

Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois Camp Information and Guidelines

Two Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois camps are open for day use only. Camp Chan Ya Ta and Camp Torqua are available for troops to enjoy hiking, archery and limited waterfront activities.

Camp properties will operate at no more than 25% day-use capacity. Per current state mitigation guidelines, group sizes will be limited to 10 individuals. Camps will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

All reservations must be made through customer care at 1-800-345-6858 or customercare@gsofsi.org.

Reservations are limited to one group per camp site per day.

Archery ranges and waterfronts will be reserved in 2-hour sessions. One group per session will be permitted. Archery ranges and waterfronts must be vacated by 7 p.m.

If service units would like to reserve entire camps, they must reserve by site and verify that they will follow capacity limits set for each site.

Fees:

Camp site- \$50/day

Archery- \$25/2 hours

Canoes, paddleboards, and funyaks- \$25/2 hours

Please note that all groups reserving the archery range or waterfront activities will need to procure their own certified instructors.

Capacity limits per site as follows:

Camp Chan Ya Ta

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| Pines | 10 |
| Hickory Hill | 10 |
| Red Bud | 10 |
| Bunkhouse | 10 |

Camp Torqua

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| Tuckaway | 10 |
| Lisetta | 10 |
| Lakota Cove | 10 |
| Pumpkin Patch | 10 |
| Hedge Apple | 10 |

Guidelines:

Your safety is priority to us. These guidelines are subject to change at any time in response to mandates from the national, state, and local governments.

Masks are mandatory at all times and it is expected that every effort be made to maintain 6 feet social distancing on camp property. (*Mask guidelines specifically for waterfront activities are listed below.)

Upon arrival to camp the ranger (or designated person in charge) will check to see that everyone is wearing a mask. Should someone be without a mask, one will be provided. At this time troop leaders must also provide the camp ranger with signed copies of the COVID-19 waivers for all adults and all girls (signed by their parent or guardian). Waivers can be found on our website at <https://www.gsofsi.org/en/events/COVID-19-Updates.html>.

Girls and leaders are not allowed to carpool to activities. Each girl must travel with a parent/guardian to and from camp. To allow the maximum number of spots for girls we ask that each girl be accompanied by only 1 parent/guardian should they have to stay. This adult must be counted as part of the group.

Visitors are encouraged to be prepared to bring their own hand sanitizer with at least 60% ethanol or 70% isopropyl alcohol.

Groups are to stay outside within their assigned/reserved camp area. Guidelines for hiking, archery and waterfront activities are listed below and will be posted at camp.

Camp site guidelines:

- Must stay at or below the site capacity (including parents)
- No non-registered youth are permitted i.e. no tagalongs
- Groups must remain in their assigned camp area
- Groups must bring individual sack lunches or dinners (no use of communal dishes allowed)
- Groups can request pie irons and roasting forks. No sharing allowed.
- Lodges will be closed for activities but will be available for bathroom use and emergencies (such as sudden severe weather or first aid)
- Please practice leave no trace principles at your camp site
- All sites will be cleaned and sanitized by camp staff on a nightly basis in preparation for the next group

Hiking guidelines:

- Please avoid walking through camp areas occupied by other groups when making your way to and from trails
- Masks are to be worn throughout the entire hike
- If you pass others outside your group while on your hike please make every attempt to stay on opposite sides of the trail
- As always, please practice leave no trace principles

Archery guidelines:

- Rangers will set up 3 shooting lanes on the archery range
- Masks must be worn while participating in archery activities
- Archers must sanitize hands before and after handling equipment
- Cleaning wipes and/or disinfecting spray and hand sanitizer will be available at the archery range
- Archery instructors must sanitize all used equipment between archers

Waterfront guidelines:

- Approved waterfront activities include: canoeing, funyaking, and paddle boarding
- Rangers will make sure watercraft are readily available for use
- Anyone using watercraft must sanitize hands before and after handling any equipment

- Masks are to be worn until watercraft is safely in the water and proper social distance of 6 feet from the group at large can be achieved
- Watercraft must remain 6 feet apart at all times
- Cleaning wipes and/or disinfecting spray and hand sanitizer will be available at the waterfront
- Waterfront instructors must sanitize all used equipment between users

The following activities are unavailable:

- Swimming
- Paddle boating
- Sailing (Camp Butterfly)
- Hayrides
- Rappelling (Camp Butterfly)
- Indoor use of any lodge

No participant, whether child or adult, should be permitted to attend any Girl Scout event if any of the following are true:

- The participant has had a fever of 100.4 F or greater within the last 72 hours.
- The participant has had any one or a combination of symptoms of COVID-19 with the last 72 hours. Possible symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle aches or pain, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting and diarrhea.
- The participant has been tested for COVID-19 due to suspicion of infection and has not yet received a negative test.
- The participant previously tested positive for COVID-19 but still has a fever, and other symptoms have not improved, or they have not received two negative COVID-19 tests in a row.
- During the past 14 days, the participant has been advised to self-isolate or quarantine by a doctor or health authority.
- During the past 14 days, the participant has been in contact with a person who exhibited any symptoms of COVID-19 as listed above.
- During the past 14 days, the participant has been in contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the previous 14 days.
- During the past month, the participant has traveled internationally.

In the event of a positive COVID-19 test, please contact Kelley Young, CFAO at kyoung@gssofsi.org or 618-307-3604. All information will be treated confidentially and only shared with those on a need to know basis. Council staff, not volunteers, will notify parents and others about a positive test result. The tester's identity will remain confidential.