



2026 Summer Camp Guide

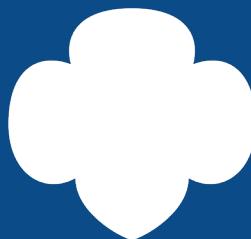
Camp Archbald

For the girl who's ready for more!



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Dear Campers and Families

Welcome to summer camp! An unforgettable summer awaits. Whether this is the beginning of your Girl Scout adventure or you're a seasoned camper ready for new challenges, camp is the ideal place to create lasting memories. Laughter, cheers, and camp songs will fill the air again, and we can't wait to share this incredible experience with each of you as part of our 2026 camp season.

This year, we've reimaged camp to offer even more chances to challenge yourself, discover new passions, and dive into exciting new adventures.

If your camper isn't already a Girl Scout, no worries at all! When she registers for camp, she'll become a member. Many girls come to camp each year as Juliettes, the Girl Scout term for individually registered girls who participate in Girl Scouts, without being part of a troop. And if your whole troop wants to sign up for camp together this summer, we have options for that too.

We understand that sending your daughter to camp means placing your trust in us to provide a safe and memorable experience. We take this responsibility very seriously, and we are grateful for the opportunity to help her make memories that will last a lifetime.

Please take a few moments to review the full 2026 Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania Summer Camp Guide. We have an adventure waiting for your Girl Scout!



What Makes Girl Scout Camp Special

Discover the Outdoors

Archery. Swimming. Hiking. Ziplining. Rafting. High ropes. Low ropes. Campfires. S'mores. At camp, every girl is encouraged to step outside her comfort zone and gain confidence while having fun. Camp is truly a transformative experience. When girls leave home and immerse themselves in the camp environment, they not only learn new skills but also grow stronger, more confident, and happier — while forming lasting friendships. Our trained and experienced staff are dedicated to supporting girls, ages 5 to 17. Our fun and dynamic programs are tailored to girls' interests, allowing them to explore their passions and embrace healthy, exciting challenges in a safe and encouraging environment. At camp, every girl can increase interest, confidence, and competence in the outdoors. Set her free and watch her grow.

Disconnect from Personal Devices

Residence camp offers all the benefits of technology as girls explore STEM in the outdoors while escaping from the burdens of constant cell phone connectivity. In our cell phone-free environment, girls focus on making new friends, in person, in real time, without filters or distractions. Girls: Be With Your Friends Who Are Here.

The Girl Scout Difference: An All-Girl Environment

Girl Scouts provides a space just for girls, in which each girl is free to explore her interests and take the lead without the distractions or pressures that can be found in a mixed-gender environment. The fact is most of a girl's life is spent with boys. But the girl-led, girl-friendly space offered by Girl Scouts fosters collaboration instead of competition, and promotes support among girls, enabling them to stretch beyond their limits and transfer valuable knowledge and skills to any environment, both now and in the future. The need for female leadership has never been clearer or more urgent than it is today — and Girl Scouts is the premier girl leadership organization in the world.

Overnight summer residence camp is open to all who identify as girls, live culturally as girls, are recognized by family and friends as girls, and are biologically female. For those who live culturally as girls but are biologically male, feel free to explore our family and day-long girl programming events.



Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania

Girl Scouts actively create the world they envision and work to improve it every day. They explore their strengths, take on new challenges, and build confidence as they grow into strong, passionate leaders ready to take on the future.

Our Mission

Building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Girl Scout Promise & Law

Girl Scouts uphold the Promise and Law in everything we do.

Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
and to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be honest and fair,
friendly and helpful, considerate, and caring,
courageous and strong, and responsible for
what I say and do, to respect myself and others,
respect authority, use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and
be a sister to every Girl Scout.



Summer Camp at Camp Archbald!

Nestled along the captivating shores of Ely Lake, a 32-acre kettle lake in rural Susquehanna County, Camp Archbald beckons young girls to a magical haven of adventure and sisterhood. Founded in 1920, Archbald, the second oldest Girl Scout Camp in the United States, is a blend of historic landmarks, rustic camping, and modern amenities promising a blend of nature and exploration. Seize the opportunity, young adventurers, and let Camp Archbald be your summer sanctuary where history, nature, and the spirit of Girl Scouts converge in a symphony of enchantment!



Camp Units

Unit arrangements vary and campers will be placed in sleeping units based on age level. Camp staff are housed within each unit in a separate cabin or tent.



Treetops

Two cabins connected by an indoor kitchen and activity area. Bathrooms are Clivus multrums within the cabins. Can sleep up to 14 on each side. Showers are nearby at the Greenwood shower house.



