2021 Camp Archbald FAQs

General Information

Q: What is Camp Archbald?
A: Camp Archbald is the second oldest Girl Scout camp in the United States and sits less than 30 miles from the New York state line. Camp Archbald features Ely Lake with access to boating and swimming, as well as a climbing wall, facilitated low ropes, hiking trails, and archery. Camp Archbald facilities also include the full range of Girl Scout outdoor overnight progressive experiences.

Q: Where is Camp Archbald?
A: Camp Archbald is located at 100 Camp Archbald Road, Kingsley PA 18826. Click HERE for google map directions.

Q: What camps and themes are offered at Camp Archbald during summer camp 2021?
A: Summer Camp 2021 runs from June 21 – August 8. This includes two in-person sessions at Camp Archbald.

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Q: What different camping options does GSHPA offer at Archbald this summer?
A: We offer Family Camp at Archbald.
- Family Campers can expect to spend a few fun-filled days at camp exploring traditional camp activities and getting to know other campers. Families will have the option to participate in activities for most of the day or to take some time to rest and relax in their unit.

Check out our Parent Guide on the Summer Camp Webpage for more information!

Registration

Q: How much does camp cost at Camp Archbald?
A: The cost of Splash Spectacular Family Camp (3 day-2 night) is $80 per participant. The cost of Around the World Family Camp (2 day-1 night) is $50 per participant. Additionally, campers have the option to purchase fun patches and a camp T-shirt.
Q: Where can I find information on payments, due dates, Go Dough, and financial aid?
A: Information located in the Summer Camp 2021 FAQ

Q: How do I register my camper for camp? What is DoubleKnot?
A: On the summer camp web page or the event calendar, you find links to register through the DoubleKnot system. 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: 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 Archbald Camps?
A: DoubleKnot registration closes 2 weeks before the start of each session.

Q: Do my family members need a physical in order to attend camp?
A: All health information will be disclosed during the registration process. Your families’ 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.

This summer you will need to complete additional pre-screening information. Prescreen information will be provided in your confirmation email 2 weeks before camp starts. All family members must complete this pre-screen in order to participate in your camp session. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from camp and you will not be entitled to a refund.

What to Expect During Your Campers Stay
Please see the 2021 Parent Guide on the Summer Camp Web Page for more extensive answers to all the following questions. We highly recommend that all parents/guardians review the parent guide.

Q: What is our camp’s goal?
A: The goal of our camps lie in our mission statement: Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. The goal of our camp program is to build girls to have the courage, confidence, and character to try new things and to be pushed outside of their comfort zone.

Q: What are the sleeping arrangements at camp?
A: Unit arrangements vary and families will be placed in sleeping units based on age levels and family sizes. In all units, they will have a mattress on either the floor, a cot, or a bunk bed. Sleeping arrangements will vary and depend on the number of registered campers and other factors. Due to covid restrictions, units are at a 50% sleeping capacity.

- Friendship Lodge
- Maples Lodge
- Forest Rustic Cabins
- Hultz Platform Tents
- Heritage Lodge
Q: Can my family bunk with another family?
A: During the DoubleKnot registration process, your family will have the option to include the name of one other family, which you would like to bunk with. This will not be guaranteed. You must list the name of the family and not a Troop #.

Q: Can my Family Campers bring their phone, iPod, Kindle, or any electronic devices?
A: We understand that adults may need to bring their phones on camp, however, we ask that unless you are taking pictures or using it during your own time, that you keep it away during instructor run activities. Phones distract other campers and your instructor.

Q: What’s a typical day like at Family Camp?
A: Expect adventure from sunrise until sunset! Check out a typical day at camp:
  - breakfast
  - morning activity periods
  - lunch
  - afternoon activity periods
  - dinner
  - evening activity
  - family time
  - lights out

Q: Will the camp theme last all day? For example, if my camper signs up for the Splash Spectacular theme, will she be doing themed activities all day?
A: No. Your camper/family will have at least one themed activity period per day. During the other activity periods, your camper/family takes part in traditional camp activities such as– archery, arts and crafts, outdoor living skills, and more! Often times, the theme carries over to the tradition activities as well as the overall camp culture for the week.

Q: What are the check-in/check-out times?
A: This summer, we are doing a drive through check in. This procedure will reduce the number of people coming in contact on camp and reduce the likelihood of contagious diseases on camp. You will receive a detailed procedures and any check in updates in an email 2 weeks before the start of your camp week.

Check-in will be split into arrival groups. Your arrival time will be between 2-3 PM. You will receive an email stating which arrival group you are in two weeks before the start of your camp week. Check-out is from 4-5 PM.

If you need to arrive late or leave early, please let us know. We will do our best to accommodate.

Detailed Check in/Check out procedures can be found in the parent guide. Please note that may be subject to change and you will receive any updates to this procedure two weeks before the start of your camp session.

**Risk Management**

Please see the 2021 Parent Guide on the Summer Camp Web Page for more extensive answers to all the following questions. We highly recommend that all parents/guardians review the parent guide.

Q: Who are the camp staff?
A: These staff members are carefully selected for their character, commitment, and skills, as well as how they work with children and adults. All of our staff are required to attend extensive pre-
camp training before the camp season begins. Staff members who supervise units or specialize in activities, such as the high ropes, lifeguarding, and archery, receive additional training and qualifications each year.

Each summer, we recruit both regionally and internationally. Carefully selected staff from around the world join our staff as counselors and help broaden the campers’ experience. Campers’ health and wellbeing are our top priorities. We select staff based on maturity, program skills, experience, and their ability to serve as role models. All campers are under the supervision of trained camp staff 24 hours a day. All staff members are trained in First Aid/CPR/AED.

**Q: What safety precautions are taken to reduce risk at camp?**

**A:** Camp Archbald operates at the highest standards. 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.

Additional Contagious Disease Policies and Procedures will be implemented during this summer’s camp programs. Please see the parent guide for details.

**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: Does your camp have a behavior policy?**

**A:** Yes! All camp participants signed a behavior policy during their camp registration, which will be reviewed during your session’s orientation. Participants who fail to follow our behavior policy may be dismissed from camp and are not entitled to a refund.

**Q: Who should I contact if there is an emergency at home and I need to get ahold of my camper?**

**A:** You can reach member services at 800.692.7816, who then will direct you to a leadership member of the camp staff team.

**Additional Information**

**Q: Can I send mail?**

**A:** No. We will not accept or send mail during Family Camp.

**Q: Can you accommodate special diets?**

**A:** We are able to accommodate most dietary restrictions and preferences. We can also prepare our food with most allergies in mind. During registration, you will be able to indicate food allergies or dietary preferences/restrictions. If we are not able to accommodate your camper, we will permit her to come with her own food that can be stored in the Dining Hall.

**Q: What if my camper is a picky eater?**

Girls are encouraged to try a brownie bite (small bite) of available options. However, there are always a variety of options available. Even the fussiest of eaters will find something to eat at every meal. If a camper absolutely refuses to eat for more than one meal, the nurse or the Camp Director will contact you to discuss the best course of action.