Cybersecurity



Girls will work together to complete an escape room activity.

Location: In person or virtually

Cost: Free

Programming Robots



Girls will learn how to design and program robots with the LEGO EV3!

Location: In person or virtually

Cost: Free

Evansville Museum of Arts, History, & Science

Contact: education@emuseum.org

Location: 411 E Riverside Dr, Evansville, IN

Cost: Varies by program and number of participants

Free Fridays



The first Friday of every month is Free Friday at the Evansville Museum! Visit from 11 AM to 5 PM CT for free admission to all museum exhibitions. Tickets to shows in the Koch Immersive Theater & Planetarium are still available for purchase.

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Summer 2024 Anytime Community Partner Programs

Continued: Evansville Museum of Arts, History, & Science

Space Science Program



All Girl Scouts will tour the museum. Daisies & Brownies can attend the museum's *One World, One Sky* show. Juniors can attend the museum's Solar System Tour and Planetarium Show. Cadettes can view the museum's *Wonders of the Universe* and *Losing the Dark* shows. Seniors can view the museum's *Mayan Archeoastronomy & Constellations* and *Losing the Dark* shows. Ambassadors can view the museum's *Touch the Stars* show.

Detective Program



Juniors can try the museum's *Mystery and the Museum* program.

Girls Who Code

Contact: girlswhocode.usi@gmail.com | fsrishti@usi.edu

Location: University of Southern Indiana

Girls Who Code Club - USI



In partnership with the University of Southern Indiana, this is a free program for 6-12 grade students to join in the sisterhood of supportive peers and role models using computer science to change the world.

Mandy Scurry, NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador

Contact: Mandy Scurry | amanjohn@hotmail.com | (517) 256-2734

Space Science Badge Workshops



Earn the Girl Scout Space Science Badge, STEM Career Exploration Badge, Think Like a Citizen Scientist Badge, and/or Journey with the help of NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador and GSSI volunteer Mandy Scurry. Depending on the age level, learn about stars, planets and the moon in fun, interactive ways.

Location: Troop meeting location

Cost: Varies by level, only for supplies

GSSI Astronomy Club



Are you a Girl Scout interested in learning more about stars, constellations, planets, and galaxies? The join the GSSI Astronomy Club!

McMahon Exterminating

Contact: Brian Raines | mcmahon@mcmahoncan.com | (812) 475-1100

Entomology with McMahon Exterminating



Learn about all things BUGS with McMahon's experienced, in-house Entomologist!

Location: Troop meeting location

Cost: Free

Summer 2024 Anytime Community Partner Programs

Toyota Indiana

Contact:

TMMI.ExperienceCenter@toyota.com

Location: Toyota Indiana Experience Center,
4000 Tulip Tree Dr, Princeton, IN

Cost: Free

Tour of Toyota



Join Toyota for a free, tram-driven tour through the birthplace of the Toyota Highlander, Highlander Hybrid, and all-hybrid Sienna to see how people and machines work together to build ever-better vehicles.

When: Tours are offered during the hours of 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM CT on Tuesday – Thursday. Reservations are required, and available times will vary.

Note: Ages 8+, children must be accompanied by an adult. Troops should maintain proper adult-to-girl ratios.

Outdoor Programs

Angel Mounds State Historic Site

Contact: MSchuler@indianamuseum.org

Location: 8215 Pollack Ave, Evansville, IN

Cost: Varies by number of attendees; usually under \$10 per person

Good Neighbor Badge Program



Explore Angel Mounds while taking a nature walk through the historic site. Learn about the people who lived there and created the mounds long ago.

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Animal Habitats Badge Program



Work with staff at Angel Mounds to learn and identify wild animal habitats. You might even see some animals while you're there!

Plant Identification



A staff member at Angel Mounds will take you on a tour while identifying local plant species. Learn how to distinguish plants from each other using stem growth patterns and leaf identification.

Trees Badge Program



Work with staff at Angel Mounds to learn and identify wild animal habitats. You might even see some animals while you're there!

Native American Lifestyles Program



Experience the day in the life of a native American who lived at Angel Mounds! Learn about tools that were used for everyday life and foods that were eaten. Visit the mounds and view the Three Sisters Garden.