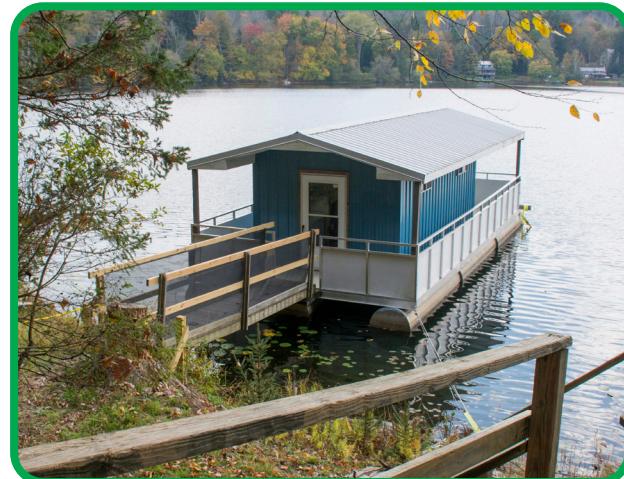
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Platform tent unit with 4 cots per tent, sleeping up to 28 campers, with another tent reserved for staff. Pit toilets and a washstand are located in the unit. Showers are nearby at the Greenwood shower house.



Forest

Unit with four cabins. Each cabin has bunk beds and can sleep up to 8 campers. Toilets are Clivus multrums and located in the Forest troop house, a large building for group activities. Showers are nearby at the Meadows shower house.



Mariners

Houseboat cabin located on the lake and anchored to the shoreline. Cabin has bunk beds and can sleep up to 8 campers. Toilets are Clivus multrums and located in the Mariners troop house, a large building for group activities. Showers are nearby at the Maples shower house.

Camp Units

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Sunnyside

Unit with two large cabins, each sleeping up to 10 campers. A washstand is located in the unit and the Clivus multrum toilets are in a separate building between Sunnyside and Meadows. Showers are nearby at the Meadows shower house.



Maples

Platform tent unit with 4 cots per tent, sleeping up to 28 campers, with another tent reserved for staff. Pit toilets and a washstand are located in the unit. Showers are nearby at the Maples shower house.



Meadows

Unit with two large cabins housing bunkbeds and sleeping up to 12 in each cabin. The Meadows shower house has sinks and showers. The Clivus multrum toilets are in a separate building between Sunnyside and Meadows.

Registration and Important Dates

Registration open date: Monday, Jan. 12, 2026

Registration deadlines: Registrations are accepted until the camp session is full or by June 1st, whichever comes first. If registration closes on a Saturday or Sunday, you should expect the confirmation the following Tuesday. Camp session capacity and space availability can be viewed online. All advertised badges will be given out only to girls who are in attendance.

Register for camp via MYGS account

- ▶ Once you select a specific camping program, find your session(s) via the Event Calendar or event list. Visit www.gshpa.org and click on the “Events” tab. Scroll through the Events list to find your session’s registration link.
- ▶ Have multiple Girl Scouts in your family? No problem! You can go back to the list or calendar to find the registration links and keep adding sessions (for each Girl Scout) to your shopping cart and complete it all in one transaction.
- ▶ Non-members will need to become a Girl Scout member, for \$65 per person, before starting their GS event registration. Visit our website to become a member today.



Tiered Pricing and Discounts

Tiered Pricing

New this year, we're introducing tiered pricing! This means the price of camp is based on when you register—the earlier you sign up, the more you save. A \$50 non-refundable deposit locks in the price on the day you register, and your final balance is due by June 1st. Register early to get the best rate and secure your camper's spot!

Mini Camps

Date	Price
Jan. 12- Feb. 6	\$230
Feb. 7 - March 1	\$240
March 2 - March 27	\$250
March 28 - April 19	\$260
April 20 - May 15	\$280
May 15 - Registration Close	\$300

Full Week Camps

Date	Price
Jan. 12- Feb. 6	\$400
Feb. 7 - March 1	\$420
March 2 - March 27	\$440
March 28 - April 19	\$460
April 20 - May 15	\$480
May 15 - Registration Close	\$500

Horse Camps

Date	Price	
Jan. 12- Feb. 6	\$475	\$500
Feb. 7 - March 1	\$485	\$510
March 2 - March 27	\$500	\$525
March 28 - April 19	\$525	\$550
April 20 - May 15	\$550	\$575
May 15 - Registration Close	\$575	\$600

Prices for Giddy Up (4-day horse camp)

Prices for Back in the Saddle and Horsin' Around (5-day horse camps)

2-Week Long Camps

Date	Price
Jan. 12- Feb. 6	\$750
Feb. 7 - March 1	\$775
March 2 - March 27	\$800
March 28 - April 19	\$825
April 20 - May 15	\$850
May 15 - Registration Close	\$875

Leadership Camps

Date	Price
Jan. 12- Feb. 6	\$800
Feb. 7 - March 1	\$815
March 2 - March 27	\$825
March 28 - April 19	\$850
April 20 - May 15	\$875
May 15 - Registration Close	\$900

Intern Camps

Date	Price
Jan. 12- Feb. 6	\$180
Feb. 7 - March 1	\$200
March 2 - March 27	\$215
March 28 - April 19	\$225
April 20 - May 15	\$250
May 15 - Registration Close	\$275

Multi-Session Discount

Are you registering your Girl Scout(s) for 2 or more sessions? STOP! If a girl signs up for more than one session she gets \$50 off of each additional session. Click [here](#) to request the discount code.



Other Ways to Pay for Camp

Camp Credits and GO! Dough

Cookie Reward Camp Credits may be applied toward any of your camp registration fees, excluding the \$50 non-refundable deposit. To use Cookie Reward Camp Credits as payment, please contact Member Services at memberservices@gshpa.org (include the subject line: **Credits for Summer Camp**), after you complete the registration process and place your deposit.

