



2026 Summer Camp Guide

Camp Small Valley

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 Small Valley!

Founded in 1955, Camp Small Valley is the largest of Girl Scout in the Heart of Pennsylvania's four camps, totaling 762 acres nestled in the mountains of Dauphin County, about 30 miles north of Harrisburg. Camp Small Valley is within two hours driving time of over 80% of our council's membership.

Camp Small Valley includes every step of Girl Scout outdoor progression with overnight experiences ranging from modern to rustic. Additionally, the camp features a dining hall with a large capacity kitchen, hiking trails, a pool, climbing wall, high ropes course, team-building elements, a gaga pit, sports sheds, and an education center.



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.



Mattis Lodge

Sleeps up to 30 campers. Bathrooms with flush toilets and showers are located in the lodge.



Squirrels Nest

Tent units that sleep up to 24 campers on cots (4 per tent). Flush toilets and showers available in the unit area.



The Glade & The Glen

Cabins sleep up to 24 campers on bunk beds (6-8 per cabin). Bathrooms with flush toilets are located in the unit area. Showers are located in the pool house.



Acorn Flats

A-frame cabins that sleep up to 18 campers on cots (4 per a-frame). Pit toilets and washstand are located near the unit. Showers are in the pool house.



Yurt Village: Black Bears & White Tail

Yurts sleep up to 24 campers on bunk beds (12 per yurt). Flush toilets and showers available in the unit area.



Oak Knob

Yurts sleep up to 24 campers on bunk beds (12 per yurt). Pit toilets and washstand are located near the unit. Showers are in the pool house.

Registration and Important Dates

- ▶ **Registration open date:** **Monday, Jan. 12, 2026**
- ▶ **Registration deadlines:** 4 weeks before each chosen camp program or until it is filled — whichever happens first. Camp session capacity and space availability can be viewed online. Camp Small Valley Patches and advertised badges will only be given out to girls who are in attendance.
- ▶ **Camp forms and balance due:** 4 weeks before each chosen camp program.



Scan QR code to view all Summer Camp Sessions on our Events page.

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.



Registration Types

Individual Girls

Girl Scouts attend summer camp on their own, at a time that fits their schedules. Girls do not need to attend with their troops to experience the fun of Camp Small Valley. Because girls often attend individually, camp is a great opportunity to make new friendships that will last a lifetime.

Buddies

Girls are invited to bring friends to summer camp. Their buddies can already be members, or they can invite a friend who will become a member before attending camp. Both campers should sign up for the same camp session. When filling out your forms, there will be a field to indicate a buddy who is signing up for the same camp session. Both campers will need to have their buddy listed when registering to be paired together.

Families

If your camper wants to bring a parent/guardian, grandparent, aunt, uncle, sibling, troopmate, or friend to join their outdoor experience, look for the My Bestie & Me, Big Sis/Little Sis, Mommy & Me, and Camping with Dad camping opportunities this summer. We are also offering a Family Adventure Day for the whole family to enjoy camp together. These events are designed to gently guide even the youngest campers outside of their comfort zones, challenging them to take positive risks and engage in interactive activities.



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 isn't due until 4 weeks before your session. 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

Trip Camps

Date	Price
Jan. 12- Feb. 6	\$680
Feb. 7 - March 1	\$700
March 2 - March 27	\$725
March 28 - April 19	\$750
April 20 - May 15	\$775
May 15 - Registration Close	\$800

Horse Camps (Mini Weeks)

Date	Price
Jan. 12- Feb. 6	\$330
Feb. 7 - March 1	\$340
March 2 - March 27	\$350
March 28 - April 19	\$360
April 20 - May 15	\$380
May 15 - Registration Close	\$400

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.



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 four weeks prior to your chosen camp session's start date. If the necessary forms and full payment amount are not received four weeks prior to this start date, 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.

ACA Accreditation, 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 staff receive extensive training before camp and are chosen for their maturity, energy, and ability to be positive role models for your child. Camp Small Valley is proud to be accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA), a national organization that sets high standards for the health and safety of campers and staff as well as the delivery of quality programs. In addition to meeting the established health, safety and program standards set by federal, state, and local government, our camps also meet 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.

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 and all our staff are required to attend extensive pre-camp training.

