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# Questions about camp or the camp registration process?

Our Customer Care Team is always happy to help! Email info@gsutah.org or call (801) 265-8472

# **Meet the Outdoor Program Team**

At Girl Scouts of Utah, we know you want your camper to have a chance for personal development in a safe environment. We also know girls want to have a fun adventure. We work to provide both by hiring and training qualified staff and offering a quality outdoor experience.

Girl Scouts of Utah's full-time outdoor program team is in place to ensure an exceptional experience for your Girl Scout – and peace of mind for you. We look forward to meeting you, and can't wait for your adventure to begin!

#### **Cloud Rim Director - Candice Olsen**

I became a Camp Director so I could influence the character growth in the girls we serve, resulting in confident and brave go-getters. My hope is that Camp Cloud Rim becomes a place where all girls feel a sense of family and belonging. I was born and raised in Nebraska and graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a Bachelor of Journalism. I have been a Camp Director for 14 summers, and I am super excited to spend the 15th summer at Camp Cloud Rim. I can't wait for your campers to join our camp family this summer!

#### Trefoil Ranch Director - Lauren Raivan

My favorite thing about camp is seeing the pure joy a girl experiences when she completes a new challenge – that grin on her face that says she can do anything she puts her mind to. I graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a B.A. in Leisure, Youth, and Human Services. I have been a camp staff member at various Girl Scout camps, including Camp Cloud Rim and Trefoil Ranch, for 11 summers. In addition to my camp experience, I also completed a semester with the National Outdoor Leadership School's Outdoor Education program. I have loved directing Trefoil Ranch for the past four summers, and can't wait for your girl to join us at camp in 2020!

#### **Camp Counselors**

Our counselors are energetic and caring role models selected based on talents, skills, and experience. Counselors receive intensive training on risk management, program development, Girl Scout program and philosophy, age level characteristics, environmental education, behavior management, and outdoor skills. Additional training is provided for adventure programs. All staff are CPR and First Aid certified. Male staff supports horses, ropes course, archery, waterfront, and rock climbing; as well as kitchen and administration. Male staff has separate sleeping quarters.

# **Camp Philosophy and Camp Life**

Camping provides girls a rich experience away from home. Camp is the perfect place for girls to unlock their potential and discover the world and the great outdoor adventures that await them! This unique environment helps girls develop positive self-esteem, leadership skills, and social skills, all while having the time of their lives. The summer camp experience is truly a building block in the development of girls into successful and resourceful young women. In this outdoor setting, girls develop a strong sense of self, gain practical life skills, become resourceful problem solvers, and cultivate healthy relationships by living and working together.



# What is Resident Camp?

Girls can have a three-day to three-week camp experience at Camp Cloud Rim or Trefoil Ranch during June, July, and August. Girls can attend camp by themselves or with girls in their troops or families. Girls can register for specific programs based on their interests (art, horses, water, rock climbing, etc.) and age groups. There is a set group of camp staff who will stay with the girls during their time at camp. Campers will participate in a wide variety of activities while at camp. Resident Camp program details can be found in the current Summer Camp Catalog.

### **Camp Locations and Facilities**

Trefoil Ranch is located on 123 acres of beautiful ranch country tucked away in Provo Canyon. Trefoil Ranch features a lodge, ranch house, bunk house, showers, electricity, hot water, and flush toilets. Trefoil Ranch is home to about 20 horses, offering unique opportunities to experience equestrian programs. Girls live in cabins or platform tents with staff located nearby. Girls can enjoy horseback riding instruction, high and low ropes courses, archery, biking, hiking, and other camp activities.

Camp Cloud Rim sits at an elevation of 9,200 feet near Park City, nestled among aspen and pine trees on the shores of Lake Brimhall. Camp Cloud Rim has beautiful facilities including a lodge and shower house, electricity, hot water, and flush toilets. Girls live in cabins or platform tents with staff located nearby. A highlight of Camp Cloud Rim is the beautiful Lake Brimhall, where campers can canoe, sail, kayak, and swim. Other activities include photography, pottery, rock climbing, hiking, and backpacking.

#### Accreditation

Accreditation means that the camp undergoes a thorough review process by outside camping professionals every five years (last on-site visit was in 2016). Trefoil Ranch and Camp Cloud Rim are proud to be accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA) and meet its high standards for program design and activities, site and food service, transportation, health and wellness, operation management, and human resources. In addition, both camps follow all guidelines recommended by GSUSA in Safety Activity Checkpoints and Girl Scouts Sites and Facilities.