Girl Scouts can use GO! Dough as a payment option, which they earn by selling cookies and Fall Product. To use GO! Dough, follow these steps:

- ▶ Pay the \$50 non-refundable deposit per camp session.
- ▶ Fill out the following form to request using GO! Dough to cover the outstanding balance: <https://girlscoutsintheheartofpa.jotform.com/242825964142157>

If your Girl Scout does not have enough GO! Dough to cover the outstanding balance, pay the remaining balance on the camp session.

Financial Aid for Camp

Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania is committed to making sure that camp is accessible to all of our Girl Scouts. Families requesting financial assistance who would like to bypass the non-refundable \$50 deposit must call into Member Services at [717-233-1656](tel:717-233-1656) to register. If you are comfortable paying the \$50 non-refundable deposit, you may proceed with registering through myGS. Please note if you decide to pay the deposit without calling in and are approved for financial assistance, the \$50 deposit will not be refunded, but the remaining balance will be covered if approved for financial aid.

The form to request financial aid for camp must be requested by emailing memberservices@gshpa.org. This form must be completed within 4 weeks of your GS event registration, or her slot will be forfeited and opened to other campers. If approved, financial aid covers the entire balance. Be aware that financial assistance is a finite resource. For more information on financial aid qualification and availability, please contact memberservices@gshpa.org or 717-233-1656.

Some additional financial aid may be available from Supporters of Camp Archbald. After applying to GSHPA, please email residentcampforsoca@gmail.com if additional assistance is needed.

Deposits, Refunds, and Cancellations

Camp Forms and Initial Deposit

A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your girl's spot at the time of registration, unless you apply for financial aid. Camp Forms will be included in your registration email, sent the week after you register. All forms and full payment are due by June 1st. If the necessary forms and full payment amount are not received by June 1st, your camper's slot will be forfeited and opened to other campers.

Be prepared to enter all your information at once, which will take approximately one hour or less, as our platform will not save partial submissions or incomplete entries. You will need the following information for most camp sessions:

- ▶ Name and date of your camp sessions
- ▶ Camper's medical insurance details from your ID carrier including name of insured policy holder, policy/group numbers, insurance company phone number, etc.
- ▶ Camper's physician and dentist, including name, address, and phone number.
- ▶ Camper's immunization records
- ▶ Medical conditions and health history
- ▶ Camper's prescription and over-the-counter medications, including dosage

Refunds

Requests for refunds must be submitted in writing to memberservices@gshpa.org by May 15, 2026, for consideration. Refunds are not issued for registrants who do not attend, including the \$50 deposit. Refunds due to illness or injury require a doctor's note for consideration after May 15, 2026.



Cancellations

Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania reserves the right to cancel a camp session due to insufficient registration, acts of nature or other reasons beyond our control. In the event a camp session is canceled, a full refund will be issued. For cancellations, email notification will be sent to each registrant. Phone numbers and emails can be updated at any time through the Program/Event Registration System when you visit your online profile on our website at www.gshpa.org.

Safety and Staff Training

Girl Scout Camp programs are designed to allow campers to take healthy risks in a safe and nurturing environment. Our experienced volunteer staff receive extensive training before camp and are chosen for their maturity, energy, and ability to be positive role models for your child. Camp Archbald meets all the established health, safety and program standards set by federal, state, and local government, as well as all standards set by Girl Scouts of the USA.

Staffing - A focus on Caregiving

One of the most important components of a good camp experience is the staff. We have a variety of camp staff including cooks, healthcare staff, activity staff, unit staff, and more.

All campers are under the supervision of trained camp staff 24 hours a day and all our staff are required to attend extensive pre-camp training.

Most of the volunteer staff at Camp Archbald are certified in American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED for children and adults. Additionally, Camp Archbald always has at least one certified nurse on property while camp is in session.

In addition to the above, our *waterfront staff* are trained in the following:

- ▶ American Red Cross Lifeguarding Course Requirement
- ▶ Waterfront Lifeguard requirements

Adventure staff are certified in safety, teaching, equipment, and emergencies by The Adventure Network which, in turn, is certified by the Association for Challenge Course Technology (ACCT). The ACCT is considered the top standard for safety and training in the adventure course industry.



Camp Medication Policy

Dear GSHPA Camp Parent/Guardian,

We want to make you aware of GSHPA's medication policy and help you understand it so you can plan and prepare for a safe and smooth summer. Pennsylvania has very specific regulations regarding what nurses can accept as documentation for medications, which may be different from what you're used to as a parent.

1. For our camp healthcare team to give **any medication, vitamin, or supplement**, we are required to have two things:

A Prescriber's Order

Pennsylvania nursing regulations require nurses to have an official order from a licensed prescriber to administer medication. While we do have standing orders for common items like Tylenol and triple-antibiotic ointment, we cannot give any other camper-specific medications without a written order. Most doctors are familiar with this process, and it can typically be completed quickly—often by email.