All staff are certified in the following as part of their pre-camp training:

- ▶ American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED for children and adults
- ▶ Anaphylaxis and Epinephrine Auto-Injector Administration Skill Boost
- ▶ Asthma and Quick-Relief Medication Administration Skill Boost



In addition to the above trainings, 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 pool area 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

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.



Family Camps

2 Nights, Friday - Sunday

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

Mommy & Me Camp | Starting at \$60 per person

Camp Happy Valley July 17-19 | Camp Archbald July 24-26 | Camp Furnace Hills July 31- Aug 2

Bring your mom, grandmother, aunt, or significant female adult to camp for a night of camping fun! Enjoy classic camp activities, such as cooking your meals over a campfire, water games in the field, hiking the trails, doing arts & crafts and exploring other camp adventures. Please note that campers must be 7 years old for archery and 8 years old for the climbing wall (only at Archbald).

Camping with Dad | July 10 – 12, Starting at \$60 per person

Bring your father, grandfather, uncle, or significant male adult to camp for a night of camping fun! Enjoy classic camp activities such as cooking your meals over a campfire, swimming in the pool, hiking the trails, doing arts & crafts and exploring other camp adventures. Please note that campers must be 7 years old for archery and 8 years old for the climbing wall.

Big Sis, Little Sis | August 2-4, Starting at \$230 per person

Girl Scout Brownies through Ambassadors and their sisters (or cousins) are invited to camp together! Bunk together, share songs, play games, and team up for traditional camp activities like swimming, hiking, and campfire cooking. Campers must come as a pair and should be related: register individually and list your sister's (or cousin's) name as your buddy.



Brownies (Mini Camps)

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

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

Camp Teddy Bear (Mini Camp) | June 28 – 30, Starting at \$230

Meet your new Teddy Bear friend at camp! Participate in un-BEAR-ably fun activities such as art, swimming, hiking, and s'mores. Even have a special Teddy Bear tea party with your new camp friends while singing songs. (Campers will be given a special new teddy bear at camp as part of the program). **Campers will earn the Making Friends badge.**

Friends in Fairyland (Mini Camp) | June 29-July 1, Starting at \$230

Explore the magical fairylands of Small Valley with your new camp friends. Make your own fairy wings, build houses for the fairies of our enchanted forests, or have a teeny, tiny tea party. Take a hike to look for “fairies” and explore the natural world that fairies love. You will make your own wand and display acts of fairy kindness around camp. You will still get to enjoy classic camp activities like singing, hiking, swimming, campfire cooking, and arts & crafts. **Campers will earn the Outdoor Adventurer badge.**

Splish, Splash (Mini Camp) | July 12 - 14, Starting at \$230

Enjoy a world of water fun! Jump into water balloon volleyball, epic splash contests, noodle jousting, sponge tag, drip-drip-drop, pool noodle relays, treasure dives, Marco Polo, and giant sprinkler races that keep you laughing and moving all day long. Spend each day swimming, mastering new strokes, and learning important water-safety skills. When you’re not in the pool, explore all the magic of Camp Small Valley with field games, short hikes, arts & crafts, gaga ball, and camp songs around the fire. **Campers will earn their Water Everywhere badge.**

Clowning Around (Mini Camp) | July 19 - 21, Starting at \$230

Step into a world of giggles, creativity, and big-top fun! At Clowning Around Camp, Brownies will explore the silly, colorful, joy-filled world of clowns while enjoying all the fun of Camp Small Valley. Create your own clown persona with a playful costume piece, face-paint design, and a wacky stage name. Learn classic clown skills like juggling scarves, acting out silly skits, and making your friends laugh with fun, friendly clown tricks. Campers will also enjoy favorite camp adventures such as swimming, arts & crafts, camp songs, and campfire cooking. Share giggles with new camp friends as you put on a mini “Silly Show” to celebrate your clown creations! Campers will earn the **Clowning Around badge.**

Creek Critters (Mini Camp) | July 26 – 28, Starting at \$230

Get ready to splash, explore, and discover the tiny wonders that live in our camp’s waterways! At Creek Critters Camp, Brownies will wade into the world of bubbling creeks and hidden habitats. Scoop, swirl, and sift through the cool creek water to search for tadpoles, crayfish, minnows, and other amazing critters that call our streams home. Learn how to protect their habitats, become a creek scientist, and create nature-inspired crafts based on your discoveries.