Bluesprings Caverns

Contact: (812) 279-9471

Location: 1459 Blue Springs Cavern Rd,
Bedford, IN

Overnight Adventure



A sleep experience like no other! Spend the evening immersed in invigorating challenges, dive head first into "Cave Exploring" with guided tours and enjoy a boat tour over the Mystery River.

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Summer 2024 Anytime Community Partner Programs

Continued: Overnight Adventure

Unwind in the cool 52 degree cave air while you drift off to sleep. Nothing beats the peaceful stillness of this ultimate cave experience! Breakfast will be served in the caverns. Dismissal is at 8:30-9:00 AM ET. You may bring snacks for the evening but the "Cave Inn" snack bar has hot dogs, snacks and drinks for purchase. What to bring: pillow, sleeping bag, pajamas, water bottle, extra set of clothing, backpack, etc. Please bring a sack dinner and snacks for the evening. Make sure all snacks are secured in a bag or cooler so as not to attract wildlife. Cost: \$40 per person; minimum of 15 girls

Evansville Audubon Society

Contact: Amanda Joest | amanda.joest@gmail.com
Location: Varies based on season and weather
Cost: Free

Birding



Learn more about local bird species, take a guided bird-watching hike, or join a local conservation effort!

Family Roots Nursery

Contact: Andrea Peters | familyroots@psci.net | (877) 476-9648
Location: 4871 W 1200 S, Dale, IN
Requirements: Minimum of 6, maximum of 12 girls

Girl Scout Program



Family Roots Nursery offers many different opportunities and workshops for Girl Scouts.

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They offer free greenhouse tours, free fresh-cut floral demonstrations, as well as, hands-on seminars where girls can physically make something and take it home with them (\$15 per girl). Family Roots can also go out in the community with the girls and help them plant flowers and trees.

George Rogers Clark National Memorial

Contact: Joseph Herron | joey_herron@nps.org | (812) 882-1776
Location: 401 S 2nd St, Vincennes, IN
Cost: Free

Girl Scout Junior Ranger Program



Interested in being a park ranger when you grow up? Earn your Junior Ranger badge at George Rogers Clark National Memorial. Learn about the history of Vincennes and what groups of people lived in the area in the late 1700s while having an interpretive ranger guide you through the park.

Girl Scout Ranger Program



Do you dream of working in one of the many National Parks? Shadow an interpretive ranger to see what everyday life is like on the job.

Glendale Fish & Wildlife Area/ Fish Hatchery

Contact: Morgan Apple | glendaleFWA@dnr.in.gov
Location: 6001 E 600 S, Montgomery, IN
Cost: Free

Fish Exploration



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Continued: Fish Exploration

Park rangers will teach girls about the types of fish in the Glendale Fish & Wildlife Area. Fishing gear and instructor not provided. Note: Must have a lifeguard, follow Safety Activity Checkpoints, and submit a GSSI Special Activities Application.

Harmonie State Park

Contact: Amelia Wildeman | awildeman@dnr.in.gov | 812-682-3658
Location: 3451 Harmonie State Park Rd, New Harmony, IN
Cost: Free

Indiana DNR Nature Programs



Work with Harmonie State Park's Interpretive Naturalist on any of Girl Scouts' nature-focused badges or Journeys. Contact them directly with your program request or needs. (Ideas: tree ID, forest plant ID, vine ID, wilderness survival, backpacking, beginner kayaking lessons, insect programs, conservation programs, habitat hikes, night hikes, night sensory hikes, owl prowl hikes, recycling, etc.)

Hovey Fish & Wildlife Area

Contact: Zachary Schoenherr | zschoenherr@dnr.in.gov | (812) 838-2927
Location: 8401 SR 69 S, Mt Vernon, IN
Cost: Free

Guided Paddle Program



Looking to paddle at Hovey Lake? Have a local Department of Natural Resources expert join you on your trip to learn about the unique ecosystem at the lake.

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Paddling gear is not provided.

Note: Must have a lifeguard, follow Safety Activity Checkpoints, and submit a GSSI Special Activities Application.