The Medication in Its Original Container

All medications, vitamins, and supplements must arrive at camp in their **original packaging** (from the pharmacy or manufacturer). They must be **unexpired** and will be given **exactly as the prescriber directs**. Nurses cannot change dosages or instructions from what is on the label or written in the order.

2. These steps help us keep every camper safe while ensuring they get the care they need.

In short, **ALL medications/vitamins/supplements** need to have:

- A dated **ORDER** from a licensed prescriber telling our nurses to give the medication. Including medications a parent/guardian might generally give without a prescription.
- Arrive in **ORIGINAL CONTAINERS** from pharmacy or commercial packaging.



What Do I Need to Do?

1. Contact your child's doctor's office and let them know your camper needs an **order for each medication, vitamin, or supplement** they will take at camp.
2. You can use the **printable form** included in your camp registration confirmation email and parent guide to assist your provider, or your doctor may use their own prescription pad, stationary, or online ordering system—any of these are acceptable.
3. Make sure the order includes **all daily medications, vitamins, and supplements**, including over-the-counter items. Each medication, vitamin, or supplement must have its **own order**, even if it is normally given without a prescription at home.

What about the occasional medications my child sometimes needs?

GSHPA camp nurses can give **as-needed medications** as long as you've approved them on your child's online health form. These are standard, camp-doctor-approved medications used only when necessary for their intended purpose. Examples include antacids, Tylenol, cough drops, topical itch relief, Benadryl, and antibiotic ointment.

Please note that these **do not replace daily medications** your child needs. If your camper requires something every day (like a daily allergy medication), you'll need to send that medication to camp for the nurse to administer.

Can I just pack my camper's medications, supplements, or vitamins for them to take on their own?

Please don't. Integrity is one of the key values we hold at camp, and campers keeping medications in their bunks goes against our rules. Our policy of **no medications, vitamins, or supplements in the bunks** is in place to protect all campers.

On the first day of camp, we will have a designated time for campers to **hand in any items they are not permitted to keep**. If any medications are found after that time, it may result in an **early departure from camp**. Please help us avoid putting your child in that position by sending all medications through the proper process.



Is My Girl Scout Ready for Summer Camp?

Here are some signs that your camper is ready to have a blast at camp!

- She has successfully spent the night away from home, at a friend or relative's house.
- She likes to spend time outdoors, be active and learn new things.
- She wants to go to camp.
- She enjoys making new friends.
- She can compromise with classmates.
- She can adapt to new places and try new things with some encouragement.
- She can follow direction.
- She can engage in active camp life.
- She is willing to do her share in planning and clean-up.
- She can shower, brush her teeth, manage personal hygiene and do her hair with little guidance.
- She is willing to eat, sleep, and play with all girls, not just with best friends.
- She has a family that is willing to let her go away for a few days for a fun and rewarding experience that builds skills, self-worth and independence.

We share your desire to find the best experience possible for your daughter, and for this reason, we offer a rich progression of sessions to get her used to attending Summer Camp. You can choose from a variety of options such as a weekend camp with an adult chaperone, a two-night mini-camp, and traditional week-long sessions.



2026 Traditional Camp Packing List

Campers are responsible for all items brought to camp. Label everything! Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items. Please be advised that the list below represent supplies for resident camp (6 days, 5 nights).

Sleeping Essentials

- Sleeping bag or heavy blankets
- Pillow(s) & extra pillowcase
- Fitted sheets (twin size)

Personal Hygiene

- 2-3 washcloths
- Shampoo/conditioner (4 nights worth)
- Body wash/soap
- Deodorant
- 2 towels (swimming & showering)
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Hairbrush/comb
- Shower caddy or bag

Clothing

- Shorts/athletic shorts for each day
- 2-3 pairs of long pants
- Shirts for each day (no strapless, lowcut or crop)
- Sweater, sweatshirt, or jacket
- Undergarments (required daily, pack extra!)
- Socks (required daily, pack extra!)
- 2 bathing suits
- Pajamas (nights are cold/hot, bring options)
- Raincoat or poncho (no umbrellas please)
- 2 pairs of sneakers or hiking boots
- 1 pair of waterproof boots (rain boots)
- Flip flops or crocs for waterfront and showering

Miscellaneous

- Prescription and over-the-counter medication to be turned into the camp healthcare staff at check-in
- Backpack
- Refillable water bottle (with name)
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Sunglasses
- Bandana/hat and hair ties
- Chapstick
- Flashlight/headlamp (extra batteries)

Optional Items

- Disposable camera (no phones allowed)
- Comfort item (example: stuffed animal)
- Reading materials
- Playing cards/non-electronic games (if deemed inappropriate for camp, items will be held until the end of camp and returned at check-out)
- Stationary, pen/pencil, stamps, envelopes
- Swim vest (only if needed to swim)
- Earplugs or sleeping mask for light sleepers
- Water shoes (with a back) for creek activities (no flip flops)
- Feminine sanitary products (if needed)
- Small battery-operated fan for sleeping

Important Note: Girls attending Camp Archbald will receive a packing list with items specifically required for some of the programs. This list will be sent in early June. Please check your email for this information, along with check-in/check-out procedures.

Please Do Not Bring the Following!

