



## **Race to Adventure: Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois Take Indy! July 22-25, 2027**

We're hopping on a charter bus and heading to Indiana's vibrant capital city for a weekend packed with exploration and Girl Scout memory-making. Whether you love museums, racing, animals, or just adventuring with your Girl Scout besties, this trip has something for everyone.

Price includes charter bus transportation, two nights hotel, nine meals, some snacks, all activities and ticketing fees, commemorative patch and T-shirt.

During our trip, participants can look forward to some of these highlights:

- Indianapolis Motor Speedway
- Indianapolis Zoo
- A Canal Walk Scavenger Hunt
- A Trip to Conner Prairie
- Museums & More!

### **Sample Itinerary:**

Day 1: Thursday, July 22 – Travel Day & Downtown Exploration. 7:30 a.m. departure. Bus pick-up locations include Fairview Heights MetroLink Station and Greenville/Effingham upon request. Sack lunch at a rest stop when entering Indiana. Exploration, settle in, dinner, and downtown activities.

Day 2: Friday, July 23 – Full day of museums and exploration.

Day 3: Saturday, July 24 – Full day of museums and exploration.

Day 4: Sunday, July 25 – Exploration in the morning and early afternoon. Travel home. Estimated arrival home, 5:00 p.m.

\*itinerary subject to change\*

### **Registration Information & Payment Schedule:**

Group Information: Please include Troop/Buddy information at the time of registration. Smaller groups will have opportunities to explore on their own.

Parents, Caregivers and Troop Leaders: All adult registrants must have a current Girl Scout membership and clear a criminal background check by the time of trip departure. Girl Scout Juniors must have a caregiver or Troop Leader register with them. Girl Scout Cadettes - Ambassadors may travel independently and will travel with an assigned group.

\$775 per Girl Scout and Adult Members

Participant Deposit: \$200 is due at the time of registration

Deadline to register: Monday, February 1, 2027

Extended Deadline: Participants can register up till final deadline of Monday, March 1, 2027 for an extra \$75/registrant

Final Payment Due: Monday, May 3, 2027

\*after the registration deadline of Monday, February 1, 2027, you are locked in for our trip and agree to make the final payment.

### **Trip FAQ: Is this trip for me?**

We want every participant to feel confident, ready, and excited about this adventure! Here are a few things to consider before registering:

- Will we be moving around a lot?
  - o YES! This is very much a fast paced, yet FUN experience. Throughout our trip, we will be out of the hotel after breakfast, be gone throughout the day, and then wind down in the evening at the hotel after dinner. Participants should feel comfortable walking 10-15 minutes at a time between stops throughout the day.
- Will Girl Scouts be exploring independently?
  - o Yes. During parts of the trip, small groups will navigate assigned areas with their adults. Adults should encourage Girl Scouts to follow their map and "Lead the Way" to the next destination.
- Tell me about the hotel accommodations?
  - o All hotel rooms will have access to two queen beds. Room assignments will be based on your Troop/Buddy request listed at checkout. Generally, families will share the same room (mothers/daughters, etc.) and Troops will be roomed together. Reminder, if adults are needed to stay in the room with girls, there will be two unrelated adult females in the room.
- Is this a physically active trip?
  - o If you've travelled with Program Engagement Manager, Natalie, then you know you are in for an adventure! Get ready for full exploration days. While we build in rest breaks, this is not a sit-and-relax vacation. It's a Girl Scout adventure!
- What forms do I need to complete prior to the trip?
  - o All participants must complete a health history form and a physical that must be completed by a medical professional. All participants must complete the Travel Behavior Agreement, Shared Sleeping Space Agreement (youth), and Travel Confidential Form (youth).

- I'm an adult who plans to attend the trip. What do I need to have one file in order to travel?
  - o All adults on the trip are responsible for their group/troop. There will be times for troops to explore on their own. All adults on the trip must have: a current Girl Scout Adult membership at the time of the trip, must complete and pass a background check, and must complete Illinois Mandated Reporter (or equivalent). All adults must complete all health forms, travel behavior agreement, and the required health physical that must be completed by a medical professional.
- I'm out of council. Can I still attend?
  - o Yes! Out of council youth must have the proper girl:adult ratios to travel and must agree to complete all of the required forms listed above. This is a BUS travel trip. Please read over the sample itinerary carefully. Out of council participants MUST meet us at the bus locations that are offered. Activities will be planned prior to arriving at the hotel. Travel arrangements, meals, etc. outside of what is offered on this trip will be your responsibility.
- Is this trip right for me?
  - o This trip is perfect for a Girl Scout who: enjoys exploring new cities, can handle warm weather and full days of activities, is excited to learn about Girl Scout history, feels comfortable navigating independently in small, supervised groups, and is able to go with the flow when schedules change.
  - o Overall: If you're unsure, we encourage families to reach out and talk to our Program Engagement Manager, Natalie, to talk through questions before registering. We want every participant to feel prepared and confident! If special accommodations are needed for your Girl Scout or Troop, please let our Program Engagement Manager know as soon as possible.

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**Questions?** Contact Natalie Bachmann at [customercare@gsofsi.org](mailto:customercare@gsofsi.org)