Guided Hike Program



Have a Hovey Lake staff member join you on a hike through the forest in the Hovey Lake natural area. At the end of this hike, you will reach a platformed area surrounded by cypress trees.

Howell Wetlands

Contact: Gordon Ditzer, Howell Wetlands Manager | gordon@wesselmanwoods.org
Location: 1400 S. Tekoppel Evansville, IN
Cost: Free

Girl Scout Program



Howell Wetlands is 35 acres of marshland, bald cypress slough, oxbow lake, lowland hardwood forest, and up land meadow full of muskrats, beavers, herons, wood ducks, geese, and deer. The park has walking trails and boardwalks and offers staff-led programs and tours.

Jeffreys Cliffs Conservation & Recreation Area

Contact: Steve Canepari | scanepari@outlook.com | (334) 233-3391
Location: 715 Williamette Rd, Hawesville, KY
Cost: Free

Geology & History at Jeffreys Cliffs



Hancock County Heritage Commission is a volunteer group working to conserve unique geological occurrences at Jeffreys Cliffs.

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Continued: Geology & History at Jeffreys Cliffs

Join a volunteer and learn more about the area's history and geology while on a guided hike through the property.

Note: Must submit a GSSI Special Activities Application.

Kelsey Gerhardt, Beekeeper

Contact: Kelsey | kelsey@liquidgoldevv.com

Girl Scout Beekeeping Program



Learn about beekeeping and all things bees with local expert Kelsey Gerhardt, a 4th-generation beekeeper and owner of Liquid Gold Honey!

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial

Contact: Erin Hilligoss-Volkman,
Director of Education and Resource
Management |

erin_hilligoss-volkman@nps.gov

Location: 1400 S. Tekoppel, Evansville, IN
Cost: Free

Lincoln Boyhood Home Tour



Visit the cabin Abraham Lincoln called home from the time he was 7 until the age of 21. You will get to experience Thomas Lincoln's living farm, two Memorial Halls, and a museum. Daily hours of operation are 8 AM - 5 PM. The park grounds are open daily from dawn until dusk.

Lincoln Pioneer Village & Museum

Contact: Nancy Kaiser |

lpvdirector@gmail.com | (812) 649-9147

Location: 928 Fairground Dr, Rockport, IN

Cost: \$7 per girl, plus \$3.50 for optional badge

Outdoor Art Creator Program



Work towards the new Art in the Outdoors Skill Building Badge! Troops will participate in a fun scavenger hunt at the museum, tour the cabins and hear the history of President Abraham Lincoln and his family at the historical Lincoln Cabin, color a take-home quilt block, and more! Box lunches or pizza can be added for an additional fee.

Artist Badge Programs



Work towards Artists Legacy Skill Building badges for all age levels. Troops will receive a tour of the museum and cabins with history lesson about President Abraham Lincoln and his family.

Box lunches or pizza can be added for an additional fee.

Lost River Cave

Contact: (270) 393-0077

Location: 2818 Nashville Rd,
Bowling Green, KY

Group Info: A minimum of 3 adults per groups of 24 are required by Lost River Cave

Note: Must submit a GSSI Special Activities Application

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Boat Tour



Learn how water transforms rock on a guided boat tour of Lost River Cave. Girls will walk down to our cave with a tour guide, learn about how the valley was formed, visit Blue Hole #4, and then get into a boat to explore the cave itself.

Cost: \$10 per girl, \$20 per adult

Geology Rocks



Explore rock and mineral types through a hands-on lesson, experiment and sluice for gemstones to take home. This program introduces girls to some of the most important rocks and minerals that make up our cave. Girls will spend about 25 minutes inside a classroom, learning about rocks and minerals and developing amateur geologist skills. Then they go outside to the sluice, where they find their own rocks and minerals and take home a personal collection.

Cost: \$5 per girl, \$20 per adult

Geocaching in Karst



Encounter our unique karst topography with a high tech-savenger hunt. With a tour guide, girls will use smartphone technology to scan QR codes and explore the karst valley. This experience is part treasure hunt, part guided tour, and is designed to build on what they learn about hydrology and geology from the boat tour.