Food/Snacks/Candy

Food attracts critters (skunks and raccoons, etc.) and can be dangerous to girls with severe food allergies. Any food or candy girls bring with them will be held until the end of camp and returned at check-out. Please do not send food, candy, or snacks in care packages.

Cellphones and Electronic Communication Devices

Items like cell phones, smart watches, and iPads are not permitted on camp by campers. If brought to camp, they will be labeled and kept in the office until check-out time.

Valuable Items

iPods, electronic games, expensive jewelry, a favorite outfit, or anything else that might be considered valuable should be left at home. These items could be damaged or lost at camp.

Other Items

Weapons, fireworks/sparklers, alcohol/tobacco/illegal substances, lighters, personal sports equipment, animals/pets.



Daisies

Daisy-level camps are for girls entering grade 1 in fall of 2026

Click the name of each camp session to register for it. For events with multiple dates, please click the date you're interested in registering for, instead.

Check-in for weeklong programs will occur on Sunday afternoons ranging from 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. A staggered check-in schedule based on program will be sent in June 2026. Check-out for weeklong programs is from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on Friday evenings after dinner.

Taste of Camp 1 (Mini Camp) | July 5-7, Starting at \$230

Give your camper a chance to experience camp for the first time. Taste of Camp offers a little bit of everything from swimming to arts and crafts to learning new songs. She'll love her first Taste of Camp so much; she'll want to come back for "another bite" next year! **Campers will earn the Buddy Camper badge.**



Brownies

Brownie-level camps are for girls entering grades 2-3 in fall of 2026

Click the name of each camp session to register for it. For events with multiple dates, please click the date you're interested in registering for, instead.

Check-in for weeklong programs will occur on Sunday afternoons ranging from 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. A staggered check-in schedule based on program will be sent in June 2026. Check-out for weeklong programs is from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on Friday evenings after dinner.

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(Campers entering 3rd grade fall 2026 can attend Taste of Camp 2).

Creative Science (Full Week) | July 5-10, Starting at \$400

Bring your curiosity and creative side to camp this week! We'll be getting inventive with science experiments and creating some cool projects. Get ready for colorful eruptions, fizzy bath salts, edible experiments, and of course, slime! It's going to be messy and fun at camp this week as we explore science. **Campers will earn the Home Scientist badge.**

Magical Oceans (Full Week) | July 12-17, Starting at \$400

Dive into a week of water fun inspired by Disney's ocean-themed movies. Each day you will have adventures based on movies like "The Little Mermaid," "Moana," and "Lilo and Stitch." Create art with seashells, go on a "Finding Nemo" scavenger hunt, and more. Of course, there will be plenty of swimming and water fun as well, so be sure to pack an extra bathing suit! Explore the wonders of the ocean through Disney magic at camp.
Campers will earn the Sense badge.



Juniors

Junior-level camps are for girls entering grades 4-5 in fall of 2026

Click the name of each camp session to register for it. For events with multiple dates, please click the date you're interested in registering for, instead.

Check-in for weeklong programs will occur on Sunday afternoons ranging from 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. A staggered check-in schedule based on program will be sent in June 2026. Check-out for weeklong programs is from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on Friday evenings after dinner.

Taste of Camp 2 (Mini Camp) | July 8-10, Starting at \$230

Give your camper a chance to experience camp for the first time. Taste of Camp offers a little bit of everything from swimming to arts and crafts to learning new songs. She'll love her first Taste of Camp so much, she'll want to come back for "another bite" next year! **Campers will earn the Camper badge.**

Giddy Up (Horse Camp) | July 5-10 | July 12-17, Starting at \$475

No one loves horses more than Girl Scouts! Girls will make their way to a horse stable to learn the basics – grooming, riding, the parts of the horse, and daily care of horses. Break out your boots and jeans, it's time to go horseback riding! Maximum of 10 girls. **Campers will earn the Horseback Riding badge.**

***Program is based on lottery of names drawn 72 hours after registration opens**



Aqua Adventures (Full Week) | July 5-10, Starting at \$400

Spend your days in the lake swimming, boating, and competing in water relays. Don't forget to take a ride (or two or three) down the water slide! Enjoy a special lunch on the docks and cool off with some water games. Make sure to bring an extra bathing suit, because this week is full of aqua adventures!



Being My Best (Full Week) | July 5-10, Starting at \$400

Discover ways to achieve your best self during this week of personal wellness. Learn some hair care tips and techniques, enjoy the relaxation of yoga, and discover how music and nature can improve your mood. You'll be building healthy habits and making friends as you work towards being your best self! **Campers will earn the Uniquely Us badge.**

S'Mores and More (Full Week) | July 12-17, Starting at \$400

New to camp and want to do it all? Or, do you love camp and just can't pick a favorite activity? Join us for a week of trying everything Camp Archbald has to offer: swimming, archery, boating, crafts, songs, climbing tower, and More! Of course, camp wouldn't be complete without an evening campfire and s'mores with your friends. **Campers will earn the Camper badge.**

Take the Stage (Full Week) | July 12-17, Starting at \$400

Dive into the world of performing arts at camp! You'll dance, play theater games, and create skits with your fellow campers. Learn new drama games, try improv, and maybe even design a costume. Then work together with your friends to put on a show at the end of the week. It's time to let your dramatic side shine as you take the stage!

