



September 2, 2022

Please note: The GSSI office and shop will be closed Monday, September 5, for Labor Day. The shop will remain closed through Friday, September 9 for inventory.

Note: GSSI office staff will be available Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM CDT

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!

**Unleash Strong 2022:
I'm an Eco Friend with Alcoa
September 10
YMCA Camp Carson**

Sponsored by:

The banner features a light blue background with a green grass strip at the bottom. On the left, there is a yellow diagonal banner with the text "LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!". Below this, there are illustrations of a red pine tree, a green deciduous tree, a brown cabin, and a green tent. The main text is centered and reads "Unleash Strong 2022: I'm an Eco Friend with Alcoa September 10 YMCA Camp Carson". At the bottom right, it says "Sponsored by:" followed by the Alcoa Foundation and Toyota logos.

All girls in grades K-12 and their families are invited to join us for a day of fun and adventure at our annual Unleash Strong event! Girls will take on new challenges, learn new skills, and discover how they can unleash their strengths with Girl Scouts.

The event at YMCA Camp Carson will include community partner stations, a climbing wall, canoeing, a 50-foot alpine climbing tower, archery, air rifles, teambuilding on a low ropes course, slingshots, hiking, and more. Plus, an optional overnight for troops in Camp Carson's cabins or your tents!

Unleash Strong 2022

Saturday, September 10, 2022

1:00-5:00 PM CDT

YMCA Camp Carson, 2034 Outer Lake Rd, Princeton, IN 47670

Cost: \$5 per child, ages 4 and under and adults are free

Visit the link below for details and registration. For questions, contact support@girlscouts-gssi.org.

Hurry, registration closes at September 4!

REGISTER NOW

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 that will be on display in December in Evansville. The billboard should let the community know that the cookie season is beginning and showcase one or more cookies. Design materials and guidelines will be released September 12, and designs will be 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.

Cookie Permission Forms

Don't wait - submit your cookie permission forms now! Each girl must have a permission form on file by December 1, 2023, to participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program.

[DOWNLOAD FORM](#)

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.

Troop Leader Updates

Honor & Golden Honor Applications Due October 1

Honor and Golden Honor recognition showcases troops that achieve the Essential Elements of a Girl Scout Troop and provide 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 reach out to your Troop Support Specialist or email support@girlscouts-gssi.org.

View [Award Requirements](#)



APPLY NOW

Troop Leaders: Renewal Incentives are Ready

Troop Support has contacted leaders regarding pick-up or delivery of troop renewal incentives; if you have not received a message, please contact support@girlscouts-gssi.org.

As a reminder, if you earned the 25% off coupon to the GSSI shop, it will expire September 30.

GSSI Shop Updates

GSSI Shop Closed for Inventory September 6-9

The GSSI shop will be closed for inventory the first week of September. During this time, orders may be placed via the Shop Now link below and orders will be fulfilled as soon as we can. For questions, contact GSSI Customer Care at support@girlscouts-gssi.org.

Regular Shop Hours:

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

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

Tuesday & Friday: Closed

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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

Girls in Grades 6 & Up: Join GSSI's Astronomy Club!



The GSSI Astronomy Club helped visitors make a simple telescope at the James Webb Space Telescope First Look Event at the EVPL Central Library on July 30.

Do you love all things space? Are you curious about astronomy? Maybe you love anything STEM-related. Then Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana's Astronomy Club is for you. This girl-led leadership experience allows Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador level Girl Scouts to explore the universe together. Meetings focus on various fun activities in astronomy like earning space science badges, performing citizen science, and gazing at the cosmos.

The Astronomy Club is open to all GSSI members in grades six and above. For more information, contact coordinator Mandy Scurry at amanjohn@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Events

eVscope Star Parties at the Evansville Museum

Juniors: Friday, September 16, 8:00-8:45 PM CDT

Cadettes: Saturday, September 17, 8:00-8:45 PM CDT

Seniors: Friday, September 16 & Saturday, September 17, 9:00-9:45 PM

Are your girls interested in seeing what star clusters, nebula and galaxies look like close up? Using GSSI's eVscope, you'll be able to view these objects bright and close-up just like in you see in pictures. Through the eVscope, galaxies and nebula are seen in color, and hundreds of stars normally not seen also become visible. The eVscope allows users to observe objects normally invisible in light polluted, urban locations. Unlike traditional telescopes with eyepieces, views through the eVscope are shared in real-time using a smartphone or tablet. We've planned several star parties around this amazing piece of technology in cooperation the Evansville Museum to allow girls to explore the sky and learn more about space. Max 18 girls per session to allow for a hands-on experience.

Prior to arriving, troops need to download the Unistellar app from their device's app store. One smartphone, or tablet with the Unistellar app will need to be available for every two girls attending.

In the event of inclement weather, the event will be substituted with a planetarium show at the Evansville Museum. In this scenario, leaders will be contacted by the museum by email with 24-hour notice.

To register: Call the Evansville Museum at (812) 425-2406 from 12:00-5:00 PM Friday-Sunday.

Questions? Contact Mitch Luman at (812)425-2406, ext 227 or email mluman@emuseum.org.

Check out our [Event Calendar](#) for a full list of upcoming activities!