



Swim, Splash, Sail Camp Confirmation Packet

Dear Camper and Caregiver,

Welcome to Girl Scouts Summer Camp. We can't wait for you to pack in the memories with us this summer at camp. Thank you for choosing Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming (GSMW) for your Girl Scout's summer adventures!

Please ensure you have paid the full camp fee two weeks before the start of your camp. If you need help with camp payments, please contact customercare@gsmw.org.

READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT FROM BEGINNING TO END and refer to it regularly as you prepare for camp.

This camp confirmation packet includes:

- **PACKING LIST & CAMPER PREPARATION**

Use a pencil to help you track everything as you pack to come to camp. Bring a copy of the list to camp to keep track of everything you should take home. Label everything you bring with the camper's name! Check this section for hints on how to prepare yourself and your camper for a successful week at camp.

- **CHECK-IN / CHECK-OUT TIMES & PROCEDURES**

GSMW has defined procedures for checking in and out of camp. Directions to your camp location is also included.

- **PERMISSION/RELEASE/HEALTH FORMS**

All forms should be completed online in your UltraCamp account. Health forms that are incomplete may prevent your child from attending camp. ***You are required to report all health concerns including mental health conditions.*** We ask you to include your camper's mental health status in her health form so we can work together to ensure her success at camp.

- **CAMP SUCCESS GUIDE / FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Got a question? To help you and your camper prepare for this experience, we have compiled a [Camp Success Guide](#).

If you have any questions or concerns prior to your arrival at camp, please contact Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming Headquarters at (406) 252-0488 or customercare@gsmw.org.

From around the campfire,
Your 2025 GSMW Resident Camp Team

Swim, Splash, Sail Packing List

At GSMW Camps, we dress to be comfortable and safe, and we prepare for being outdoors in all sorts of conditions. Do not bring anything to camp that cannot get dirty, messy or broken. Rugged, comfortable clothes work best! But please leave the tank tops at home. Label all belongings clearly. Limit the camper's baggage to one duffel or suitcase and a neatly rolled sleeping bag & pillow.

ABSOLUTELY MANDATORY:

- ☐ **Sunscreen & protective lip balm**
- ☐ **Sunglasses with case** (water reflecting off of the lake + squinting = headaches)
- ☐ **Brimmed hat**
- ☐ **Water shoes like Teva, Chaco, Keen, or similar style with heel strap to keep them on your feet** (dress sandals do not work as these will be work in boats and in the lake to prevent cuts on feet from rocks/glass)

NECESSITIES/TOILETRIES/PERSONAL ITEMS:

- ☐ Very warm sleeping bag (nights may be below 30°F)
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Pillow in a pillow case
- ☐ Travel toothbrush & toothpaste
- ☐ Travel shampoo/conditioner
- ☐ Travel soap and lotion
- ☐ 2 Towels
- ☐ Brush or comb
- ☐ Hair ties
- ☐ Day backpack (used every day, all day)
- ☐ Sturdy, closed-toe shoes (hiking or tennis shoes)
- ☐ Travel non-aerosol insect repellent
- ☐ Glasses or contact lenses
- ☐ Feminine hygiene products (even if unexpected)
- ☐ Water bottle (check for leaks)
- ☐ Retainers/mouth guards
- ☐ Flashlight or headlamp & extra batteries
- ☐ Medications (in original containers with dosage & campers name. Collected at check-in.)

CLOTHING:

- ☐ 2 T-shirts (must cover shoulders/stomach; no suggestive logos)
- ☐ 2 pairs of shorts – one for lounging, one for sailing
- ☐ Laundry bag
- ☐ 1 pair of comfy hangout pants
- ☐ Small personal item like a stuffed animal
- ☐ Very warm pajamas & sweatpants/long johns
- ☐ Daily underwear & bras
- ☐ 2 pairs of socks
- ☐ 1 Swimsuits (sturdy so they don't fall off)
- ☐ Rain jacket or poncho
- ☐ 1 sweatshirt or fleece shirt
- ☐ Warm stocking cap

OPTIONAL:

- ☐ Extra swimsuit & rash guard
- ☐ Sunglasses with case
- ☐ Camera (inexpensive & waterproof)
- ☐ Journal & pen/pencil
- ☐ Something to read
- ☐ Small personal item like a stuffed animal

LEAVE THESE ITEMS AT HOME:

- Electronic devices (phones, tablets, smart watches, etc.)
- Candy, food, drinks
- Curling iron, straightener, blow dryer, makeup, hairspray
- Jewelry, valuables, and things that can't get dirty
- Crop tops, tube tops, spaghetti straps, inappropriate logos, short shorts, and other items that may be offensive or don't provide protection from elements

CAMPER AND CAREGIVER PREPARATION

Campers will be sailing daily; this is not optional. The only times we don't sail is in bad weather which will be determined by staff.