Cost: \$5 per girl, \$20 per adult

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Birds of the Wetland



Experience how adaptations help animals survive in their habitats through a wetland walk, touchable samples, and kinesthetic game. With a guide, girls will look for birds and evidences of bird activity around our wetland habitat. They will learn about how different species do what they need to survive, in different ways.

Cost: \$5 per girl, \$20 per adult

Girl Scout Badge Programs



In addition to the educational programs, Lost River Cave offers Girl Scout Badge Programs for Daisies through Seniors.

Contact: Annie | annie@lostrivercave.com | (270) 393-0077

Cost: Varies by program

Group Info: 1 adult required per 10 girls (please follow all Girl Scout adult to girl ratios)

Martin State Forest

Contact: Joshua Kush | martinSF@dnr.in.gov

Location: 14040 Williams Rd, Shoals, IN

Cost: Free

Eco Learner Badge Program



Take a short hike with a ranger from Martin State Forest and learn what goes into responsibly using outdoor spaces. If requested, rangers can demonstrate how to create a safe outdoor fire.

Eco Friend Badge Program



Take a short hike with a ranger from Martin State Forest and learn what goes into responsibly using outdoor spaces.

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Summer 2024 Anytime Community Partner Programs

Continued: Eco Friend Badge Program

If requested, rangers can demonstrate how to create a safe outdoor fire.

Trail Adventure Hike Badge Program



Take a short hike with a ranger from Martin State Forest and learn what goes into responsibly using outdoor spaces. If requested, rangers can demonstrate how to create a safe outdoor fire. Girls will learn skills for safety, planning, and techniques for outdoor hikes.

Job Shadowing



Do you want to work outdoors or with the Department of Natural Resources? Shadow a staff member at Martin State Forest to see all that goes into the job. The program will prepare girls to explore all job opportunities and get a glimpse into working at a state forest.

New Harmony State Historic Site

Contact: Jessica McPherson |
jmcperson1@indianamuseum.org |
(812) 682-3702
Location: 410 Main St., New Harmony, IN

Girl Scout Badge Programs



During a visit to the New Harmony State Historic Site, Girl Scouts will be able to accomplish various badge requirements.

Patoka Lake Reservoir

Contact: Dana Reckelhoff |
dreckelhoff@dnr.in.gov | (812) 685-2447
Location: Birdseye, IN
Cost: Free

Indiana DNR Nature Programs



Work with Patoka Lake's Interpretive Naturalist on any of Girl Scouts' nature-focused badges or Journeys. Contact them directly with your program request or needs. (Ideas: tree ID, forest plant ID, vine ID, wilderness survival, backpacking, beginner kayaking lessons, insect programs, conservation programs, habitat hikes, night hikes, night sensory hikes, owl prowl hikes, recycling, etc.)

Pretty Bird Farms

Contact: prettybirdfarmsllc@gmail.com
Location: 7520 W. 900 S. Holland, IN
Cost: \$10-25 per girl
When: Seasonal from June-September

Girl Scout Program



Come to Pretty Bird Farms to walk among the beautiful flowers and cut your own unique bouquet.

Seton Harvest

Contact: Julie Dietz | Julie.dietz@doc.org |
(812) 963-7962
Location: 9400 New Harmony Road,
Evansville, IN
Cost: Free

Girl Scout Program



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Continued: Girl Scout Program

Seton Harvest is a certified Naturally Grown farm that uses the land justly and environmentally conscious by sharing locally grown food with shareholders and persons who are financially poor and hungry in our community. They provide tours, can come and talk to your troop, or you can volunteer on the farm.

Schedule at least 2 weeks in advance.
Cost: \$40 per girls; \$50 group deposit;
minimum 4 girls, maximum 12 girls

Vertical eXcape

Contact: isaac@verticalexcape.com
Location: 1315 N Royal Ave, Evansville, IN
Note: Must submit a GSSI Special Activities Application

Climbing Adventure Badge Program



Girls will be introduced to climbing safety and basics and fitted with gear before climbing the indoor rock wall.
Cost: \$25 per girl; \$50 group deposit;
minimum 4 girls, maximum 12 girls

Open Climbing Session



This is a follow-up session to the Climbing Adventure Badge Program. Schedule either at initial badge registration or no later than on day of badge program to qualify for discount. Additional session can't be more than 1 month from initial badge day. 3 hour session.

