

Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois
General Camp Information

The following information is true at all camp sites owned and operated by the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois:

1. The Camp Ranger will open the gate and the reserved units prior to your arrival.
2. As a security measure, gates to all camp properties are kept closed. It is the responsibility of each **adult in charge** to see that this is done.
3. The Camp Ranger **does not** provide pre-cut/split firewood. It is the responsibility of the troop/group to collect and cut its own wood or bring it with them to camp. Bow saws may be requisitioned from the Ranger for this purpose. **Cleaning items and paper products are provided.**
4. Camp telephones are for **emergency use only**. Telephone locations are listed on site information sheets. All calls (other than local) must be collect or made with a calling card. Emergency phone numbers and procedures are posted near the phones.
5. Troops are responsible for cleaning up after themselves. Site inspections are carried out after each use by the Camp Ranger prior to your departure. Fines and/or penalties will be assessed if camp areas and equipment used are left unclean. ***Remember: A Girl Scout always leaves a place cleaner than she found it.***
6. Troop houses and lodges **do not** have cots. Mattresses are available at all troop houses and lodges. Each cabin or tent is equipped with cots/bunks and mattresses. *Extras are not available. **Bunkbeds, cots & mattresses are not to be moved or removed from any unit structure during your stay!** See camp information sheets for capacities.
7. All campsites may have bugs, snakes, ticks, mice, and poisonous weeds/vines. We can not eradicate these without damaging the environment. Also, be aware of what poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac look like, make sure your troop can recognize it and, therefore, avoid it. Please do not feed wildlife while at camp, observe and appreciate them only.
8. The **ONLY** acceptable method of lighting charcoal at camp is with a charcoal chimney. **Liquid starter fuels are NOT allowed at camp.**
9. Shower facilities at all camp properties are for everyone's use. It is **the designated adult-in-charge's** responsibility to see that troops/groups clean-up after themselves.
10. Requisitioned equipment for cabin and tent units is delivered to the first cabin/tent in the unit unless otherwise specified. Equipment for the troop houses and lodges is delivered to the reserved location.
11. **Limited** refrigeration is available at all camp units. More than one unit may have to share available space. Refrigerator locations are listed on each camp information sheet.
12. All units are provided with, or have access to, a shelter with lights, a washstand, and latrine. **No extension cords, portable heaters or air conditioners are to be brought in or used at any camp.**

REMEMBER – NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ILLEGAL DRUGS, PETS, LIQUID FUELS, OR FIREARMS ARE ALLOWED ON CAMP PROPERTY!!! NO SMOKING IN ANY BUILDING OR IN THE PRESENCE OF ANY GIRLS. CIGARETTE BUTTS ARE NOT TO BE DROPPED ON THE GROUND. EXTINGUISH BUTTS AND DISPOSE OF IN GARBAGE CANS!!!

Permissions and Applications Needed

FOR ANY OUTDOOR PROGRAM. YOU MUST:

1. Check Safety-Wise, council Program Policies and Standards and Waterfront Procedures and Safety Regulations for camping, site regulations, transportation, adults required, waterfront and other program relevant information.
2. Check to make sure site is available. If not a council-owned site, does the site carry liability insurance? If not, permission will not be granted to use the property. A certificate of insurance must be on file at the service center as proof. Check with the Program Registrar at the service center.
3. Send permission slips home with girls 2-3 weeks prior to outing. Send Troop Activity Notification to your Service Unit Director or designated individual for their approval. Secure insurance for non-members (forms available from your Service Unit Director or the service centers).
4. Secure a Red Cross certified first aider with child CPR, or a registered nurse, or a physician's assistant, or an emergency medical technician or paramedic, or a military medic with current certifications to accompany troop on outing.
5. Before the outing, make sure all girls have returned a signed Parent Permission Form.
6. Take a first-aid kit, girls' and adults' Health History forms and Parent Permission forms with you on the outing.
7. After the outing, have your troop evaluate their experiences. Make notes of their comments to use when planning for future outings.
8. After the outing, complete and return a Troop Camp Report to the Program Registrar at the service center within two weeks. No further camp reservations will be allowed until this form is completed and returned.

FOR A ONE DAY OR LONGER OUTING AT A COUNCIL OWNED OR AT A NON-COUNCIL OWNED SITE: *(NOT TO EXCEED 2 NIGHTS)

1. Must have someone who will accompany troop on outing who has current Troop Camp-Basic training certification. (Check the council's training calendar for scheduled dates.)
2. Complete the Camp Application and submit to the Program Registrar.

FOR OUTINGS OF 3 OR MORE NIGHTS, EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS, THAT EXCEED 175 MILES ONE-WAY OF HOMETOWN:

Contact the Program Department at (618) 692-0692 for an Extended Trip Packet, guidelines, and application procedures. (Extended Trip certification is required every (3) years. Check with the Program Department for upcoming dates.)