

GSEIWI Troop Camping Planning Guide

Dear Girl Scout Leader,

As a representative and caregiver of one of our great camps, I'd like to take a moment of your time to thank you for enabling your girls to have a camping experience. I sincerely hope and trust that your camp experience will be a great one and that you will come again. By taking the lead in organizing a visit to our camp(s) with your girls I trust you, surely do (or will), realize the awesome value these wonderful natural outdoor assets provide.

As a further service to you and your campers I'd be happy to assist you before and during your visit to our camp. Experience and observation of troop camping participants have taught us that it takes a considerably dedicated person(s)/leader(s) to plan, organize and fulfill a successful event with your girls. In addition to the camping information you may have discovered in the materials provided to you as a leader, by the council, I'd like to provide you with a short synopsis of what you can expect at camp. This covers basic supplies, planning concerns and a list of activities you might choose from as you put your outing together. As regimented as it may sound, we have found that a pre-planned menu and activity schedule (complete with foul weather activities options) may be of great value to you. But don't forget the "me-time"! ☺ Your girls AND you will enjoy it!

Each of our camps is unique. As you read through these materials you will notice that each camp has many similarities. Further perusal will show you that there are also several other distinct activity options at each camp. Not shown in this information are the camp site options. Our camps offer many wall tent units, cabins (from log, tree houses, Adirondacs, huts and conventional) and lodges to suit the degree of comfort you desire for your particular girls. Feel free to ask me about these options as you make your reservation or, better yet, visit the council web site: www.gseiwi.org/camp/CampProperties.asp with your girls and take a "virtual tour" before you make your trip.

There are many other opportunities for girls, as individuals or troops, to attend events, overnights and even short residency at camp. Winter Carnivals, Halloween parties, Camporees and many other council sponsored events are just a few. Summer camp is a great place for a girl to develop her character, confidence and courage. She'll be safe here. She'll have fun and she can learn things. It's hard to determine which way of getting a first taste of camp your girl(s) might get "hooked" on camp but I'm confident that once she's had it, she'll return for more. Many of our summer camp staff people and troop leaders were, first, here as a camper.

Thank you,
Your camp rangers

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*Please feel free to ask your ranger, preferably in advance of your visit, for assistance in planning and reserving equipment.

Overnight Packing List

CLOTHING

Long pants (jeans, sweatpants)
Shorts (seasonal)
Shirts (long sleeve, short sleeve)
Socks
Underwear
Sturdy shoes/hiking boots/snow boots (no flip-flops)
Slippers (optional)
Hat/gloves/mittens
Jacket
Rain gear

PERSONAL ITEMS

Sleeping bag or sheet/blanket
Pillow
Flashlight/batteries
Insect repellent (seasonal)
Sunscreen (seasonal)
Towel/washcloth
Toiletries/medications
Mess kits & water bottles
Notebook/pen
Sunglasses
Camera/film

SUPPLIES & CONSIDERATIONS

*Maps to/of camp
Schedule/Agenda/Plan
1st Aid Kit
Menus
Food to support menu
*Dutch Oven recipes
Dish soap
Dish towels
Arts and crafts supplies
*Cooking equipment (pots, pans, etc.)
Rope/Twine for Lashing Activities

*Cast iron cooking equipment, pie irons and roasting forks are available to check out at no cost.

*Camp lodges are supplied with all cooking and personal dining wares.

Self-Led/Self-Supervised Activities at All Camps

Activities

Fire building
Campfire/Outdoor Cooking
*Dutch Oven Cooking
(*DO recipes available from Ranger)
Nature Hikes on marked camp trails
Sledding

Available in the "Sports Storage Area"

Miscellaneous ball games
Volleyball court equipment
Parachute game
Sleds
Hula Hoops
Badminton

Activities

Badge work
Craft projects
Lashing Exercises
Learning Songs
Creek Stomping w/proper chaperones
Frisbee catch

Distinct Self-Led Activities at Individual Camps

*This equipment and supplies are available for checking out from your Ranger.

CAMP L-KEE-TA

*Nature Education box full of nature ideas
*Scavenger Hunt (Ranger has the game sheet)
*Orienteering w/compasses
*Dress-up for Plays
"Inside" board games
*Ice Skating

CAMP CONESTOGA

*Scavenger Hunt (Ranger has the game sheet)
Lower obstacles
*Sundial Garden Compass Activity
*Snow Shoeing

CAMP LITTLE CLOUD

*Scavenger Hunt (Ranger has the game sheet)
*Orienteering w/compasses
"Inside" board games
*Ice Skating

CAMP TAHIGWA

*"Telescoping"
*Prairie Tour (Map provided)
*Scavenger Hunt (Ranger has the game sheet)
Lower obstacles
Norwegian Skis
Kite flying
Croquet
*9-hole Disc Golf Course
*Geocaching with GPS units (4-"mapped", caches in CT)
*Orienteering w/compasses
"Inside" board games (Located in Staff House)