

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 (<http://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.

Sincerely,

Your camp ranger...

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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 at each camp for 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
- *Scavenger Hunt
- "Inside" board games

Available in the "Sports Storage Area"

- Miscellaneous ball games
- Volleyball court equipment
- Parachute game
- Sleds & Sledding
- Hula Hoops
- Badminton
- Norwegian Skis

Activities

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

Distinct Self-Led Activities at Each Camp

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

CAMP L-KEE-TA

- *Nature Education box full of nature ideas
- *Orienteering w/compasses
- *Dress-up for Plays
- *Kite flying
- *Ice Skating

CAMP LITTLE CLOUD

- *Orienteering w/compasses
- *Ice Skating
- *Kite flying

CAMP CONESTOGA

- *Lower obstacles
- *Sundial Garden Compass Activity
- *Snow Shoeing

CAMP TAHIGWA

- *"Telescoping"
- *Prairie Tour (Map provided)
- *Lower obstacles
- *Kite flying
- *9-hole Disc Golf Course
- *Geocaching with GPS units (4, mapped, caches in CT)
- *Orienteering w/compasses

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

Camp Reservation Procedures

Any staff person receiving a troop/group camping reservation *request* should refer caller to the Site Manager of the particular camp (*contact information listed below*). Requests can be *confirmed* only by the Site Manager of the intended camp.

Reservations can be taken in advance no more than:

- ◆ **12 months for Girl Scout Council Sponsored Events**
- ◆ **9 months for Girl Scout Groups**
- ◆ **5 months for Non-Girl Scout Renters**

- 1) After the Troup/Group Leader has made the request to the Site Manager. The Site Manager will check the availability of the facility being requested. If available, they will contact the Troop/Group Leader and complete the "Camp Reservation Request" form. If the facility is unavailable, the Site Manager will contact the requester by phone and attempt to satisfy their need with alternative facilities or dates.
- 2) The Site Manager will then send the original "Camp Reservation Request" form, along with a "Camp Usage Guidelines", "Camp Maps" and the proper "Camp Rental Form Application/Agreement" to the requester. Confirmation of reservation and statement of fees due are included.
- 3) The Site Manager will immediately send a copy of the approved "Camp Reservation Request" form to the GSEIWI registrar and GSEIWI staff that requested the use of camp.
- 4) The Site Manager will post the reservation at G/Property/Camp Reservation Sheet.xls under the specific camp.
- 5) Upon receipt by the registrar, the "Camp Reservation Request" form is date stamped and placed in the "Camp Reservation" folder.
- 6) Registrar is responsible for monitoring all financial aspects of the reservation process, including contacting delinquent renters for unpaid balances, and will also promptly notify the Site Manager of cancellations. Also for collection of a "Certificate of Insurance" for all non-Girl Scout groups or home owners insurance policy number and company for families using camps.
- 7) Upon arrival at camp the Site Manager will supply the renter a "Checklist" that asks the renter for their attendance records, informs them of their clean-up duties and requests their signature that affirms all such duties have been satisfactorily completed. This checklist must be left at the rental site.
- 8) After the renter has left the property the Site Manager will inspect the facilities. The Site Manager will sign the completed "Property Checklist" and return it to the Registrar. A signed "Property Checklist" is the indication to the Registrar that all deposits can be returned to the renter.
- 9) Registrar will issue a "Payment Order" for the amount of the deposit to be returned. At the end of each month, registrar will also inform the finance department of any council transfers for GSEIWI events held at camp.
- 10) The "Accounts Payable" department will send this check to renter.

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