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CAMP MARIPIAI 2018

SUMMER CAMP CONFIRMATION PACKET

FAMILY / TROOP CAMP

**GIRL SCOUTING BUILDS GIRLS OF COURAGE, CONFIDENCE
AND CHARACTER, WHO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.**

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PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE PACKET.

ALL camper forms must be completed in UltraCamp.

WELCOME TO THE GIRL SCOUT CAMPING EXPERIENCE

FUN, FRIENDS, AND ADVENTURES AWAIT!

Girl Scout camp is the place to be this summer and we are excited to have your camper join us at Camp Maripai!

Please use this packet to start conversations with your camper about her camp experience. What is she looking forward to? What does need to get ready for camp? What are her concerns? This is also a great opportunity to answer these questions as a parent. The sooner those conversations start, the more comfortable you and your camper will feel as her time at camp gets closer. Find more resources to prepare for camp at www.campparents.org.

Girl Scout camp is a place for your camper to build character, gain leadership, HAVE FUN, and practice independence. We are looking forward to this, and so much more this summer. In the meantime, if you or your camper have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will be happy to discuss her upcoming experience.

See you this summer!

Camp Maripai Staff

WHAT IS...

- » **FAMILY CAMP** is an opportunity for families to experience summer camp adventures as a family.
- » **ME & MY COWBOY** is a chance for girls to bring their favorite adult male to camp with them and have a weekend adventure together!

Activities will include archery, arts and crafts, hiking, games, songs, and more! Trail rides and arena lessons will be offered for those meeting the age requirements. Each family or group will be housed in their own rustic cabin, with separate bathhouses for males and females. ***Girls younger than 2nd grade will interact with horses from the ground only, and girls younger than 9 will not participate in archery.***

HEALTH PROCEDURES

Camp is staffed by a qualified medical professional (RN, EMT, or LPN) known as the Health Supervisor. A local physician is on call at all times.

Parents/guardians will be contacted if your camper:

- » Spends the night in the infirmary.
- » Needs to see a doctor or visit the Emergency Room.
- » Breaks the Camper Behavior Agreement.

Parents/guardians may also be contacted if:

- » The Health Supervisor has a question regarding information supplied on your camper's Health History Form (medications, chronic health conditions, etc).
- » Camp staff needs your assistance/support regarding your camper's well-being.

All Campers receive a health screening upon arrival at camp and the Health Supervisor verifies health information. Parents will be notified of any concerns.

Medication can only be left at camp if:

1. In the original container
2. Labeled with the camper's name, physician's name and correct dosage
3. Prescribed by a physician
4. Includes detailed written instructions on the Camper Health History Form

MEDICATION – Please only **bring prescription medication to camp**. Medication will be administered according to the prescribed instructions. *Emergency Medications such as Epinephrine or inhalers will remain with the camper at all times, and camp staff will know the specifics of that child's medical needs.*

HEAD LICE

If head lice are found during the health screening, the parent/guardian of the camper will be contacted to discuss options that best serve the camper and the camp community.

To avoid the challenge of discovering head lice at camp, please check—or have someone with experience check—your camper several days before arrival. This should provide ample time for treatment. Here are a few tips:

- » Finding lice can be difficult. There are many web resources for checking for lice such as www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/diagnosis.html
- » If found, carefully treat hair and all belongings before coming to camp. Treat hair with a lice removal product, remove all nits and repeat treatment in seven days. Wash all bedding, pillows, hats, stuffed animals, bike helmet, sleeping bags, brush, comb - and anything else her hair contacts - in hot water (130 degrees) and/or dry on high heat. Many children get re-infected from their own belongings.
- » More treatment recommendations: www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/treatment.html

SHOWERS AT CAMP

We have showers available at all camps. In consideration of Arizona's water supply, showers will be limited, and girls are asked to keep shower time to a minimum. Girls may want to practice taking 5-minute showers before arriving at camp. Thank you for supporting our efforts in using our resources wisely.

HEALTHY CAMPERS

Because your camper will be joining a camp community, living in a cabin with eight to ten other campers, and sharing the camp with 150 other campers, it is important that good practices (like hand washing and catching sneezes) are second nature. For additional information, please read the healthy camp update from the American Camping Association: www.acacamps.org/sites/default/files/images/parents/parentflyer.pdf.