Before your camper comes to camp, it's important to prepare them for being on their own:

- With support and advice, let your camper pack their own bag, and teach them how to roll their own sleeping bag so they gain independence.
- Have them practice being away from home by having a sleepover at a friend's house.
- Before camp starts, have regular talks about what to do if they miss home while away.
- Listen to the camper's concerns, and provide answers to their questions. If they have questions about camp that you can't answer, feel free to ask customercare@gsmw.org.

Prepare your camper to use coping strategies, like these, at camp:

- Try to play every game and try every offered activity at least once.
- Talk with a Camp Counselor or other trusted camp staff.
- Write letters home (or keep a journal) to tell your family about all the fun activities and your new friends.
- Look forward to the new skills and adventures each day at camp.
- Introduce yourself to at least one new friend every day!

Missing Home

While at camp, campers do not have access to the phone to call home, and parents will not be able to call their campers unless it's an emergency. Campers can write letters and receive letters given to staff at check-in. Send your camper with addressed, stamped envelopes, stationary, and a pen so they are ready to write home.

For more hints on preparing for camp, check out GSUSA's "Camp Hacks" videos at:
www.youtube.com/user/girlscoutvideos/playlists

CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT SCHEDULE

Theme	Check in Date/Time	Check out Date/Time
Swim, Splash, Sail	Sunday, August 3 (4:00-4:30 pm)	Thursday, August 7 (4:00-4:30 pm)

PHONE: 406-422-9931

ADDRESS: 3555 West Shore Drive, Yacht Basin, Helena, Montana

From Great Falls: Take the Custer Exit. Turn left (toward Costco) and travel approximately 15 miles. Custer Ave will turn into Canyon Ferry Rd. Billboards advertising Yacht Basin Marina will become visible closer to the marina. When you reach Yacht Basin, take a right turn on to W. Shore Drive. Follow the main road past the marina. After approximately .5 miles, there will be a left hand turn with a sign that says “Chalet Group Use Area”. The camp will be at the bottom of that road.

From Butte: Take the Capitol Exit east and proceed towards East Helena. You will travel through the town of East Helena on Hwy 12 approximately 10 miles to the flashing light at CR-284/Spokane Creek Rd. Turn left onto CR-284/Spokane Creek Rd. Travel 4.6 miles to Canyon Ferry Road and take a right. Travel about 3.5 miles along Canyon Ferry road. When you reach Yacht Basin, take a right turn on to W. Shore Drive. Follow the main road past the marina. After approximately .5 miles, there will be a left hand turn with a sign that says “Chalet Group Use Area”. The camp will be at the bottom of that road.

From Three Forks: Take Hwy 287 towards Helena. At approximately 54 miles the flashing light at CR-284/Spokane Creek Rd. will become visible. Turn right onto CR-284/Spokane Creek Rd. Travel 4.6 miles to Canyon Ferry Road and take a right. Travel about 3.5 miles along Canyon Ferry road. When you reach Yacht Basin, take a right turn on to W. Shore Drive. Follow the main road past the marina. After approximately .5 miles, there will be a left hand turn with a sign that says “Chalet Group Use Area”. The camp will be at the bottom of that road.

CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

CHECK-IN DAY:

- Campers must be checked in & out on the date & within the time period assigned to your session.
- Late arrivals are accepted **ONLY** in case of *emergency circumstances*. If the camper cannot arrive within the extended window of time, *they will have to wait until the following day at 8:00am* to be checked in by camp staff. Please notify the camp as soon as circumstances arise.
- The camp gate will not open until the start of the check-in period. No earlier. Upon opening, staff will meet you in the parking lot and direct you to the check-in tables. Please have any updated address/phone/health history information, and medications ready and available for the Camp Director.
- During check-in, your camper will have their picture taken for identification. After check-in, parents/caregivers are invited to help their camper move into her cabin. After move-in, non-campers must say a quick “goodbye” so campers can start enjoying their camp adventure.
- Please leave all non-human family members at home or in the car. Pets are not allowed on property.
- Caregivers are not permitted on premises after check-in is complete. We do not allow campers to have visitors, and campers are not permitted to call home during the camp session. Prepare yourself and your camper for this. Should an emergency arise, camp staff will contact you.

CHECK-OUT DAY:

Caregivers are asked to pick-up their campers within the assigned check-out time range specific to your camp location and theme. Refer to the table for the correct pick-up time. Check-out times are firm and cannot be negotiated.

- *Please be prompt* in picking up your camper. Upon arrival at pickup, parents will be met in the parking lot and given directions.
 - For your camper's safety, *a photo ID is required and the pick-up person MUST be listed* as an authorized "Camper Pick-Up". Please list nearby family & close friends in case of an emergency.
 - If you are picking up a camper other than your own child, you will need to have a photo identification and be on their "Camper Pick-Up" list. Campers WILL NOT be released from camp without an authorized "Camper Pick-Up" with a photo ID.
 - All campers will be signed out with the "Camper Pick-Up" at the check-out tables before leaving camp. At this time, any medication will be released to the "Camper Pick-Up".
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