Cost: \$15 per girl; minimum 4 girls,
maximum 12 girls

Climbing Adventure



Cadettes will be introduced to climbing safety and basics and fitted with gear before climbing the indoor rock wall. Program is approximately 5 hours.

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Warrick Humane Society

Contact: Alicia Tromley |
volunteerwarrick@gmail.com
Location: 5722 S Vann Rd, Newburgh, IN
Cost: Free, but food, toys & bedding donations are kindly accepted!

Pet Education Program (PEP)



The PEP program will cover the basic components of pet care, allowing girls to be informed about domesticated dogs and cats.

Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve

Contact: Payton Broshears, Director of Environmental Education |
payton@wesselmanwoods.org |
(812) 479-0771

Location: 1551 N Boeke Rd, Evansville, IN
Cost: \$6 per girl; Girl Scouts receive free general admission into the preserve (please wear uniforms or Girl Scout clothing for free admission)

Explore Wesselman Woods



Explore the various walking trails, nature playscape, and Bernhardt Family Bird Sanctuary. Play in the Red Bud tree tunnel or view the various types of birds living in the sanctuary; it is up to you!

Bugs Program



Girls will participate in nature bug art and hunting for bugs around Wesselman Woods!

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Continued: Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve

Flowers



Learn about flower anatomy by looking at parts under a microscope, and afterward, create your own flower art. Take time to walk around the grounds and search for flowers in their natural habitat.

Animal Habitats



Search for native animals in Wesselman Woods and afterward create habitat dioramas from all over the world.

YMCA of Southwestern Indiana

Contact: Joe Lagenour |

evansvillearchery@gmail.com

Location: CK Newsome Center,
1001 E Walnut St, Evansville, IN

Cost: \$50 per hour per group

Archery



Girls will receive guided instruction from local National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) certified instructors to learn about equipment, safety, and strategy. All equipment is provided.

Summer 2024 Camps at Camp Koch

All registration for overnight camp sessions at Camp Koch can be found on GSSI's website, [here](#).

Leader-in-Training Course



GSSI's Leader-in-Training Course is open to girls who are aspiring camp counselors. We're looking for girls who are ready to take the next step in their skill development and explore the pathway to camp leadership. This program focuses on experience in responsibility, program goals, leadership styles, child development, outdoor living skills, group dynamics, conflict resolution, and program interaction with campers.

Participants will be able to observe all positions at Camp Koch, including unit, program, kitchen, lifeguards, and nursing staff, evaluate experiences, and receive guidance from the Camp Director as they assist in day-to-day camp activities.

Who: Girls entering grades 10-12 in Fall 2024 or are graduating in Spring 2024

Date Options:

Family Camporee: June 7 - June 9

Sessions 1 & 2: June 23 - June 28

Session 3: June 29 - June 30

Housing: Platform tents

Cost: Depends on dates attending

Registration: Deadline is May 31

Family Camporee: A Pirate Party



Ahoy, campers & families! Throw on your best pirate gear, grab your map, and search for buried treasure at Camp Koch this summer. Families will set sail or walk the plank and swim with the fish in Lake Bilvador for this fun, pirate-themed weekend. Complete your first mate training and get a chance to overthrow the camp by collecting all the gold at our final Pirate Party.

When you're not searching for loot, you can enjoy other camp activities like archery, tomahawk and/or knife throwing, shooting sports, crafting, and singing. Join us for this swashbuckling family getaway in the great outdoors and embrace your inner pirate, matey!

All families are welcome, but participants must be potty trained and should be able to walk the Camp Koch terrain.

Note: Some activities have age restrictions.

Dates:

Arrive: June 7 at 2 PM CT

Departure: June 9 at 10 AM CT

Housing: Choose from platform tents or bring personal tents.