Cadettes

Cadette-level camps are for girls entering grades 6-8 in fall of 2026

Click the name of each camp session to register for it. For events with multiple dates, please click the date you're interested in registering for, instead.

Check-in for weeklong programs will occur on Sunday afternoons ranging from 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. A staggered check-in schedule based on program will be sent in June 2026. Check-out for weeklong programs is from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on Friday evenings after dinner.

Book Dragons (Full Week) | July 5-10, Starting at \$400

Strong, fierce, and mightily into reading books! Camp is a great place to share your love of books with friends. Take part in activities based on the Wings of Fire series and then dive into another dragon book that you'll read throughout the week with your friends. Don't worry, it's not all about reading. You'll have plenty of time for games, art projects, and maybe even creating your own book! **Earn requirements toward the Book Artist badge.**

Flavor Fusion (Full Week) | July 5-10, Starting at \$400

Put your chef's hat on for this week of exploring a world of flavors. Learn exciting new dishes over the campfire, experiment with a mix of cooking methods, and put a fun twist on traditional camp recipes. And of course, enjoy tasting all your delicious creations! By the end of the week, you'll have your very own cookbook filled with culinary masterpieces. **Earn requirements toward the New Cuisines badge.**

Archabald Half-Blood (Full Week) | July 12-17, Starting at \$400

Calling all Percy Jackson fans! Join your fellow demigods to become the best hero you can be. This is your chance to train to canoe like Poseidon, shoot archery like Artemis, and build things like Hephaestus. Play capture the flag – all magical objects allowed, of course – and then go on a quest around camp.

Water World (Full Week) | July 5-10, Starting at \$400

The best way to beat the heat is hang out in the water! Spend the week lounging in the lake, floating in the boats, and taking a trip to a local water park. You'll even help plan some water games for younger campers. Top it all off with an epic water battle between campers and counselors! Campers must be competent swimmers and able to tread water for at least one minute.

On Target (Full Week) | July 12-17, Starting at \$400

Ready, aim, fire! Are you brand new to archery or looking to spend more time on the range sharpening your skills? Join us at camp as you learn and build on the basics every day (weather permitting) with both traditional and wacky archery shots. Develop your aim and precision by participating in archery games and target practice, while still enjoying all that camp has to offer. **Campers will earn the Archery badge.**

On Belay (Full Week) | July 12-17, Starting at \$400

Take your climbing skills to the next level this week! Spend some time working as a team on the low ropes challenges. Then conquer the climbing tower and zip line. How many times can you make it to the top? Do you prefer the rock wall or the cargo net? Discover these answers and more. Then take your climbing to new heights as you and your friends visit another climbing course off camp. **Campers earn the Climbing Adventure badge.**

Camp Hogwarts (Full Week) | July 5-10, Starting at \$400

Ever dream of going to the school of witchcraft and wizardry? Grab your wands and head to Camp Hogwarts! Immerse yourself in the magical world of wizards this summer. You will attend Herbology, Astronomy, Potions and more, as you also work on earning house points. Finally, challenge the other teams to the ultimate game of Quidditch. It's going to be a magical week!

Horsin' Around (Horse Camp) | July 12-17, Starting at \$500

Jump in the saddle for a horse program that's just right for you! Review how to groom, parts of the horses and the basics while learning trail safety and day-to-day maintenance. And of course, you'll get to ride the horses every day during your week at camp. Do you know the difference between English and Western? Join us to find out! **Maximum of 10 girls.**

***Program is based on lottery of names drawn 72 hours after registration opens.**

8th Grade & Seniors

8th Grade & Senior-level camps are for girls entering grades 8-10 in fall of 2026

Click the name of each camp session to register for it. For events with multiple dates, please click the date you're interested in registering for, instead.

Check-in for weeklong programs will occur on Sunday afternoons ranging from 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. A staggered check-in schedule based on program will be sent in June 2026. Check-out for weeklong programs is from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on Friday evenings after dinner.

Back in the Saddle (Horse Camp) | July 5-10, Starting at \$500

Have you ridden horses before and can't wait to do it again? This program is for experienced riders who want to get back in the saddle. Girls will have five days of riding lessons while learning horse first aid, and basic medical care. All that while still having time to experience all the fun of camp! **Maximum of 10 girls.**

***Program is based on lottery of names drawn 72 hours after registration opens.**

Yo, Let's Boat (Full Week) | July 5-10, Starting at \$400

Splash into fun this week as you spend extra time at the waterfront. Get a taste of all the watercraft at camp - row boats, canoes, kayaks, and stand-up paddle boards! Play some crazy boating games on the lake and soak up the sun. Then test your canoeing skills during a day trip on the Susquehanna. Campers must be competent swimmers and able to tread water for at least a minute. **Campers will earn the Paddling badge.**

Seize the Day (Full Week) | July 12-17, Starting at \$400

Create your own camp adventure this week. Work with your friends to pick most of your activities. Choose from archery, climbing wall, Gaga ball, snacks over a campfire, sleeping under the stars, or anything you can think of. Maybe even join in with an activity from another program! Bring your enthusiasm and ideas to help your counselors plan the week. Be prepared to seize the day and have an awesome week!