## **Girl Scout Camp Open House**

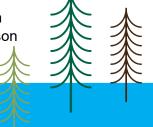
Girl Scouts of Utah welcomes families to visit one or both of our camp properties during our open house day. For first-time campers and their families, this is a great opportunity to see where girls might sleep, meet the Camp Director and counselors, check out the dining hall, and explore the program areas. Register by June 8 to attend one of the sessions below at www.gsutah.org/camp

Trefoil Ranch Saturday, June 20 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Camp Cloud Rim Saturday, June 20 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

# "You and Me" Introduction to Camp

Join us for a camping adventure with your favorite male or female adult. Get a taste of what camp life is all about, from arts and crafts to campfires and cookouts! Trefoil Ranch offers horseback riding, archery, and the ropes course. Cloud Rim offers paddling on the lake and rock climbing. For girls in grades 1-12 in fall 2020. Girls must attend with an adult. Age restrictions apply to certain activities.

Cloud Rim June 24, 1:00 p.m. – June 26, 1:00 p.m. Registration Deadline: June 8 \$125/person Trefoil Ranch July 15, 1:00 p.m. – July 17, 1:00 p.m. Registration Deadline: June 29 \$125/person





# **Camp Program Information**

#### **Girl Scout Mission Statement**

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

### **Girl Scout Leadership Experience**

At Girl Scouts, guided by supportive adults and peers, girls develop their leadership potential through ageappropriate activities that enable them to discover their values, skills, and the world around them; connect with others in a multicultural environment; and take action to make a difference in their world. These activities are designed to be girl led, cooperative, and hands-on processes that create high-quality experiences conducive to learning.

Research shows that Girl Scouts is linked to success! Girl Scouts shine above their peers in leadership, academics, career aspirations and hope for the future. Girl Scouts are more likely than non-Girl Scouts to:

- Have a strong sense of self (80% vs. 68%)
- Develop and maintain healthy relationships (60% vs. 43%)
- Have positive values (75% vs. 59%)
- Exhibit community problem-solving skills (57% vs. 28%)
- Seek challenges and learn from setbacks (62% vs. 42%)

When girls exhibit these attitudes and skills, they become responsible, productive, caring, and engaged citizens. But don't take our word for it! Studies show that the development of attitudes, behaviors, and skills like confidence, conflict resolution, and problem solving are critical to wellbeing and rival academic and technical skills in their capacity to predict long-term positive life outcomes.

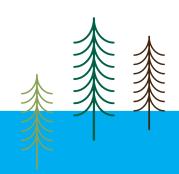
All programs at Trefoil Ranch and Cloud Rim meet the Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) standards of program excellence by focusing on core activities that develop new skills, following the National Girl Scout Leadership Experience, and embracing the traditional Girl Scout camp experience.

#### **Summer Camp Program Focus Areas**

Connecting girls to the outdoors has never been easier. We offer everything from classic camp activities like roasting s'mores over a fire to more specific camp programs, like horseback riding, water activities, and high adventure programs! Girls experience camp life while engaging in activities that are of interest to them. Programs are designed using Girl Scouts of USA curriculum and Girl Scouts of Utah's patch program curriculum. Programs are progressive in nature, building on skill sets year after year, engaging girls' interests, and expanding their knowledge in the activity. Below is a listing of camp programs by focus areas:

- Aquatics
- Art
- Classic Camp
- Cooking
- High Adventure

- Horseback Riding
- Leadership
- Night
- Sister
- STEM





# Sample Daily Schedule

7:00 a.m. Wake up

7:45 a.m. Flag Ceremony

8:00 a.m. Breakfast and Kapers (camp chores)

9:00 a.m. Unit Program Activities

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Me Time (quiet time for campers to rest)

2:00 p.m. Unit Program Activities

5:45 p.m. Flag Ceremony

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Evening Program

9:30 p.m. Lights Out

Daily schedules vary according to program theme and content.

Regardless of what program a girl attends, all campers will:

- Learn some outdoor skills such as knots, fire building, navigation, trail etiquette, and outdoor cooking.
- Work towards earning badges and patches related to outdoor living and their program content. Campers may or may not complete an entire badge.
- Play games, sing songs, visit the art room, participate in nature awareness activities, go on a hike, participate in a flag ceremony, go to the Trading Post, attend campfire programs, have a cookout, and help take care of camp by doing "kapers" (chores).
- Make choices about what they would like to do, in addition to activities specifically mentioned in program description.

### **Program Area Specific Information**

Camp Cloud Rim and Trefoil Ranch have numerous program areas for the campers to experience during their stay at camp.

- All program areas have staff who are specifically trained for that activity.
- Campers will receive a safety orientation and will be monitored until competency is demonstrated.
- Campers will use the equipment provided by camp; no personal sports equipment is allowed.
- All program areas are progressive in nature by grade level.
- Girl Scouts of Utah's camps follow the safety guidelines outlined by GSUSA and the American Camp Association.
- All program areas and activities are subject to weather conditions.





