2021 Summer Camp FAQs

General Information

Q: What are the summer 2021 camp options?
A: GSHPA summer camp runs from June 21-August 7. We have themes for all interests and a Girl Scout experience for girls at all levels. This summer we also have experiences at ALL four GSHPA camp properties: day camps, overnight camps, family camps, and even virtual camps!

Virtual Camp: Meet other Girl Scouts and reconnect with old friends through live, facilitated Zoom sessions!

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<td>Daisy, Brownie / K-3</td>
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<td>Mad Science</td>
<td>Junior / 4-5</td>
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<td>Crafty Camper</td>
<td>Daisy, Brownie / K-3</td>
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<td>Take Charge!</td>
<td>Cadette, Senior / 6-10</td>
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Day Camp: Campers attend during the day, go home each night, and return the next day!

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<td>June 28-30</td>
<td>Camp Happy Valley</td>
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<td>Daisy-Junior / K-5</td>
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Family Camp: The entire family or mom (or other female relative) and daughter are invited to attend fun filled days and stay overnight!

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<td>All age levels</td>
<td>July 2-3</td>
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<td>Splash Spectacular</td>
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Resident Camp: Resident Camp is five days and four nights of camp traditions, outdoor skills, self-confidence building, and friend making at Camp Small Valley!

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<td>Brownie-Senior / 2-10</td>
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<td>Adventure Awaits</td>
<td>Junior-Senior / 4-10</td>
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**Mini Camp:** Three action-packed days gives you the resident camp experience over a shorter period of time.

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**Counselor-in-Training (CIT):** Two weeks of camp and leadership training for Girl Scout go-getters who want to learn the skills needed to be a successful leader on and off camp.

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<td>Senior-Ambassador /10-12</td>
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**Q: When are the summer camp open houses?**  
**A:** Summer camp open houses will take place virtually and in-person.

- **March 18** Virtual Open House  
  - Bring the whole family to this virtual event to learn about all things Summer Camp – Mini Camp, Resident Camp, Family Camp, Day Camp, Virtual Camp, and the CIT Program!
  - If you are interested in learning about our increased cleaning measures, reduced capacities, or adjusted program procedures please attend our in-person Summer Camp Open House on April 24th or our Virtual Summer Camp Open House on May 4th.

- **April 24** In-person Open House, Camp Small Valley  
  - This in-person event will showcase the options available at Camp Small Valley during Summer Camp 2021 – Mini Camp, Resident Camp, and the CIT Program!

- **May 4** Virtual Open House  
  - Join GSHPA Summer Camp Staff to learn all about the Virtual Camp, Family Camp, and Day Camp opportunities available for your Girl Scout this summer! For Family Camp and Day Camp, staff will also discuss increased cleaning measures, reduced capacities, and adjusted program procedures.

**Registration**

**Q: Who can go to camp?**  
**A:** GSHPA Summer Camp is for every girl. Becoming a registered Girl Scout is an option in the camp registration process and allows your girl to become a member for an entire year and to enjoy all the activities, programs, and projects that make Girl Scouts so much fun.

Non-members receive a Girl Scout membership valid through September 2022 with their registration fee. If you are joining us from outside of our 30-county footprint in PA, we will contact the council where you live and they will be in touch with you regarding membership.

**Q: How much does camp cost?**  
**A:** The cost of Resident Camp is $375 and the cost of Mini Camp is $200. A 2-day Family Camp session is $50/person and a 3-day session is $80/person (children 5 and under free). The Counselor-in-Training program cost is $600 and Virtual Camp costs $65 for members ($90 for non-members). The cost of Day Camp is $110 for a 3-day session or $150 for a 5-day session.
Q: When is payment due?
A: A $50 deposit (non-refundable) will be due at the time of registration. The balance due must be paid two weeks prior to the start of the camp session.

Q: How do I finalize payment?
A: You can pay your balance due by logging into your DoubleKnot account or calling Member Services at 800.692.7816.

Q: Can I use GO! Dough?
A: Yes, you are able to use GO! Dough as a payment option. In order to use GO! Dough, follow these steps:

- Pay the $50 deposit per camp session.
- Use the following form to request using GO! Dough to cover the outstanding balance: [https://gsheartpa.wufoo.com/forms/rj36uei1fcjd4h/](https://gsheartpa.wufoo.com/forms/rj36uei1fcjd4h/)
- If your Girl Scout has enough GO! Dough to cover the outstanding balance and the deposit, the $50 deposit will be refunded.
- If your Girl Scout does not have enough GO! Dough to cover the outstanding balance and the deposit, pay the remaining balance on the camp session.

Q: What is your refund policy?
A: A full refund, minus the deposit, will be given to cancellations before 5/31/21 unless there is an approved medical reason for the cancellation.

Virtual Camp: Refunds will not be issued for cancellations received two weeks or less before the start date of the session.

Q: Is Financial Assistance offered for camp?
A: Income should not determine whether a girl can experience the magic of camp. Apply for financial assistance during registration. Be aware that financial assistance is a finite resource and that not every girl will qualify. Financial assistance applicants are still required to pay the $50 deposit and complete the camp registration process. If your financial assistance application is not approved, the deposit will be refunded if cancellation is required.

- Financial assistance is available:
  - To girls living within GSHPA’s 30-county footprint.
  - For a single session only.
- If there is still financial assistance available on May 15th, a girl may apply for additional financial assistance for a second week of camp. A girl may not apply for financial assistance for a third session or more.
- If approved:
  - Financial assistance covers the balance that remains after paying the non-refundable deposit for Day Camp, Mini Camp, Resident Camp, and the CIT Program.
  - Financial assistance covers $15 of the cost of Virtual Camp.
- Financial assistance does not cover:
  - Family Camp.
  - Additional purchases, such as optional t-shirts or fun patches.
Q: Does GSHPA allow payment plans for summer camp?
A: All final balances are due two weeks prior to your selected camp session. You are able to pay portions of your total amount due by either logging into your DoubleKnot account or call Member Services at 800.692.7816.