In addition to your creek adventures, enjoy classic camp fun like swimming, hiking, songs, arts & crafts, and campfire cooking. Get your feet wet, your hands muddy, and your curiosity growing as you explore the wild, wonderful world beneath the water’s surface! **Campers will earn the Eco Friend badge.**

Drama Queens (Mini Camp) | August 2-4, Starting at \$230

Step into the spotlight and let your creativity shine! At Drama Queens Camp, Brownies will explore the fun and imaginative world of theater. Learn how to express yourself through movement, voice, and storytelling as you play acting games, create characters, and bring short scenes to life with your camp friends. Design simple costume pieces, paint backdrops, and add your own flair to a mini camp performance.

Alongside your time onstage, enjoy favorite camp activities like swimming, hiking, arts & crafts, camp songs, and campfire cooking. Spend the week building confidence, making new friends, and discovering how fun it can be to take center stage! **Campers will earn the Drama Queen badge.**

Juniors (Mini Camps)

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

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

Paws & Claws (Mini Camp) | June 28-30 Starting at \$230

Campers will learn how to care for different kinds of pets, practice feeding and grooming skills, create DIY pet toys, and explore animal behavior through hands-on activities. With visits from friendly animals and plenty of creative projects, Paws and Claws is the perfect adventure for animal lovers who want to grow their knowledge and their compassion! Campers will still have time to enjoy outdoor cooking, campfire songs, and the pool. **Campers will earn the Pet Care badge.**

Horse Lovers (Mini Camp) | June 28-30, Starting at \$330

Saddle up for an unforgettable mini-week! At Horse Lovers Camp, campers will spend a day at a local stable learning all about horse care, grooming, and what makes these amazing animals so special. Meet the horses, learn how to properly brush them, explore the barn, and enjoy a guided trail ride designed just for beginners. Campers will also learn basic riding safety and horse communication as they build confidence around these gentle giants.

Back at camp, enjoy horse-themed arts & crafts, fun field games with hobby horses, swimming, songs, and all your favorite camp traditions. Create your own horse art, decorate a mini stable craft, and bond with new friends who love horses just as much as you do! **Campers will earn the Horseback Riding badge.**

Twilight Trekkers (Mini Camp) | August 2 - 4, Starting at \$230

As daylight fades and the forest awakens, join us for an unforgettable adventure under the stars! At Twilight Trekkers Camp, Junior Scouts will become night-nature explorers, uncovering the mysteries of the woods and sky when the sun goes down.

By day, campers will hike through shady trails, learn how creatures prepare for nighttime, and experiment with light and darkness—discovering how vision, sound, and scent change after sunset. As evening arrives, we'll switch gears: go on a night hike, go swimming under the stars, map the stars and constellations, play games that test how our senses adapt in the dark, and set up a cozy campfire under the open sky. **Campers will earn the Nocturnal Nature badge.**

Glitter & Groove (Mini Camp) | August 2-4, Starting at \$230

Step into the spotlight and let your creativity shine! Campers will dance, sparkle, and move their way through an exciting mini-week of rhythm, teamwork, and confidence building. Explore different dance styles—from high-energy hip-hop to smooth contemporary moves—and learn how dancers warm up, stretch, practice technique, and express themselves through movement. Work with your fellow campers to choreograph a fun group routine, create glittery costume pieces, and bring your dance vision to life!

In between dance sessions, enjoy classic camp favorites like swimming, hiking, arts & crafts, and songs. End the week by showing off your new skills in a joyful mini-performance for your camp friends! **Campers will earn the Junior Dance badge.**

Juniors (Full Week)

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

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

Rock 'n' Swing (Full Week) | Starting at \$400

July 5-10 | July 12-17 | July 19-24 | July 26-31

At our Junior-level adventure camp, thrill-seekers can challenge themselves on the giant swing, conquer the climbing wall, and navigate the low ropes course. With each activity designed to push limits and build confidence, campers will experience the excitement of reaching new heights—both literally and figuratively. It's a perfect opportunity to step out of your comfort zone, make new friends, and have an unforgettable adventure! When you are not navigating the adventure elements enjoy classic camp activities such as swimming, hiking, singing, cooking outdoors and creating crafts. **Campers will earn the Climbing Adventure badge.**

