

Basic Troop Camp information

How do I take my troop camping?

1. Requests can be made from 4 months to 3 weeks in advance. Reservations will be confirmed 3 months in advance. If there are duplicate requests, there will be a drawing to determine which reservation gets first choice. For this reason, it is important to make 2nd and 3rd choices on the form.
2. Complete the Troop Camp Reservation form and fax (if using credit card) or mail (if using check) form with Unit fee for your first choice. Fax to 336-369-7476 or mail to GSCP2P – 8818 W. Market St. Colfax, NC 27235 Attn. Troop camp
3. No reservations will be accepted by phone or without Unit fee attached.
4. A confirmation packet with critical information will be sent 3 months prior to trip. Please open and read information when packet is received. Planning information is included.
5. Site use calendar may be accessed on the Council web site (www.girlscoutsp2p.org). Please remember that this calendar is updated daily but reservations come in daily. By the time your reservation arrives at the Council, availability may have changed.

Who can camp?

1. Troop leaders should carefully assess the girls in the troop to determine when they are ready for a camp experience and what kind of a camp experience would be most appropriate.
2. Camp properties and individual units vary greatly with accommodation and amenities.
3. Overnight camp experiences are not recommended for first year Daisies.
4. Adult (18 years and older) males may participate in troop camp experiences but must be registered Girl Scout members with the troop. Accommodation must be made for separate sleeping, restrooms and showers. There is a space on the reservation form to inform camp staff that a male will be on the property. The other troops on the camp property will be informed that a male is on the property.

When are camps available?

1. Camps are available weekends and weekdays with most camps closing on Monday (unless there is a school holiday).
2. Camps are open year-round with certain camps/units being closed during winter months. Check camp and unit descriptions for more specific information.
3. Certain properties are used for day and resident camp and other Council programs. Please check the camp calendars and camp descriptions for more information.

What do I need to do before going to camp?

1. Before a troop can stay overnight on camp property in a self contained (lodge style, everyone in the same building) facility, someone in the troop must complete the Be Safe, Be Ready on-line course. There are 2 parts to this on-line training – Outings & Overnights and Girl Planning. After completion, leader will receive an Overnight License.
2. Before a troop can stay overnight in tents or cabins, someone in the troop must complete the on-line Be Safe, Be Ready AND Fire Building, Outdoor cooking and the Overnight Camp Experience courses. After completing these courses, the leader will receive a Camping License. For more information and scheduled course, go to the web site (www.girlscoutsp2p.org).
3. Before troop can visit camp property for a day or overnight experience, an adult with current first aid and CPR MUST ACCOMPANY THE TROOP.
4. Carefully read the camp and unit descriptions when planning what needs to be packed. Some camps provide some cooking utensils. BE PREPARED and read the descriptions carefully.
5. Along with the girls, plan what activities you would like to do while you are at camp. Some camps can provide program facilitators for a fee. Read camp descriptions to discover what programs are available and how to arrange for facilitators.

6. The outdoor trained adult should work with the girls to prepare them for the experience. Show them what the unit will look like, help them understand what it will be like and help them pack appropriately.

What happens when we arrive and when we are ready to leave camp?

1. On most Council properties a staff member will meet you when you arrive at camp and give further instruction. If there is not a staff member available, you will receive further instruction in your confirmation packet.
2. It is VERY important to put an accurate arrival and departure time on your reservation form. If your arrival time changes prior to your trip or if something happens to delay your arrival, you MUST call the camp directly to let the staff know of these changes.
3. Each troop is responsible for cleaning the unit and areas which they use. Prior to leaving the unit, a staff member will check the unit and assist with departure. A troop camp card should be completed and left with the camp staff.

How much does it cost to troop camp?

1. Unit prices are set based on type of accommodation and unit amenities.
2. The fee for using a unit for an all day program or staying over 1 night is the same.
3. When sending in the reservation form, send the appropriate amount for the 1st choice and number of nights you plan to stay. Unit fee must be paid in full prior in order to reserve a site.
4. Should a unit be damaged or not cleaned, the troop will be billed for repairs and clean-up.

Can I get a refund?

1. Unit fee will be refunded if troop cannot be placed into a unit due to lack of availability.
2. Unit fee will be refunded if the camp is closed by the Council due to weather or other emergency situation.
3. Unit fee will be refunded if troop cancels at least 4 weeks prior to scheduled camping date. Refunds will not be given for cancelation after 4 week.

What programs are available and how do I arrange facilitators?

1. For available activities, look at each site description.
2. In most cases, the Leaders are responsible for arranging the necessary facilitators for activities. Leaders may take training to learn to facilitate the Team Challenge course, Archery, Lifeguarding, etc.

When do I need extra Insurance?

1. Troops staying 3 or more nights must purchase additional Girl Scout insurance. EXCEPTION – on 3 day federal holiday weekends this is not required. Insurance forms are available on the web site.
2. All registered Girl Scouts (girls and adults) are covered under the basic Girl Scout insurance. Please make sure all of the girls and adults in your troop are registered prior to going to camp.

Basic camp property information

Camp Ginger Cascades

Location – Lenoir, NC

Size – 356 acres

Program areas – pool, lake, archery, climbing wall, challenge course, sports field, locations for crafts, numerous hiking trails.

Overnight capacity - 450

Camp Golden Valley

Location – Bostic, NC

Size – 582 acres

Program areas – lake for swimming and canoeing, archery, horses, trails for hiking, tennis courts, sports field, arts and crafts areas.

Overnight capacity - 330

Camp Rotary

Location – Gastonia, NC

Size – 34 acres

Program areas – pool, lake, crafts, nature center, playing field, challenge course, hiking trails

Overnight capacity – 184

Camp Pisgah

Location – Brevard, NC

Size – 142 acres

Program areas – lake, pool, horses, archery, crafts, challenge course, climbing wall, hiking trails

Overnight capacity – 225

Keyauwee Program Center

Location – Sophia, NC

Size – 350 acres

Program areas – lake, pool, horses, archery, crafts, alpine tower and swing, challenge course, climbing wall, sports field

Overnight capacity – 440

Camp Douglas Long

Location – Greensboro, NC

Size – 113 acres

Program areas – lake, pool, archery, crafts, challenge course, hiking trails, sports field

Overnight capacity – 205

Camp Seven Springs

Location – Farmington, NC

Size – 50 acres

Program areas – lake for swimming and boating, challenge course, crafts, hiking trails, sports field

Overnight capacity – 144

Camp Dot Perry

Location – Wilkesboro, NC

Size – 20 acres

Program areas – on W. Kerr Scott Reservoir

Overnight capacity - 40