SAFETY IN THE SUN AND HEAT

At camp, we have two very common and preventable problems: SUNBURN and DEHYDRATION. Campers should bring non-aerosol sunscreen and chap stick with SPF 15 or greater. Water is critical to our body's health. Please have your camper bring a refillable water bottle. One with a strap for carrying is recommended. Everyone needs to drink at least three water bottles a day. We all drink one glass of water at meals before other beverages.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Parents will be contacted if there is an emergency that affects the camp community. Examples of emergencies include wildfire evacuation or similar concerns. When these events occur, please do not call camp. You will be contacted by the Council office with information regarding next steps.

CAMP PROGRAM - WHAT TO EXPECT & THEMED WEEKS

Each week is a different theme at camp! There will be different events during the week or weekend for each theme. We will have themed meals, like crazy hair lunch or PJ breakfast. You never know what is going to happen around camp! If you have fun clothes or other stuff that goes with the theme feel free to bring them along.

- » Daisy Day (June 9) - Knight & Dragons
- » Me and My Cowboy (June 23 - 25) - Wonderland
- » Family Camp (Week 5) – Western

Girls attending Camp Maripai will have an opportunity to participate in traditional camp activities. Examples of activities include arts and crafts, hiking, outdoor cooking, archery, nature and science programming, sleeping under the stars, and singing.

Archery programs are for girls grade 4 and up, and girls younger than 2nd grade will interact with horses from the ground only. All activities are weather permitting.

TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE

All activities are weather permitting.

FAMILY CAMP

FRIDAY

6:30-7:30PM	Arrive
6:30-8:00PM	Unpack/settle in, evening snack
8:00PM	Opening Campfire
10:00PM	Quiet Hours

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

7:00AM	Wake-up
7:45AM	Flag Ceremony
8:00AM	Breakfast
9:00-12:00PM	Activities
12:30PM	Lunch
1:30-2:30PM	Me Time (down time for campers to rest, write letters, hang out in cabins)
2:30-5:30PM	Activities
5:45PM	Flag Ceremony
6:00PM	Dinner
7:00PM	Evening Program
9:00PM	Back in units – get ready for bed
10:00PM	Lights Out

MONDAY

7:45AM	Flag Ceremony
8:00-9:00AM	Breakfast
9:00-10:00AM	Pack, Clean & Check Out
10:00AM	Depart Camp – see you next year!

ME & MY COWBOY

FRIDAY

6:30-7:30PM	Arrive
6:30-8:00PM	Unpack/settle in, games in lodge
8:00PM	Welcome Orientation, snack, and activity sign-up
10:00PM	Quiet Hours

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

7:45AM	Flag Ceremony
8:00-9:00AM	Breakfast in Lodge
9:00-12:00AM	Morning Activities
12:30-1:30PM	Lunch
1:30-5:30PM	Afternoon Activities
5:45PM	Flag Ceremony
6:00PM	Dinner in Lodge
7:30PM	Movie Night under the stars
10:00PM	Lights Out

SUNDAY

7:45AM	Flag Ceremony & Closing
8:00-9:00AM	Breakfast in Lodge
9:00-10:00AM	Pack, Clean & Check Out
10:00AM	Depart Camp, See you next year!

PROGRAM SESSION INFORMATION

Your camper is registered for a specific camp session offered to the grade level she will be entering in the fall. Examples of activities that your camper will participate in at Camp Maripai, regardless of which program session she has registered for, are Horseback Riding, Hiking, Singing, Outdoor Cooking, and Sleeping Outdoors.

Listed below are age *eligibility requirements* for specific activities at Camp Maripai:

- » Archery – entering grade 4 and above
- » Canoeing – entering grade 4 and above, attending camp for 4 days or longer
- » Horseback Riding – entering grade 2 and above

SPECIAL NEEDS

Please contact the Camp Director if your camper has special health care or mobility limitations. At that time, you will be able to discuss the nature of your camper's needs and gather additional information to determine if the camp can provide the proper support, supervision, and necessary accommodations for a safe and fulfilling camp experience. To be successful at camp, campers need to be independent with self-care (shower, dressing, using the restroom) and comfortable in an 8:1 camper to staff ratio.

