

SHORT & SNAPPY: Camping

What is a Short and Snappy?

- It's a short interactive group discussion provided at a Service Unit meeting for volunteers to share at the troop level.
- Any Service Unit team member, volunteer, or learning facilitator may guide a S&S.

Objectives/Activities

- Supply information & resources regarding camping with girls.
- Make a homemade fire starter with the group. Check out the video resource [here](#).

Main Resources

- [Safety Activity Checkpoints \(SACs\)](#)
- [Camping Out Manual](#)
- [Camping In Manual](#)

Requirements

Adult Certifications/Requirements

- Adult Membership (MYGS)
- Troop Helper Role (MYGS only if you hold no other role and fit [this](#) description)
- 1 Camping In Trained adult ([gsLearn course](#))
- 1 Camping Out Trained adult (if you plan to build a fire)
- 1 adult trained in Adult and Child/Pediatric CPR/AED & First Aid (known as the First Aider)
- Illinois Mandated Reporter ([ILMR gsLearn course](#))
- Understanding Your Role ([gsLearn course](#))

Forms & Reminders

Have all these documents collected/submitted.

- [Girl Health History](#)
- [Adult Health History](#)
- [Certificate of Insurance \(COI\)](#)
 - List of existing COIs
 - COI request document
- [Insurance](#) (see Camping Out manual)
- [Intent to Travel](#) (Complete the [Traveling with Troops](#) [gsLearn course](#) first)

Camp Activities

Journeys & Outdoor Badge/Patchwork:

There are so many fun badges/patches you can do with your girls at camp! You can also complete the Outdoor Journey throughout the course of a camping trip. Go to the website or the VTK to explore the different outdoor badges/patches and the Outdoor Journey for each grade level.

Skill Building:

Camping trips are also a great time to teach girls new outdoor skills and build upon the ones they already know. These skills are often associated with badgework as well! Some ideas are...

- Orienteering
- Knives/Tools
 - whittling
 - food prep
 - knife sharpening & cleaning
 - Using an axe and saw to cut wood
- Fire Building
 - One Match Patch
 - construct & extinguish a fire
 - make different fire starters
 - make a buddy burner
- Plant Identification
 - identify poison ivy, oak, and sumac
 - identify different tree species

FAQs

1. Does the camp trained adult have to be the Troop Leader? **No**
2. Does every adult attending need the Camping In/Out training? **No, just at least 1.**
3. Can the first aider and the camp trained adult be the same person? **Yes**
4. Does every adult attending have to be a member, in a role, and have completed ILMR and Understanding Your Role? **Yes**