SUPsational (Full Week) | July 12-17, Starting at \$400

It's going to be a sensational week at camp on the stand-up paddleboards (SUPs)! Try out a relay race, play tag, and learn new tricks – all while riding a SUP. And there will be plenty of time to practice your paddling skills with the canoes and kayaks too. Campers must be competent swimmers and able to tread water for at least one minute. **Campers will earn the Paddling badge.**



Seniors/Ambassadors

Senior/Ambassador-level camps are for girls entering grades 9-12 in fall of 2026

Click the name of each camp session to register for it. For events with multiple dates, please click the date you're interested in registering for, instead.

Check-in for weeklong programs will occur on Sunday afternoons ranging from 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. A staggered check-in schedule based on program will be sent in June 2026. Check-out for weeklong programs is from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Friday evenings after dinner.

Hammocks and Hangin' Out (Full Week) | July 5-10, \$400

What better place to practice relaxation than at camp surrounded by nature? Take part in yoga and make your own spa treatments during this relaxing week at camp chilling with friends and learning self-care skills. Bring your favorite books or games to share, then spend afternoon rest hour in your very own hammock. Discover how nature and camp can help you recharge!



Bulls-Eye (Full Week) | July 12-17, \$400

Nock your arrow, pull back, take aim, and release! Challenge yourself on the archery range each day (weather permitting) and aim for the bullseye. You will get to develop your skills further when you visit an archery range off camp. Take your shooting skills to the next level this week, and maybe even challenge your counselors to an archery range shoot off!

Broadway Bound (2 Week) | July 5-17, \$750

Lights, camera, action! Are you ready for two weeks of non-stop theater magic where creativity takes center stage? Come share your favorite forms of theater with the group - comedy, improv, singing, dancing, or discovering new ways to perform. This is your chance to explore the endless world of theater with your group. Dive into the spotlight to perfect your stage presence or step behind the scenes to learn the secrets of lighting, costumes, and props. Work with your fellow campers to create a play and get ready to shine as you and your friends put on a show for the camp to enjoy! **Campers will earn the Troupe Performer badge.**

Junior Wrangler (2 Week) | July 5-17, \$750

Take your riding skills to the next level with two-weeks of riding! You'll spend the first week honing your riding skills at the barn and then start learning the leadership skills necessary for ranch staff. This is prerequisite program for girls interested in Wrangler-in-Training next year. Girls must be entering 10th grade or above and must have at least one week of horse experience at camp or the equivalent riding experience. **Minimum of 2 girls, maximum of 4.**
***Program is based on lottery of names drawn 72 hours after registration opens.**



River Rats (2 Week) | July 5-17, \$750

Spend your first week at camp practicing your canoeing skills and learning water safety. Leave camp on Saturday for a six-day adventure canoeing the Susquehanna River from Towanda to Falls. Bring your friends for a trip you'll never forget! Campers must be competent swimmers and able to tread water for at least one minute. Minimum of 6 girls, maximum of 10 girls. **Campers will earn the Paddling badge and the Adventurer badge.**

Ambassadors

Ambassador-level camps are for girls entering grades 11-12 in fall of 2026

Click the name of each camp session to register for it. For events with multiple dates, please click the date you're interested in registering for, instead.

Check-in for weeklong programs will occur on Sunday afternoons ranging from 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. A staggered check-in schedule based on program will be sent in June 2026. Check-out for weeklong programs is from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on Friday evenings after dinner.

Counselor-in-Training (Leadership) | July 5-17, \$800

Are you ready to take that next step as a leader? CITs learn core leadership skills to use both in and out of camp. Work with campers and staff to learn aspects of leadership. Then take on more responsibilities during your second week, including planning and running All Camp. Take your leadership skills to the next level and campers will earn the Counselor-in-Training pin. Maximum 8 campers.

***Program is based on lottery of names drawn 72 hours after registration opens.**

Wrangler-in-Training (Leadership) | July 5-17, \$800

Are you ready to take that next step as a Ranch Camp leader? Shadow the riding staff and refine your horsemanship skills, while learning how to assist younger riders and help with barn lessons. Don't worry, you'll have time for traditional camp fun and of course, a few riding lessons yourself! WIT and CIT will join for many leadership activities on camp, but WIT will have additional time at the riding stable. Must have attended Junior Wrangler (equivalent horse experience may be considered at the director's discretion). Maximum of 4 girls.

***Program is based on lottery of names drawn 72 hours after registration opens.**

Campers will earn their Counselor-in-Training I pin.

Camp Staff Intern (Intern) | July 5-17, \$180

Spend the week assigned to a unit. Assist the Unit Counselor with all aspects of running programs for girls. Help campers have a great week at camp. Must be entering 12th grade and have completed a previous Counselor-In-Training program.

Campers will earn their Counselor-in-Training II pin.

Ranch Staff Intern (Intern) | July 5-17, \$180

Spend the week assigned to a horseback riding unit. Assist the Unit Counselor with running programs and then assist the stable staff with horseback riding lessons. Must be entering 12th grade and have completed a previous Wrangler-in-Training program. **Campers will earn the Counselor-in-Training II pins.**



Frequently Asked Questions

Important: What level should I consider my Girl Scout to be when registering?