Please contact your Camp Director at least two weeks in advance if your child has any food allergies or special dietary needs. Some dietary needs can be accommodated (vegetarian, lactose-intolerant, etc.) and others cannot. Special diets may require the participant to bring some of their own food to supplement the meals provided at camp. Although we cannot guarantee a peanut-free environment; we can ensure that a camper's meal is peanut-free.

We are dedicated to serving ALL girls in our Council, and accommodations can be made in many cases. Please contact the Camp Director for more information prior to registering.

CAMPER MAIL

To ensure your camper gets mail every day, you may write a letter for each day and leave it with our staff during drop-off. If you use the U.S. Postal Service, allow three days for mail to arrive. Consider sending letters before camp, and we will store those until your camper's session.

If you want to send a care package, we recommend sending stationery, puzzles, books, comics, pens, stickers, etc. Please do not send candy, food or soda to your daughter. It attracts insects and wild animals, makes a mess and can also create conflicts among bunk mates.

Send mail that is cheerful and positive. Ask questions about what she is doing at camp, but please don't tell her about all the great things she is missing or how much you miss her. This can lead to homesickness.

HOW TO ADDRESS MAIL

Camp Name
Program Name and Date(s)
Daughter's Name
Address
City, State, Zip Code

EXAMPLE

Camp Maripai
Week 4 - Outdoor Explorer
Susie Camper
201 E. Marapai Road
Prescott, AZ 86303

UNIT PLACEMENT

The most frequently asked question is “Where will I live?”

You will receive this information upon arrival. Unit living placements are finalized 1-2 days before the session begins, and determined by total camp enrollment and numbers in each particular program.

All girls live in cabins with bathroom facilities in a separate building. Mattresses are provided in all living units, bedding is not. In all Maripai Living Units, staff members live in cabins adjacent to the girls to give both staff and campers privacy. This also allows girls to work together and learn cooperative living skills.

PARENT/GUARDIAN DROP-OFF AT CAMP

CHECK-IN AT CAMP SITE

The gate opens promptly at drop-off time, and closes 45 minutes later as program will start one hour after drop-off time. Please do not arrive early, the staff will be preparing the site for campers.

Please bring any medication with you to the check-in table. You and your camper will check-in and then visit the Health Supervisor for a health screening. Luggage should remain in your car during this step.

- » **PARKING** — Staff will direct you to back in and show you where to begin check-in. Our camps do not have large parking areas. Please be patient as we try to squeeze the cars in.
- » **TRADING POST** — The Trading Post will be open so families can set up accounts and purchase items.

CHECK-OUT AT CAMP SITE

The gate will open promptly at pick-up time, and closes one hour later, for staff to clean and prepare for the next group.

THE PERSON PICKING UP THE CAMPER WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW PHOTO IDENTIFICATION. There are no exceptions to this policy – parents and guardians must show ID. This is for your child’s protection.

- » **LUGGAGE PICK-UP** — Camper luggage will be sorted by session. Please take time to find ALL your camper’s luggage including laundry bag, sleeping bag, pillow, stuffed animal, etc. Your camper’s luggage may have expanded at camp. Check the luggage pile thoroughly. It’s much easier to take the time at camp, rather than tracking down lost items later.
- » **MEETING COUNSELORS** — Feel free to take a few minutes and meet the staff who worked with your camper. They’ll be happy to meet you and speak about your child’s stay.
- » **EARLY PICK-UP** — Simply indicate the time and date on the Parent Permission Slip and notify the camp staff at check-in. If early pick-up on check-out day is necessary, please plan to pick your camper up by 11a.m. Pickup between 11a.m. and 2p.m. on check-out day is not possible.
- » **LATE PICK-UP** — It is NOT possible to make arrangements for someone to stay with your camper beyond the pick-up time at camp. She will be excited to see you and share her camp experience. This is also the beginning of staff meetings and preparation for the next group of campers.
- » **MEDICATIONS** — Remember to pick up your campers’ medication from the Health Supervisor.

CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT TIMES

- » First Day of Camp Session (this can be found on your invoice) – 6:30-7:30p.m.
- » Please submit all forms and medications to check-in desk, if you have not previously mailed those ahead of time.
- » Last Day of Camp Session (this can be found on your invoice) – 10:00a.m.
- » Dinner – Please eat dinner prior to your arrival Friday night. All other meals are provided at camp.

LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY DEPARTURES

If you or your camper will be arriving late, you will need to contact the camp office prior to arrival. Please report to the camp office upon arrival. If your camper will need to leave early for any reason during the week, you will need to notify the camp office during check-in.

For your camper's safety, our gate remains closed during our camp sessions; without prior notification, you will not be able to enter the property. You will need to report to the camp office to pick up your camper.

CONTACT INFORMATION

You will find a map and driving directions located in this packet. We do not recommend the use of mapping websites such as MapQuest or Google since they often do not provide accurate directions to our facility. Please contact the Council office at 602-452-7000 for directions.

CAMP MARIPAI

Before May 16: 602-452-7145

After May 16: 928-445-4975

gsmaripai@girlscoutsaz.org

MAILING INFORMATION

(PLEASE DO NOT SEND FOOD OR CANDY)

Camp Maripai

201 E. Marapai Road

Prescott, Arizona 86303-7519

PACKING LIST

2-4 NIGHT CAMP SESSIONS

Campers are responsible for all items brought to camp. Label everything – especially sleeping bags and luggage! We recommend that you leave any items you consider to be irreplaceable or valuable at home. Girl Scouts–Arizona Cactus-Pine Council (GSACPC) is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items.

CLOTHING

- t-shirts – one per day
- shorts – one per day
- socks – one pair per day
- underwear – one per day
- shoes – tennis shoes (CLOSED TOES & HEELS)
- shower shoes – flip-flops
- rain coat or poncho
- pajamas
- long pants – one pair (REQUIRED AT MARIPAI)
- hat or visor
- sweater, sweatshirt OR jacket
- nametag (FOR RETURNING CAMPERS)

PERSONAL CARE

- 1 washcloth
- 1 bath towel
- sunscreen AND lip balm – SPF 15 or higher
- shampoo, conditioner
- brush OR comb
- soap and deodorant (NO SPRAY CANS)
- toothpaste, toothbrush
- sanitary items (IF APPROPRIATE)
- plastic bag/bucket to take items to showers
- sleeping bag OR sheets and 3-4 blankets
- pillow
- laundry bag with name on it
- flashlight and extra batteries
- mess Kit OR plastic cup, plate and silverware for outdoor cooking. (DOES NOT HAVE TO BE A MESS KIT) NO GLASS.
- water bottle with a shoulder strap
- sunglasses
- daypack / backpack

NICE TO HAVE

- camera, film (PHONES NOT ALLOWED)
- book
- address book
- stuffed animal
- bandana (REQUIRED AT MARIPAI)
- theme week dress up items
- stationery, pen, stamps
- 1 light colored item to tie-dye

DO NOT SEND

- » pets/animals
- » vehicles (bicycles*, ATV's, etc)
- » radios, iPods OR other music players
- » phones
- » video games
- » gum, candy or other food items
- » laptops or portable DVD players
- » snacks with nuts
- » personal sporting OR riding equipment (CLIMBING HARNESS, HELMET, BOW/ARROWS, TACK)
- » tobacco, non-prescription, illegal drugs, alcohol
- » expensive name-brand articles
- » matches or candles
- » irreplaceable Items
- » anything with wi-fi