Cost: \$40 per person

Registration: Deadline is May 17

Summer 2024 Camps at Camp Koch

Session 1

Art-All-Around Camp



Discover your inner creative genius this summer by learning about color, texture, mixed media, and art in nature. You'll get to explore tie-dying in non-traditional ways, paintball painting with slingshots, weaving, and more! With your artist's sketchbook, you'll venture around camp on hikes, doodling everything you see and creating masterpieces. At the end of the session, you will plan, host, and present your art in an "art gallery" for the entire camp to view. All artistic skill levels are welcome!

Who: Girls entering grades 2-6 in Fall 2024

Dates:

Arrive: June 23 at 2 PM CT

Departure: June 26 at 10 AM CT

Housing: Platform tents or troop house (limited availability)

Cost: \$150 per person

Registration: Deadline is May 31

Camp Master Chef



Do you have the cooking skills to win the ultimate food competition? Get ready for four days of fun food challenges as you learn how to prepare and present tasty treats from both the camp kitchen and campfire. Try out new cooking methods, tour Camp Koch's kitchen, and create your own camp recipe book. Plus, participating chefs will help prepare a meal in the Dining Hall and plan the All-Camp dinner activity. At the end of camp, you'll compete in an over-the-fire bake-off with local judges— Camp Koch's ranger and Girl Scout staff. Test your skills and see who takes home the Master Chef trophy!

Who: Girls entering grades 6-12 in Fall 2024 or are graduating in Spring 2024

Dates:

Arrive: June 23 at 2 PM CT

Departure: June 26 at 10 AM CT

Housing: Platform tents

Cost: \$150 per person

Registration: Deadline is May 31

Summer 2024 Camps at Camp Koch

Session 2

ART-cher-y Camp



Do you love art, the outdoors, and archery? Then this camp is for you! Spend your days designing innovative targets, creating art with nature, using paintballs and slingshots to make one-of-a-kind artwork, sun-dying bandanas with leaves and sticks, and practicing your archery skills. Then, spend your evenings watching the night sky and turning the stars into art right before your eyes. At the end of the session, you will plan, host, and present your art in an “art gallery” for the entire camp to view!

Who: Girls entering grades 5-12 in Fall 2024 or are graduating in Spring 2024

Dates:

Arrive: June 26 at 2 PM CT

Departure: June 28 at 10 AM CT

Housing: Platform tents

Cost: \$125 per person

Registration: Deadline is May 31

Camp S'more Fun



Want to learn the art of cooking outdoors? This camp experience is the perfect way to pair your sweet tooth with new cooking skills. You'll learn how to build a campfire, create gourmet s'mores using fruit, cookies, and other tasty ingredients, and build a solar box cooker to cook mini pizzas for lunch and nachos for snacks. Plus, you'll work alongside the kitchen staff to make dessert for a camp dinner, have a floating lunch in a canoe on the lake, and cook breakfast over the fire. Don't miss out on s'more fun at Camp Koch!

Who: Girls entering grades 2-6 in Fall 2024

Dates:

Arrive: June 26 at 2 PM CT

Departure: June 28 at 10 AM CT

Housing: Platform tents or troop house (limited availability)

Cost: \$125 per person

Registration: Deadline is May 31

Summer 2024 Camps at Camp Koch

Session 3

Camp Inner-Compass



Sometimes, you just need to take a break and get away, so what's better than a weekend at Camp Koch? Spending time in nature has been proven to reduce stress, and that's what this weekend is all about! Renew yourself this summer with homemade facials, yoga, watching movies with friends, journaling, water aerobics, candle and soap making, reading books, and relaxing in Hidden Hammock Hideaway. Enjoy traditional camp activities, too, like swimming, hiking, boating, stargazing, roasting marshmallows, and making friendship bracelets. GSSI's Camp Inner Compass is the perfect weekend away to decompress and surround yourself with the calming elements of nature this summer. Plus, you'll get the chance to snuggle up with a therapy dog or two!

Who: Girls entering grades 2-12 in Fall 2024
or are graduating in Spring 2024

Dates:

Arrive: June 29 at 9 AM CT

Departure: June 30 at 2 PM CT

Housing: Platform tents or troop house (limited availability)

Cost: \$75 per person

Registration: Deadline is May 31

For info and registration for day camps,
visit GSSI's website, [here](#), and scroll down to find your county.