Be sure to register your camper for the Girl Scout level they will be in the fall of 2026, not what grade they are at the time of registration.



What is the capacity for each available summer camp session?

All camp sessions will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so be sure to secure your spot. Some sessions at Archbald are filled via lottery based on the registrations received within the first 72 hours, so be sure to register for these programs early. A \$50 non-refundable deposit per camp session, per camper is required.

Where will my daughter sleep?

Sleeping arrangements at overnight camp vary. Accommodations available at Archbald are platform tents, lodge, cabins, or houseboat.

What are meals like?

There is nothing like activity and fresh air to make a camper hungry. Camp meals and snacks are healthy and kid-friendly. We offer a vegetarian alternative at each meal. During breakfast, a cereal bar and fruit are available in addition to the main meal. During lunch and dinner, we offer a fresh salad bar or other alternative as a supplement to the main meal. Most meals are prepared by our kitchen staff and eaten in the dining hall. Campers have the opportunity to cook at least once with their unit (weather permitting). Specific dietary needs can be accommodated by contacting residentcampforsoca@gmail.com by June 1st regarding dietary needs.



Can my camper attend camp with a buddy or a friend?

Yes! During registration one buddy's name can be listed. Buddies must request each other and be registered for the same camp session to be paired together. We only accept groups of two to encourage girls to make new friends at camp.

But what if I come alone? Most girls come to camp without a buddy, so don't worry! You'll join a group of girls your own age who are excited about camp. Camp is a great place to make new friends!

Can my camper call home during the week?

We encourage independence and self-reliance during camp and as such, cell phones are not permitted. The camp director will contact caregivers if a camper has a medical problem, is excessively homesick or there is an emergency. Campers found with electronic devices including (but not exclusive to) cell phones, ipods, ipads, smart watches, etc. will have their devices taken and stored in the camp office until pick-up. Please discuss this with your daughter prior to camp.

What happens during storms?

Safety of our campers is our top priority, and our outdoor activities are dependent on the weather. Should we need to adjust activities due to unsafe weather conditions, your camper will enjoy activities that can be done indoors instead.

Frequently Asked Questions

How does the camp handle health care?

There is a health center located at camp and staffed around the clock by a health care professional, who is either a registered or licensed nurse. Caregivers are always contacted at the earliest opportunity in the event of serious injury or illness during camp. Our camp has an ongoing relationship with a health care facility nearby for consultation and emergency medical services if needed.

What should I do if my camper has complicated medical issues that requires more intensive care such as diabetes?

Please contact memberservices@gshpa.org prior to registration, so that we can discuss your camper's individual medical needs and what accommodations would be required.

Can I bring mail to camp, or do I mail it?

We highly recommend you hand-carry mail and leave it at check-in. Don't forget to put your camper's name, unit, and what day you would like the mail delivered. Mail is delivered to campers daily after lunch, during their rest hour.

What are kapers?

Kapers are chores; it is important in Girl Scouting to learn that everyone must do their share. Sharing the kapers helps keep the camp program site tidy and safe. Responsibilities are rotated among the campers and could include picking up litter, collecting firewood, helping in the kitchen, and cleaning bathrooms. Camp staff also participate in each of these activities.

Will my camper earn badges at camp?

Yes, if a badge is listed in the session description, then the badge will be distributed during the check-out process.

Are electronics allowed at camp?

Items like cell phones, smart watches, and iPads are not permitted on camp by campers. If brought to camp, they will be labeled and kept in the office until check-out time.

Will my camper get to do everything at camp?

Campers will have the chance to enjoy the activities detailed in their session description. While we aim to provide a variety of experiences, if an activity isn't specifically mentioned, we can't guarantee participation, particularly for adventure elements.

Have additional questions?

Send an email to memberservices@gshpa.org with "Camp Questions" in the subject line.



Additional Summer Camp Information

- ▶ Send pre-addressed and stamped envelopes, so your daughter can write home or to family and friends.
- ▶ Leave expensive clothing or other valuable items at home.
- ▶ Put your daughter's name on everything and pack light! She will be repacking herself to come home.
- ▶ Please let unit counselors know if your daughter regularly wets the bed. Pack needed supplies. Counselors can then be prepared to discreetly wash bedding/nightclothes.
- ▶ Bring separate towels for showering and swimming.
- ▶ Please don't tell your daughter she can call or go home if she gets homesick.
- ▶ There are no electrical outlets for the girls to use.
- ▶ Girls will be expected to clean up after themselves. Let them practice at home with simple chores.
- ▶ Be sure to pack a few extra changes of clothes—campers can get dirty and muddy—and she may need a mid-day clothes change.
- ▶ Please complete all camp forms fully and well in advance so we can get to know your daughter. It will save time and frustration at check-in.
- ▶ There are more activities at camp than your girl will be able to participate in during her session. If she did not get to do all the activities she hoped, encourage her to look forward to next year.
- ▶ Please do not send your daughter to camp with a cell phone. Phones and other electronics are not allowed. Camp is an “unplugged” experience where girls are active and engaged face-to-face with others.





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