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# 2025 Summer Camp Guide

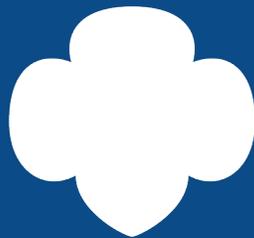
Celebrating 105 Years at Camp Archbald



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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 2025 camp season.

This year, we've reimagined 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 2025 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

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## 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

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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

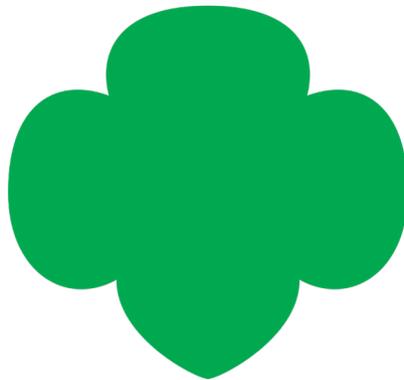
Girl Scouts uphold the Promise and Law in everything we do.

### 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.



# Celebrating 105 Years of 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

Campers will be placed in units based upon which program they have registered for. A minimum of two staff are housed within each unit, although staff has separate sleeping accommodations.



## 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.



## Hultz

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.

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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: Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025**

**Registration deadlines:** Registrations are accepted until the camp session is full or four weeks prior to the session start date, 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.

**Camp forms and balance due: Friday, June 6, 2025**



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](http://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 \$45 per person, before starting their GS event registration. Visit our website to become a member today.

# Troop Registration and Discounts

## Troop Incentive: Traditional Overnight Camp

- ▶ Bring your whole troop to camp! Troop leaders can sign up 3+ Girl Scouts in their troop for Girl Scout in the Heart of Pennsylvania's 2025 Summer Camp Session and receive \$25 off per girl. Troop leaders and service unit leaders are welcome to include Juliettes for the same discount. Important notes about the Troop Incentive:
- ▶ Mini Overnight Camp (2-night): register 3+ girls and receive \$15 off per girl.
- ▶ Each girl must be an active member in a troop. You can confirm active membership and/or troop participation in [myGS](#).
- ▶ You must register a minimum of 3 girls, for the same week of camp, to be eligible for this discount.
- ▶ This discount is for *new orders only*. Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania will not be able to apply a discount to a registration already processed through [gsEvents](#).
- ▶ Troop Incentive offer ends **Tuesday, April 22, 2025**.

To receive the discount, troops are required to fill out the Troop Participation Form, found on our [Summer Camp Webpage](#), or by reaching out to [memberservices@gshpa.org](mailto:memberservices@gshpa.org) with the subject line, *Requesting Troop Discount for Summer Camp*.

## 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](mailto: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** 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.

The form to request financial aid for camp will be emailed to you, the week after you register through GS events. This form must be completed within 2 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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](mailto:memberservices@gshpa.org) by May 16, 2025, 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 16, 2025.

## 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](http://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 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.



# 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.



# 2025 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!

**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.

## 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.



# Daisy Summer Camp Sessions

*Click the date 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 2025. Check-out for weeklong programs is from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on Friday evenings after dinner.**

## **Taste of Camp 1 (July 6-8, \$260)**

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.



# Brownie Summer Camp Sessions

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

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## **Snack Attack (July 6-11, \$450)**

Get ready for a yummy week and some yummy treats! Spend your week creating different delicious snacks for you and your friends to enjoy. Make a different snack each day while enjoying all camp has to offer. You never know when you'll have a snack attack! Campers will earn the Snacks badge.

## **Magic Mermaids (July 13-18, \$450)**

Are you part mermaid? Then this week is for you! Hop in the lake for lots of water fun, from swimming to boating to water games. And the fun doesn't stop on dry land. Try some water experiments, water races, and even a special water-themed snack. You'll be splishing and splashing your way through the week at camp.



# Junior Summer Camp Sessions

*Click the date 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 2025. Check-out for weeklong programs is from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on Friday evenings after dinner.**

## **Taste of Camp 2 (July 9-11, \$260)**

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.

## **Aqua Adventures (July 6-11, \$450)**

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!

## **Giddy Up (July 6-11 | July 13-18, \$480)**

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**

## **Whip It Up (July 6-11, \$450)**

Put on your chef's hat and get ready to chop, mix, measure, and bake as you create food delights. Discover new ways to cook, unusual ingredients, and a whole lot of fun. Practice with the mountain pie makers and maybe even create your own recipe. Be sure to bring your appetite because it's going to be a tasty week at camp. Campers will earn the Simple Meals badge.