MARIPAI-SPECIFIC

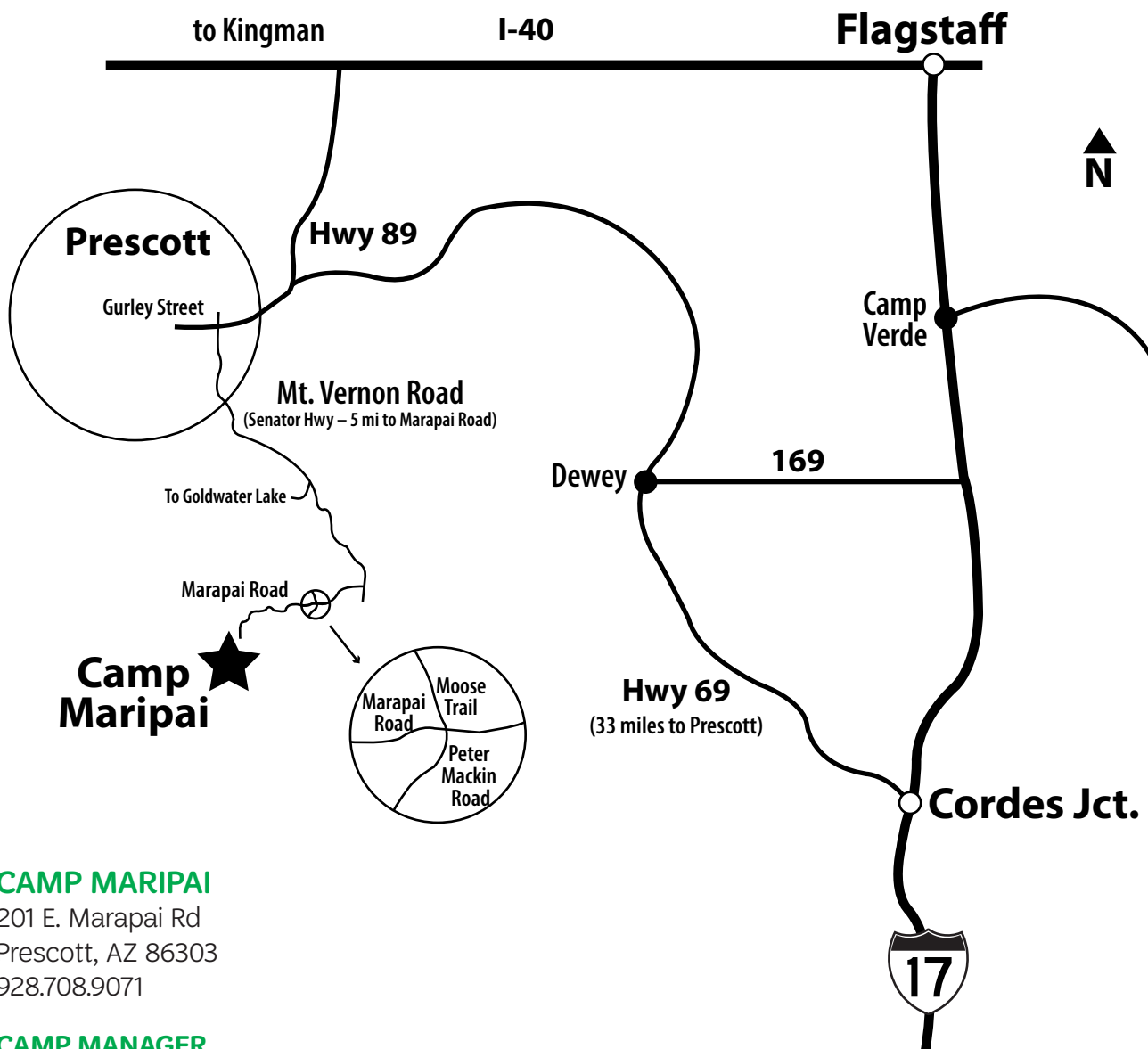
Bring long pants, bandana, and smooth-soled shoes/boots with 1/2 inch heel for horseback riding. It is not necessary to purchase shoes as there is a boot closet to borrow from if needed. ***Please do not send your daughter with her own riding helmet. All girls are required to wear helmets that meet our strict safety requirements.***

LOST & FOUND

All “lost & found” items will be held for two weeks at the Council office after the each camp session. All items not claimed within two weeks of session closing will be donated to local charities.

CAMP MARIPAI

ROAD MAP & DIRECTIONS



CAMP MARIPAI

201 E. Marapai Rd
 Prescott, AZ 86303
 928.708.9071

CAMP MANAGER

Gary Baldrige, Camp Manager
 Debi Baldrige, Camp Ranger
 928.445.6959

Take I-17 to State Rt. 69 at Cordes Junction. Take State Rt. 69 to Prescott (approx. 30 miles). State Rt. 69 will connect with Gurley Street in Prescott. Take Gurley Street west to Mt. Vernon Road (Senator Hwy). Turn left on Mt. Vernon Rd. (Mt. Vernon will become Senator Hwy). Take Mt. Vernon Rd. approximately five miles to Marapai Road. Turn right on Marapai Rd. Take Marapai Rd. approximately two miles to Camp Maripai.