Space Scouts (Full Week) | July 5-10, Starting at \$400

Blast off into a week of cosmic discovery! Campers will explore the wonders of our universe while having fun at camp. Get ready for hands-on experiments, sky-watching adventures, and out-of-this-world fun! Step inside the STARlab, our inflatable planetarium, where you'll journey through constellations, learn how stars are born, and see the night sky in a whole new way. Then head outdoors after dark to compare what you saw inside with the real night sky, spotting planets, tracing constellations, and observing the moon's features. Plus, enjoy all your favorite camp activities—swimming, hiking, arts & crafts, songs, s'mores, and fun with new friends who love space as much as you do. **Campers will earn the Space Science Investigator badge.**

Glam Girls (Full Week) | July 12 – 17, Starting at \$400

Step into the world of beauty, creativity, and confidence at Glam Girls! Campers will learn hair-styling basics, experiment with fun braids and updos, and explore beginner-friendly makeup techniques in a safe, age-appropriate way. They'll create their own mini beauty kit and practice skills with friends during glam-themed activities and challenges. Alongside all the sparkle, campers will enjoy classic camp fun like swimming, games, songs, and crafts! **Campers will earn the Looking Your Best badge.**

Candy Camp (Full Week) | July 19-24, Starting at \$400

Welcome to Candy Camp where everything is sweet and full of surprises! Campers will dive into a world of sugary fun where you'll make and decorate your own cake, make chewing gum, yummy gummies, and fine chocolate creations. But wait! You will also market your creations, create a logo and advertisement slogan and sell it to your fellow campers. Along with all the sugary fun, campers will enjoy traditional camp activities like swimming, hiking, and arts & crafts with a candy twist. It's a candy-coated experience where creativity, friendship, and fun are always on the menu! **Campers will earn the Sweet Shoppe badge.**

Showbiz & S'mores (Full Week) | July 26-31, Starting at \$400

Step into the spotlight at Showbiz & S'mores Camp, where creativity shines as bright as the campfire. Campers will explore acting, improv, costumes, and stagecraft as they build confidence on and off the stage. Each day brings new chances to rehearse, perform, and create with friends. In between rehearsals there will still be time for classic camp activities like songs, swimming, and outdoor cooking. At the end of the week dazzle the rest of camp with your group's performance! **Campers will earn the Theatre badge.**

Cadettes (Mini Camps)

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

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Moonlight Madness (Mini Camp) | June 28-30, Starting at \$230

Are you a night owl? Stay up late to swim and hike at night, play glow-in-the-dark games, stargaze, and spend a night sleeping under the stars. Discover what comes out at night at Small Valley! Then sleep in and cook your own breakfast in your unit while giggling about all the fun you had. **Campers will earn the Night Owl badge.**



Camp IRL (In Real Life) (Mini Camp) | June 28-30, Starting at \$230

Press start on a week of unplugged fun! Camp IRL brings your favorite video games to life with real-world challenges, team missions, and creative outdoor adventures. No screens needed—just imagination, energy, and your squad!

Build towering “structures” in our Minecraft-inspired engineering challenges, take on Roblox-style obstacle courses, complete survival missions, collect items through real-life “loot quests,” and play fast-paced field games based on the power-ups, strategy, and teamwork from the games you love.

Create your own avatar, level up through challenges, earn achievements, and unlock special camp “badges” all week long. You’ll run, build, craft, explore, and work together—just like in your favorite games, but better... because it’s IRL.

Ready player one? Let the adventure begin! **Campers will earn their Games for Life badge.**

Barista Camp (Mini Camp) | Aug. 2 - 4, Starting at \$230

Discover the magic behind your favorite café creations at Barista Camp, the ultimate experience for coffee-loving creatives! Spend the week learning how to craft delicious drinks—refreshers, frappes, cold foams, steamers, and more—all while getting insider tips from a real barista.

Shake, blend, stir, and steam your way through hands-on drink-making workshops. Try your hand at flavor pairings, build your barista skills, and even learn the secrets behind picture-perfect toppings. By the end of the week, you’ll dream up and design your very own signature drink, complete with a custom name and recipe card to take home.

