

New & Updated

GSSI Girl Scout Camp Tour!

As we go into a new council, we want to encourage Girl Scouts to visit our camp properties. This patch program is offered and available to any Girl Scout troop who would like to participate. How many camp properties have you visited? Join us on our Camp Tour and visit them all!

Camp Torqua, located 15 minutes away from the corporate service center, is nestled on 73 acres of old growth forest. This property used to be a strip mine, can you believe it?

Camp ChanYaTa, next to the community of Worden, has 163 acres and a small lake perfect for fishing and canoeing. One of the nicest parts about this camp is the mix of fields, forest and water.

Camp Butterfly, the largest camp owned by our council, is 960 acres of Missouri woodlands, red rocks and two large lakes. You can swim, fish, canoe or sail on one lake, or hike around the other lake to find some of the historical sites.

Camp Wassatoga in Effingham, is located on a beautiful lake is a 45 acre camp with canoeing, fishing, archery, and hiking. This camp's ideal location and scenic trails make it a must see!

Camp Cedar Point, located just south of Carbondale, is in the middle of Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge. It is 250 acres of fantastic fun, especially during the summer when it hosts resident camp.

Camp Whispering Oaks, conveniently near Salem, is 33 acres of woods, lakefront and hills. The camp has two coves and a new lodge to give you great views of the lake.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS:

After visiting each property and completing the patch requirements, you will earn a segment with that camp's name requirements. **NEW!** You can substitute the optional photo activity for any of the questions or activities! Turn in this form with your order, and email or attach your photo!

Remember, Girl Scouts always leave a place better than they found it! The center patch is \$2.00 and each log is \$1.00. You do not have to visit every camp before purchasing the center patch.

Camp Torqua:

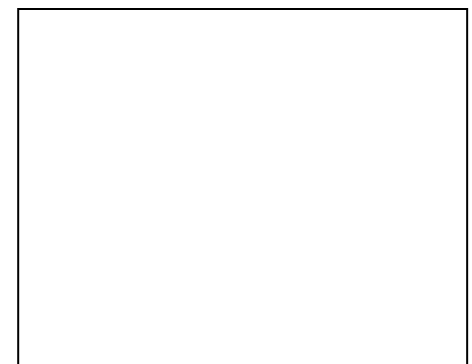
Optional: Gather your group around the bridge for a photo over Sugar Creek. Did you know that in 2008, Hurricane Ike's leftover storms flooded this creek and washed away the road?

Questions

1. What is the ranger's name? What is his favorite thing about camp?
2. Name three activities you can do at Camp Torqua: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
3. Name one activity that requires a reservation.

Activities

1. Visit Lisetta and Tuckaway. What are the differences between these units?
2. Take a walking tour of Lakota Cove. What does the word "Lakota" mean?
3. Find the pond at Camp Torqua and look for animal tracks. Draw one you found in the box provided.
4. Name three animals you hear when you are visiting Camp Torqua.
5. Talk to the ranger about completing a service project.



Camp ChanYaTa:

Optional: Pose your pals on the levee and make your best fish face for the camera. Before city water was added, the lake was the source of drinking water!

Questions

1. What is the ranger's name? What is his favorite thing to do outside?
2. Estimate how far apart are the archery range and the lake.
3. What animal used to live at Camp ChanYaTa that needed a corral and a barn?

Activities

1. Try one of the following activities: archery, canoeing, hiking.
2. Visit the Pines unit. Why do you think this unit is called "Pines"?
3. Talk to the ranger about completing a service project.
4. Name three animals you saw while visiting Camp ChanYaTa.
5. Find the trail that leads to the levy. Stand on the levy and estimate how far away is the lodge.

Camp Wassatoga:

Optional: Corral your chorus at the chapel and take a picture of your group singing.

Questions

1. What is the name of the lake the camp is located on?
2. Who is the ranger at camp and how is this person different from the other camp rangers?
3. The lodge has an interesting name. What do you think it means? (Hint: Look at the way it is capitalized!)

Activities

1. Find the chapel. Arrange your troop on the risers and sing a song. You can even take turns directing!
2. What are the tents made out of? Ask the ranger's permission to look around inside. If it is dirty, sweep it out!
3. Walk to the dock. Estimate how wide the lake is at this location. What do you think the lake looks like from an airplane? Draw your troop's guess below.
4. Talk to the ranger about completing a service project.
5. Name one animal you might smell at Camp Wassatoga.

Camp Butterfly:

Optional: Calm your crew and take a photo of yourselves during one of Butterfly's beautiful sunsets.

Questions

1. What county is Camp Butterfly located in? (HINT: watch for the sign on your way into camp on Hwy. F)
2. What are the names of the two lakes on Girl Scout property at Camp Butterfly?
3. What is the ranger's name? What is his favorite color?

Activities

1. Plan and take a hike around the units. Visit the cabooses. How do you think they got there?
2. Take a solar shower. What time of the day is it best to do this and why?
3. Hike to one of the following sites: Driftwood Cove, Dad's Cabin, Stairway to Heaven, Raccoon Cave, or the Old Farmhouse site.
4. Talk to the camp ranger about completing a service project.
5. At night, hike to the levee with your flashlights and do some star gazing. Name one constellation you saw, and draw it in the box provided.



Camp Cedar Point:

Optional: Get grins on your gals and put on your best sunny smiles to pose in front of the sign for Sunny Hall!

Questions

1. What is the ranger's name? What is the ranger's favorite part of Girl Scouts?
2. How did "Bruce Lodge" get its name?
3. Before this was called Camp Cedar Point, it was called something else. Any guess? (HINT: what is the name of the lake the camp is on?)

Activities

1. Walk to the lake front and estimate how far across the lake is from where you are standing.
2. Count the number of fire pits you see around camp. If any are dirty, rake them out and dispose of the ashes by shaking them along the edge of the woods.
3. Name three different trees you find at Camp Cedar Point: 1. 2. 3.

Camp Whispering Oaks:

Optional: Set up your sisters and stand on one of the edges of camp that are surrounded by the lake and pose like trees. If you can do a whispering oak tree, that would be impressive!

Questions

1. What is the ranger's name? What is the ranger's favorite campfire dinner?
2. The name of the lodge is unique -- where did it come from?
3. What is the name of the lake the camp is located on? How big do you think it is?

Activities

1. Walk to the lodge and estimate how tall it is.
2. Visit the Hogan unit. What makes a hogan different from a platform tent? If the hogans are dirty, ask the ranger if you can sweep them out.
3. Camping often brings out the best stories. Retell one you have heard and make it fit Camp Whispering Oaks, or make up your own! Write two sentences that sum up your story.