## **Take the Stage (July 13-18, \$450)**

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!

## **Camp Swiftie (July 13-18, \$450)**

Get your camp gear and shake it off so you can SWIFTly get to Camp Archbald! We'll make the friendship bracelets and take the moments and taste it in the dining hall. We'll ask you a Question...in trivia. We'll have the best day writing your manuscript and creating your own songs. Long live our music themed session as we make our own folklore!

## **Team Builders (July 13-18, \$450)**

At camp, you and your sister Girl Scouts are like family! Spend the week conquering challenges and solving puzzles alongside your fellow campers. Get to know the other girls and make lifelong friends as you team build your way to the top! You'll take on the low ropes course and then work together to master the climbing wall.

# Cadette Summer Camp Sessions

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## **Horsin' Around (July 13-18, \$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**

## **Bracelets and Braids (July 6-11, \$450)**

This week is about way more than friendship bracelets! From beads and clay, to paracord and gimp, there are so many possibilities this week as you explore the art of making bracelets. But don't stop with jewelry! Get some advice from local beauticians and put your weaving and braiding skills to use on your friends' (and maybe counselors'?) hair as well.

## **Water World (July 6-11, \$475)**

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 Belay (July 13-18, \$475)**

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 (July 13-18, \$450)**

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!

## **Night Owls (July 6-11, \$475)**

This week is for campers who are ready to take on the night! Explore all the fun that can happen after dark, including night games, glow-in-the-dark activities, learning about nocturnal animals, stargazing, and night-hiking. Visit an observatory to learn more about the night sky. Of course, staying up late means a sleep-in breakfast in the morning! Campers will earn the Space Science Researcher badge.

## **Trail Trekkers (July 6-11, \$450)**

Grab your hiking boots and hit the trails this week at camp! Warm up with a few hikes around camp with your friends. Then pack your daypack for some adventures off camp at nearby parks. Hike the trails and see the sights and maybe add in some trail games and challenges too. Maximum 6 girls.

# Cadette and Senior Summer Camp Sessions

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## **Yo, Let's Boat! (July 13-18, \$450)**

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 new skills during a day trip on the Susquehanna. Campers must be competent swimmers and able to tread water for at least a minute.

## **Back in the Saddle (July 6-11, \$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**

## **Roughin' It (July 13-18, \$450)**

This week is all about surviving in the woods! Learn key compass skills, knife safety, and how to use a hatchet. Take part in a fire building competition and try out methods of water purification. Then see if you can rough it in the woods for a night by building and sleeping in your own shelter. Cadettes earn the Primitive Camper badge.

## **Broadway Bound (July 6-18, \$700)**

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! Seniors will earn Troupe Performer badge.



# Senior and Ambassador Summer Camp Sessions

*Click the date 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 2025. Check-out for weeklong programs is from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Friday evenings after dinner.

## **Hammocks and Hangin' Out (July 13-18, \$450)**

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!

## **River Rats (July 6-18, \$700)**

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. 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.

## **Junior Wrangler (July 6-18, \$700)**

**\*NOTE: The following program is for entering 10th grade and above.**

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.



# Ambassador Summer Camp Sessions

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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 2025. Check-out for weeklong programs is from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Friday evenings after dinner.

## **Counselor-in-Training 1 & 2 (July 6-18, 850)**

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 in this combined program.

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

**\*\*Campers who attended CIT 1 last summer will have first selection**

## **Wrangler-in-Training 1 & 2 (July 6-18, \$850)**

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 still 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 be entering 11th grade or above and must have at least one week of horse experience at camp or the equivalent in riding experience. Maximum of 4 girls.

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

**\*\*Campers who attended WIT 1 last summer will have first selection**

## **Camp Staff Intern (CSI) (July 6-18, \$225)**

**\*NOTE: The following program is for Ambassadors entering 12th grade.**

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.

## **Ranch Staff Intern (July 6-18, \$225)**

**\*NOTE: The following program is for Ambassadors entering 12th grade.**

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.



# 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 2025, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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?

Campers will have the chance to enjoy the activities detailed in their session description. Swimming, boating, and arts and crafts are part of every program. 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.

## 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](mailto: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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