Q: How do I register my camper for camp? What is DoubleKnot?
A: On the event page, you will be linked to DoubleKnot for the registration. This software will allow you to complete the registration process all at one time. You can select programs, fill out all your forms, and make payments.

Q: What information do I need to have ready when registering?
A: You will need the following information ready to register (not applicable to Virtual Camp):
  • Be prepared to enter all of your information in one sitting (of 1 hour or less before system time-out) as our registration platform will not save partial submissions or incomplete entries!
  • All camper medical insurance details from your ID carrier including: carrier, name of insured policy holder, policy/group numbers, insurance company phone number, etc.
  • All information for your camper’s physician and dentist, including name, address, and phone number
  • All details regarding immunizations
  • All details regarding any medical conditions and disease/health history
  • All details regarding any camper medications/prescriptions, including name of drug, dosage instructions, etc.

Q: Can I register for multiple sessions?
A: If you would like to register your Girl Scout for multiple weeks of camp, choose ‘Keep Shopping...’ instead of ‘Checkout’ after registering for a single session. This allows you to choose a second session without filling out all of the same information a second time.

Q: When is the deadline to register for camp?
A: DoubleKnot registration closes 2 weeks before the start of each session.

Q: How will I receive follow-up information about my campers visit?
A: Your confirmation and follow-up emails will come from noreply@doubleknot.com.

Q: Does my daughter need a physical in order to attend camp?
A: All health information will be disclosed during the registration process. Your camper’s health & well-being are our top priority. It is required that you share medical information, including whether or not your camper has had a physical. Any medical questions or concerns may warrant a call from a GSHPA Registered Nurse.

Q: How will my camper sign up for the Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program?
A: Girl Scouts wishing to become CITs can apply for the program when Summer Camp registration opens. When registering for the CIT program, potential CITs must complete a portion of the included registration form. They will need to answer 5-6 short essay questions that will be included in the registration. Prior experience as a camper is preferred, but not necessary and space is limited. Completion of the CIT registration does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

Q: Can someone other than a mother attend Mom and Me Family Camp with their Girl Scout?
A: Yes! Any of your female relatives can participate with their Girl Scout!
What to Expect During Your Campers Stay

Q: When can I expect information on each camp location and what a typical day of camp looks like for each specific program?
A: An FAQ specific to each of the four camp properties will be available on the Summer Camp page by April 1st, 2021.

Q: Can my camper bring her phone, iPod, Kindle, or other comfort items?
A: No. We encourage campers to leave all devices and electronics at home. All of our staff have radios and cell phones for emergency purposes. We encourage girls to disconnect and unplug from their typical routine. This allows them to concentrate on making friends and enjoying camp activities. However, campers are permitted to bring small fans for their sleeping unit, during overnight camps. These should be battery powered, as not all units have electricity.

Q: What if my camper gets homesick?
A: It’s natural for children to experience homesickness while at camp and our staff are trained to work with campers that are experiencing homesickness. We will mentor campers to help enable them to have fun and participate in camp activities. Campers are not immediately sent home when they experience homesickness. Parents will be contacted at the discretion of the Camp Director. If you anticipate that your camper may suffer from homesickness, consider bringing her to an Open House so that you can experience camp together.

Q: Will the camp theme last all day? For example, if my camper signs up for the Animal Adventure theme, will she be doing Animal Adventure themed activities all day long?
A: Each day, your camper will have one themed activity period and then participate in other camp related programs. Often times, the theme carries over to the other camp activities as well as the overall camp culture for the week.

Risk Management

Q: Who are the camp staff?
A: Camp staff are enthusiastic, talented, and caring individuals who are 18 years of age or older. We recruit both regionally and from around the world and carefully select staff from colleges and universities, Girl Scout referrals, and international cultural exchange organizations. Campers’ health and well-being are our top priorities. We select staff based on their maturity, program skills, experience, and their ability to serve as role models. All camp staff are trained in First Aid/CPR/AED.

Staff members are carefully selected for their skills, as well as how they work with children and adults. Staff members who supervise specialized activities, such as the climbing wall, pool and archery, receive additional training and qualifications each year. All of our staff are required to attend extensive pre-camp training before the camp season begins.

Q: What safety precautions are taken to reduce risk at camp?
A: All of our staff are highly trained, background checked, and trained in First Aid/CPR/AED. Like a good Girl Scout, we’re always prepared with our Emergency Action Plan and weather monitoring.

Q: What is the Emergency Action Plan?
A: The Emergency Action Plan is a comprehensive plan that addresses every type of emergency that we can foresee to be prepared for (flood, severe thunderstorm, etc.). We train with this plan to prepare our
staff and our campers.

Q: Who should I contact if there is an emergency at home and I need to get ahold of my camper?
A: Please call Member Services at 800.692.7816 and they will direct your call to the appropriate GSHPA staff member that is on-site with your camper.

Q: Can I visit camp during my campers program?
A: To avoid interrupting camp activities and because camp sessions are short, there are no visitor days during the camp session.

**Additional Information**

Q: When can I expect information on COVID-19 precautions and cleaning procedures?
A: Information on COVID-19 precautions and cleaning procedures will be included in the April 24th in-person Open House and the May 4th Virtual Open House. In addition, this information will be available on the Summer Camp page by April 23rd, 2021.

Q: How else can I prepare for my campers summer camp program?
A: Camp specific FAQs, a Summer Camp Parent Guide, and packing lists will be available on the Summer Camp page by April 1st, 2021.