

August 19, 2022



This thin, crispy cookie is a “sister” cookie to the beloved Thin Mint. Infused with raspberry flavor instead of mint and dipped in the same delicious chocolaty coating, this cookie is sure to please. This cookie will be sold through the girls’ direct ship link only. (They will not be on the order card or available from the Cookie Cupboards.) The online-only option will allow girls new opportunities to enhance their entrepreneurial and e-commerce sales skills. All proceeds from cookie purchases online and in-person stay local to support girls in our 11-county jurisdiction.

Additional Updates

- 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 the Cookie Cupboards.

- The Shortbread cookie name has been updated to Trefoils. This classic favorite has the same tasty recipe as before, but with the iconic trefoil shape now reflected in its name.
- GSSI's Cookie Program begins on December 5, when girls begin taking in-person and online orders. Cookies will arrive beginning February 6, with cookie booths starting on that date.
- Questions? Contact cookies@girlscouts-gssi.org.



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.

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Community Partners!

Join us to help girls learn new skills and unlock their full potential. We are looking for community partners to host activity stations during the event, which regularly serves hundreds of families across southwest Indiana. There's no cost to participate as a partner! Register below to join us, and our Girl Experience Specialist Cassie McCord will contact you to confirm all details.

REGISTER NOW

Sponsorships are also available. For more information, contact Mary Fee at mfee@girlscouts-gssi.org or download a sponsorship form below.

BECOME A SPONSOR

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.



This week we would like to thank **Maria Koch** for helping with recruitment at Chrisney Elementary. Another huge thank you to everyone who volunteered to assist with recruiting at back-to-school events across the council. Your help is invaluable to us!

We would also like to welcome **Roseyn Hood**, Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer at the EVSC as a new troop leader at Lincoln School in Evansville. Lincoln has not had a traditional troop in several years, and Roseyn's work will help to serve girls in an underserved area. We're also excited to have troop leader **Nycholle Harris** join the GSSI staff as an after school program facilitator in Evansville. Nycholle formed a multi-level troop at Elberfeld Elementary this spring and is excited to impact as many girls as possible through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

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

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

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



Registration is Now Open for the 2023 Girl Scout Convention at Disney World!

It's our time to shine! Join us in July 2023 at *Walt Disney World*® Resort for the world's biggest gathering of Girl Scouts. Our national convention only happens every three years, so you don't want to miss it. Register for Phenom by Girl Scouts today and save with early bird pricing. Connect with Girl Scouts from across the country to experience amazing activities and demos in the Expo Hall, meet special guests, attend the National Bridging ceremony and Gold Award celebration, and much more.

Register for Phenom by Girl Scouts today and save \$50 or more per person with early bird pricing.

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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

Evansville Museum Geek and ComicCon 2022

Saturday, August 27, 11:00 AM CDT

This family-friendly event is perfect for comic-con enthusiasts and first-timers to the convention scene. The Evansville Museum Geek & Comic Con is a day devoted to celebrating geek culture's arts, science, and history. The event will feature panels, presentations, hands-on activities, board games, a vendor room, and a cosplay contest. GSSI's Kaelin will be on hand with a fun Girl Scout activity allowing girls to create their own comic!

More information is available from the [Evansville Museum's Facebook Page](#).

Check out our Event Calendar for a full list of upcoming activities!

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Take Action for the Environment with Alcoa Foundation

Thanks to a generous grant from Alcoa Foundation, GSSI will again offer mini grants for take action and highest award projects that focus on environmental sustainability and/or environmental education throughout the remainder of the 2021-2022 membership year.



Troops, service unit events, service unit camps, and individuals (registered members grades K-12) must submit a mini grant proposal form for consideration. If awarded, the project will receive \$75.00 towards project expenses. Project plans and proposed budgets must be submitted to and approved by GSSI before starting. Final project reports and receipts must be submitted by troop/group/individual to GSSI at the completion of the service for tracking. Projects must be completed and submitted before September 1, 2022.

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