Of course, you’ll still enjoy classic camp favorites like swimming, arts & crafts, games, songs, and time with new friends. Whether you’re a cold-brew queen, a refresher fanatic, or a frappe master in the making, Barista Camp serves up the perfect blend of fun, creativity, and delicious adventures!

Campers will earn the Barista badge.



Cadette Cowgirls (Mini Camp) | Aug. 2 - 4, Starting at \$230

Saddle up for a mini-week designed for older girls ready to take their horsemanship to the next level! At Cadette Cowgirls, campers will spend a full day at a local stable diving deeper into the world of horses—learning grooming techniques, understanding horse behavior, and exploring what it truly takes to care for these incredible animals. Meet the herd, tour the barn, and enjoy a guided trail ride built for beginner riders who want to build skills and confidence in the saddle.

Back at camp, keep the cowgirl spirit going with horse-themed crafts, stable-inspired challenges, and fun field games. Create your own horse-themed artwork, design a personalized stall sign, try hobby-horse obstacle courses, and enjoy swimming, camp songs, and classic camp traditions with friends who share your love of riding. **Campers will earn the Trail Rider badge.**

Cadettes (Full Week)

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

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

Edge of Adventure (Full Week) | July 12-17 | July 19-24 | July 26-31, Starting at \$400

Are you ready to climb the climbing wall, experience the thrill of the giant swing, conquer your fears on our high-ropes course, and fly on the zip line? Then this is the camp for you! Campers will also take part in traditional camp activities such as swimming, creek stomping and arts & crafts. Campers must be 12 years old for the camp session to register for this camp. **Campers will earn the Climbing Adventure badge.**

Camp Loop-de-Loop (Full Week) | July 5-10, Starting at \$680

Get ready for the most thrilling week of your summer—Camp Loop-de-Loop, where every day is a brand-new adventure! Buckle in as we travel to a different theme park each day, experiencing the twists, turns, drops, and splashes that make each park unique. Campers will soar through the sky on world-famous coasters at Knoebels, taste the magic of Hersheypark, race through the rides at Dorney Park, and cool off in the waves and slides of Camelbeach!

But this camp is more than just thrills. Each day, campers will go behind the scenes to explore what makes theme parks run—from engineering and safety to design, creativity, and operations. Campers will have the special opportunity to interview female leaders in the industry, discovering how women help build, maintain, and operate some of the most exciting attractions in the country. Hear their stories, ask questions, and learn about the teamwork, innovation, and problem-solving that power the parks.

Between theme park adventures, campers will enjoy classic camp fun like swimming, campfire time, and connecting with new friends who love adventure just as much as they do.

Join us for a week of big thrills, bold leadership, and unforgettable memories. At Camp Loop-de-Loop, every day is a wild ride! **Campers will earn the Roller Coaster badge.**

Brushstrokes and Bubbles (Full Week) | July 5-10, Starting at \$400

Splash into creativity! Spend your days relaxing by the pool, cooling off with friends, and creating beautiful outdoor art inspired by sunshine, water, and nature. Try watercolor by the water, paint with bubbles, make poolside sketchbook creations, and experiment with fun, summery art styles. Between art sessions, enjoy plenty of swimming time, water games, and outdoor cooking. It's the perfect blend of creativity and poolside chill! **Campers will earn the Outdoor Art Apprentice badge.**

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

Relax, refresh, and recharge with the ultimate week of pampering at Camp Small Valley! Create your own bath bombs, sugar scrubs, and mini spa treats while learning all about self-care and wellness. Enjoy calm moments with yoga, nature walks, and peaceful craft time designed to help you unwind. Of course, you'll also get to enjoy all your favorite camp activities like swimming, songs, and s'mores! **Campers will earn the Outside the Mirror badge.**

Joy Society (Full Week) | July 19-24, Starting at \$400

Your mission: Spread as much joy as possible during your week at camp! Sharpen your skills in hilarity and delight as you and your team plan secret surprises. Will you charm the Brownies with an unexpected tea party? Impress the lunchtime crowd with a flash mob? Dazzle another cabin with sneaky decorations? In between missions, try your camp favorites like archery, arts & crafts, and swimming. **Campers will earn the Science of Happiness badge.**

