

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 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.



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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?

At Girl Scout camp, we believe we are visitors in the great outdoors. We live side-by-side with bugs, animals and nature in simple living accommodations. While campers are enjoying their day or overnight camp session, we require all campers to leave all electronics at home. We do not have phones or computers for the campers to use, as we want them to enjoy their experience while not being distracted. Any electronics that are brought to camp will be stored in the office until check-out.

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.

