

Camp Henry F. Koch

Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana's resident camp facility, Camp Henry F. Koch, covers approximately 500 acres of rugged woodland in the hills along the Ohio River. It is maintained and protected by a year-round Camp Ranger. Several hiking trails to points of natural beauty within the camp provide an opportunity to explore nature. The developed area of the camp includes a small lake divided into swimming and boating areas, a play field, a central shower house, three unit living tent sites, and a variety of building structures including a staff house and dining hall. There is also a special area, The Enchanted Woods & Fairy Garden, designed



specifically for younger girls, that includes a fairy garden, playhouse, swings, and more. Depending on your group needs, a variety of cooking options include outdoor cooking areas, indoor kitchens, and a commercial kitchen. Equipment sheds located throughout camp have camping supplies available upon request. Refer to the last page for equipment available. Whether attending as a troop or with sister Girl Scouts, Camp Koch is a great choice for your next trip, outing, event, program, training, or outdoor leader retreat.

Day Use (Available year-round)

















Outdoor Overnight Accommodations: (Available for Fall/ Spring Camping: April 15-October 15)



- **Beginning Units:** Hilltop and Frontier these units accommodate 32 people each. The units have water, fire rings, outdoor latrines, platform tents, 32 cots and mattresses, and equipment shed.
- Advanced Units: Woodhaven accommodates 24 people, has 24 cots and mattresses, water, fire ring, outdoor latrines, platform tents, & equipment.

• **Primitive Camping:** Several places are available to set up your own campsite for popup tent camping: Blue Wells (must backpack to site), Fox Ridge, Breezy Corner, Amphitheater, or find your own. Tents and primitive equipment are available upon request.

Indoor Overnight Accommodations: (Available year-round and seasonally)

• **Troop House (Dining Hall Basement):** This facility accommodates 30 people for overnights. It is heated by a gas furnace or fireplace and houses a kitchen and indoor restroom with flush toilet and shower. There are two large areas for crafts and activities. Two beds, cots, sofas and mattresses are available for sleeping. A screen is available for indoor movies (shared with The Bungalow).



• **The Bungalow**: This facility accommodates 8-10 people for overnights. Open seasonally (no heat), it has a restroom with flush toilet and shower. There is an air conditioner and small refrigerator. A stage and a fire pit are behind the building, with a screen to show outdoor movies. Two beds, cots and mattresses are available for sleeping.



• **Staff House**: This facility accommodates 10-12 people. It is heated by a gas furnace or fireplace and houses a kitchen and indoor restroom with flush toilet and shower. This two-bedroom house has bunk beds for 8. Sofas, cots and mattresses in the living room are available for additional sleeping areas.



• **Koenemann Shelter**: This facility accommodates 18 people and is heated by fireplace. Running water is available. Nearest outdoor latrines are located at Hilltop Camping Unit. Cots and mattresses are available for sleeping.

Note: The Troop House, Bungalow, and Hilltop provide the best accommodations for campers with mobility limitations.

Visiting Camp Koch:

You may make arrangements to visit Camp Koch at any time, by contacting the council office. Allow a minimum of two weeks' notice.

If your group would like to do a service project at Camp Koch, contact the Camp Ranger. Allow two weeks' notice. The Camp Ranger will provide your group with a list of possible projects and give technical assistance, as needed. Share your projects by sending an article and/or picture to GSSI's Marketing department.

Fees help cover expenses of maintaining the camp property.

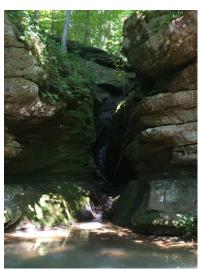
SITE*	GSSI Group	Deposit**	Total GSSI GROUP FEE	NON- GSSI Group	Deposit**	Total NON- GSSI GROUP FEE
Campsite	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$75.00	\$25.00	\$100.00
Dining Hall (upstairs)	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$75.00	\$25.00	\$100.00
Troop House	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	\$35.00	\$160.00
The Bungalow	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	\$35.00	\$160.00
Staff House	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	\$35.00	\$160.00
Lake ***	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	\$35.00	\$160.00
Day outing on property including the Fairy Garden (no bldg. use)	\$10.00	n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	n/a	\$30.00

^{*}Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana's Camp Koch is a **smoke-free facility**.

To reserve a unit at Camp Koch:

With the exception of the period when resident camp is in operation, reservations for spring camping are accepted after July 1, of the preceding year; for fall camping, reservations are accepted after January 1 of the current year.

- Make a tentative reservation with the council office **HERE**.
- Council will contact you within five business days and to confirm availability and send invoice and forms to be completed.
- Within 10 days, mail your deposit (to confirm your reservation) to: Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana
 5000 E Virginia Street Suite 2
 Evansville, IN 47715
- Note: Your reservation will not be held for more than 10 days without the deposit.



^{**} The Deposit is for damages and to hold the reservation. The deposit will be returned within 30 days of the stay (less any damages). If a group cancels within 2 weeks of their scheduled visit, the deposit and fee are not refundable but the fee can be applied to another date. Fee and deposit are refundable if the reservation is cancelled earlier than the 2 weeks.

^{**}Lifeguard must be provided by the group utilizing facility.

- A confirmation of group's dates and unit, maps, and additional information will be returned to the lead adult volunteer once all forms have been completed and approved by the council.
- Full payment must be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to use.
- A **Special Activity Application** must be submitted to the council for GSSI Troops/Groups. Adults certified in On the Go, First Aid/CPR, Fire Building, Basic Outdoor Cooking, Troop Camp Training, Archery, and/or lifeguarding may be required depending on type of camping (indoor vs. tent), cooking (indoor vs. campfire) and activities (swimming, boating, archery).
- Keys will be given to the lead adult volunteer upon arrival at the camp by the Camp Ranger.
- Lead adult volunteer must return the keys to the Camp Ranger at the end of the reservation before leaving the grounds. Keys not returned at this time will be subject to a daily fee of \$5 per day until the keys have been returned.
- Emergency contact phone number at Camp Koch is 270-317-4659. Always plan to arrive during daylight hours. If you will be later than your planned arrival time or you will not be coming, call the Camp Ranger at the number listed here.

Equipment:

Equipment available at Camp Koch stations may include: tents, dining fly, cook kits, Dutch ovens, griddles, reflector ovens, dishwashing buckets, lanterns, kerosene cans, heavy duty grills, sledges, bow saws, fire buckets, trench shovel, and hand ax. Submit an **Equipment Reservation** form for any council any equipment needed at least 2 weeks in advance.

You may need to provide: ice, charcoal, dish soap, scouring pads, bleach, hot pads, dishcloths, heavy duty garbage bags, paper towels, toilet paper, brown bags, matches, table service and dunk bag for each person, and small cooking instruments (knives, long-handled spoons, can opener, etc.), and drinking water storage containers.

Cleaning:

Please leave the area as it was when you arrived. Groups must collect trash and dispose of it properly. Trash cans are located in each outdoor unit, Dining Hall dumpster, and lake for those staying in the Staff House.