Project Runway: Camp Edition (Full Week) | July 26-31, Starting at \$400

Step into the world of fashion as you design, create, and showcase your own wearable works of art! Campers will experiment with fabrics, colors, patterns, accessories, and even explore basic make-up and skincare techniques to complete their signature looks. Learn real design skills, try out creative styling sessions, and bring your boldest visions to life. Work with teammates to complete fun fashion challenges inspired by your favorite design shows. End the week by debuting your creations in a fabulous outdoor runway show—camp-style! **Campers will earn the Fashion Design & Clothing badge.**

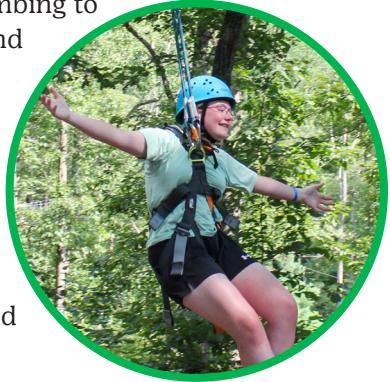
Seniors/Ambassadors (Full Week)

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

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

[Courageous Climbers \(Full Week\)](#) | July 5-10, Starting at \$400

Spend your time tackling the ropes course, zip-line, giant swing, and rock wall! Build your teamwork skills on the low ropes and challenge yourself on the high ropes. When you're done climbing to new heights, relax with classic camp activities like archery, swimming, crafts, and science. **Campers will earn the Senior Climbing Adventure badge.**



[Outdoor Odyssey \(Trip Camp\)](#) | July 12-17, Starting at \$680

Looking for a truly epic outdoor adventure? Outdoor Odyssey takes campers deep into the Pocono Mountains for a week of unforgettable challenges, breathtaking scenery, and pure outdoor excitement. Spend your days riding horseback along wooded mountain trails, biking miles of scenic paths that lead to gorgeous waterfalls, tackling high ropes courses high above the forest floor, and conquering whitewater rapids with your friends by your side.

In the evenings, settle into primitive campsites where you'll cook meals over the fire, share stories, and look up at brilliantly starry skies far from city lights. This week blends adventure travel, outdoor skills, and the magic of true wilderness exploration. **Seniors will earn the Adventurer Badge. Ambassadors will earn the Ultimate Recreation Challenge badge.**

[Counselor in Training 1 \(Full Week\)](#) | July 19-24, Starting at \$400

Entering grades 11-12 fall 2026

Get ready for an exciting adventure in the first level of CIT training! This program is designed for Girl Scouts entering 11th or 12th grade who are eager to develop the leadership and outdoor skills needed to be an amazing camp counselor. You'll work together with others to explore what makes a great leader and dive into fun, challenging group games that push you to think, grow, and lead with confidence. Throughout the training you'll challenge yourself, discover your unique leadership qualities, and learn how to inspire others. You'll also pick up valuable tips for working with younger campers and improving your overall leadership abilities. And don't worry - there will still be plenty of time to enjoy traditional camp activities such as swimming, outdoor cooking, and arts & crafts! **Campers will earn the CIT I pin. An interview is required for admittance into this program.**



[Rocks & Rafts \(Trip Camp\)](#) | July 26-31, Starting at \$680

If you are looking for a thrilling week of climbing on real rock formations, whitewater rafting and camping then look no further. Spend time out at Ohiopyle State Park for real rock climbing, adventurous whitewater rafting, hiking, exploring waterfalls, and camping. Stop by Laurel Caverns and spend the day spelunking and exploring underground caves. At the evening campouts, you will prepare dinners and share loads of laughs with friends under beautiful starlit skies. Some of the Small Valley favorites (swimming, songs, arts, and fun) are also included in this fantastic adventure program.

Seniors will earn the Adventure Camper Badge. Ambassadors will earn the Survival Camper badge.

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 have limited spots and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so be sure to secure your spot. 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 Small Valley are platform tents, yurts, A-frames, lodge, or cabins.

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 as a supplement to the main meal. Most meals are prepared by our kitchen staff and eaten in the dining hall. Campers can cook at least twice with their unit (weather permitting). Specific dietary needs can be accommodated by contacting memberservices@gshpa.org at least four weeks before the camp session.



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 certified in advanced first aid and CPR. 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, the badge listed in the session description 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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