



Resident Camp

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I'm not sure if she is ready for camp and whether or not I'm ready for her to go to camp. How can I determine if we are ready for camp this summer?

A: Take the [camp readiness quizzes](#) and attend an open house. You'll get to visit camp and see where she will eat and sleep. Plus, you'll both be able to meet the staff, ask your questions and learn about how to prepare for camp.

Q: Can I visit camp?

A: Yes, we will have open houses at each camp. These are listed on page 1 of our brochure.

Q: Do I have to be a Girl Scout to attend camp?

A: Girl Scout camp is open to all girls in grades K-12. Each camp session offered is geared for the grade the camper will be in the fall. There are also programs at all of our sites for adults and girls to enjoy camp together! When you register for camp, you are registered as a Girl Scout member and are covered by our secondary insurance.

Q: What if my camper wants to go with a friend?

A: When both campers sign up (for the same program and week), they should indicate that they want to be "buddies" on the registration form. This will ensure the campers sleep in the same sleeping structure. Please be aware that they will be encouraged to get to know the other girls in the unit and during day activities will not always be in the same day/activity group.

Q: Where will my camper sleep?

A: Campers sleep in open-air cabins, yurts, adirondacks, platform tents, covered wagons or teepees. Each camper will have a bunk with mattress. There are 4 to 8 beds in each building. Staff will always be within sight and sound of the girls.

Q: What is the food like?

A: Meals are carefully planned and generous in amount. When putting together menus, we take into account girl's appetites, likes and dislikes, the nutritional value and inclusion of all the food groups. A vegetarian option will be served at all meals. Some accommodations can be made for food restrictions. If we cannot accommodate your camper's restrictions, we will contact you before camp to determine a plan. Snacks are available between meals. Sample items for breakfast: pancakes, French toast, eggs, potatoes, cold or hot cereal; for lunch: soup, sandwiches, salad, pizza, hotdogs, chicken nuggets, fruit; for dinner: tacos, hamburgers, lasagna, salad, mashed potatoes, chicken.

Q: Are there field trips?

A: Yes, many programs leave camp. See our brochure for details.

Q: Who are the camp staff and how are they trained?

A: The staffs are fun loving, young (at least at heart) women and men who love working with kids. Our camp staff receive extensive training in leading activities; health, safety and emergency preparedness; working with all-girl groups; and in managing camper relationships including bullying. All specialized activities, such as swimming, are led by adults with current certification(s) to ensure the health and safety of each participant. Staff members are First Aid and CPR certified.

Q: What if my camper gets homesick?

A: Homesickness is natural. Staffs are trained to help ease the transition from home to camp and to assist campers who are feeling homesick. Additional information to help your camper transition to camp will be included in your camp confirmation.

Q: My camper takes medication, how will that be handled at camp?

A: All medications, vitamins, etc. are turned in to the camp staff and dispensed to the camper as directed. If your camper requires a rescue inhaler, epi-pen or other rescue medications, they will be carried at all times by the counselors with your camper.

Q: How will I be contacted during an emergency?

A: If your camper has an injury or illness that requires medical assistance (i.e. x-ray), you will be contacted immediately. If it is a small injury or illness (scraped knee, stomach ache, etc.), you will be sent a note at the end of the week detailing what we did to treat it. If we have to evacuate the property, you will be contacted with the evacuation meeting point (usually one of our service centers) as soon as the evacuation decision has been made.

Q: Is financial assistance available?

A: A limited amount of resident camp financial assistance is available to girls who live within our council. The form is available online and information will be sent separately from your confirmation packet.

Q: How do I register my camper?

A: Starting December 1, 2011 you can register her online at girlscoutsw.org or download and mail a registration form. Once registration has been accepted, detailed information (map, packing list, etc.) will be sent to you.

Q: What is the trading post?

A: It is an on-site camp store where girls can purchase merchandise. Instead of sending campers with money, we utilize camper trading post accounts. Once registered, you will receive more information about establishing an account for your camper.

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