# **Archery at Trefoil Ranch**

Girls Entering Grades 1-12

Campers can experience Trefoil Ranch's archery range which uses Genesis Compound Bows (official bow of the National Archery in Schools Program) and basic archery targets connected to hay bales. Campers can also try out field archery where they have a pre-determined course with targets throughout camp. Camp staff are trained for the camp's specific archery range through a Level 2 USA Archery Instructor. Some programs may include archery as an optional activity for campers.

### **Backpacking Experience at Cloud Rim**

Girls Entering Grades 6-12

Backpacking trips differ in location varying from Big Cottonwood Canyon to the Uinta National Forest depending on the group's grade level and experience. All campers should be able to carry a hiking backpack three to five miles a day for three days. Individual and group gear is distributed among the campers and staff in order to ensure campers are only carrying up to one fourth of their body weight. Campers will be emailed a separate packing list specific to backpacking. Camp staff will have gear for the campers to borrow if needed. Camp staff leading backpacking trips have documented experience leading similar trips and have Wilderness First Aid or higher certification.

# **Bike Riding Experience at Trefoil Ranch**

Girls Entering Grades 4-12

Campers participating in rafting programs at Trefoil Ranch may ride bicycles from Trefoil Ranch to Vivian Park (five miles one way). Camp staff will provide the bicycles and helmets which will be fitted for the individual camper. Camp staff will lead the campers at the front and back of the group. The group will stop several times along the way to regroup. Camp staff are trained by the Camp Director. Some programs may include bike riding as an optional activity for campers.

# Horseback Riding at Trefoil Ranch

Girls Entering Grades 1-12

If your camper is in a Horseback Riding specific program, during check-in you will meet with the equestrian staff and they will gather information about your camper including thier boot size, helmet size, and any previous riding experience. During your camper's first visit to the stables, girls will be assessed during their ride based on skill, comfort level, and ability to give commands to their horse. Campers in any equestrian program will be grouped according to experience level and lessons will be geared towards the least experienced rider. Four to six equestrian staff, with extensive Western horseback riding and teaching experience, manage this program with the Camp Director.

# **Overnight Campouts at Both Camps**

Girls Entering Grades 4-12

Campers participating in high adventure focused programs may go on an overnight hike during the week (hiking equipment is provided). Overnight locations are determined by camp staff and campers in each program. Girls will pack their gear for the night, hike to a location, set up pop-up tents, cook dinner on camp stoves, enjoy the evening together, fall asleep under the stars, wake-up and make breakfast, pack up their gear, and hike back to camp. Some programs may include overnight camp outs as an optional activity for campers.



### **Rafting Experience at Both Camps**

Girls Entering Grades 4-12

Rafting trips take place on the Provo River near Vivian Park. Campers in rafting programs should be comfortable in moving water and should have the ability to swim unassisted. All campers will wear lifejackets and have camp staff near them. A camp staff lifeguard will be on each rafting trip as well. Trained and experienced camp staff will lead the rafting trip or the camp staff will contract out services with an outfitter. Campers will either bike from Trefoil Ranch to Vivian Park or will be driven to Vivian Park from Camp Cloud Rim.

# **Rock Climbing at Camp Cloud Rim**

Girls Entering Grades 1-12 (Girls Entering Grades 1-3 Bouldering Only)

Camp Cloud Rim has a rock face chimney attached to the lodge where campers can learn the basics of bouldering and rock climbing. Camp Cloud Rim also has a rock face outcrop on property where girls in grades 6-12 can experience more climbing. Programs that include an off-site rock climbing trip go climbing in Big Cottonwood Canyon with either trained, experienced camp staff. In addition to climbing, some 6th-12th grade programs begin teaching the campers the basics of belaying. When campers are belaying one another, there is always a trained camp staff as the second belayer, ensuring the safety of both the climber and belayer.

# **Ropes Course at Trefoil Ranch**

Girls Low Ropes Course: Girls Entering Grades 1-12

High Ropes Course: Girls Entering Grades 4-12 (Girls Entering Grades 4-5 High Adventure Programs Only) Trefoil Ranch has a low and high ropes course. The low ropes course includes several elements for campers to work as a team while working on problem-solving and communication skills. All campers can participate in the low ropes course. The high ropes course provides campers the opportunity to climb up a pole while being belayed then traverse across numerous elements with lobster claws. Each summer the course is inspected and camp staff are trained by an Association of Challenge Course Technology approved vendor.

# **Waterfront at Cloud Rim**

Girls Entering Grades 1-12

At Camp Cloud Rim all campers will have the opportunity to experience the waterfront, regardless of their chosen program. The waterfront is staffed by lifeguards with training in watercraft activities. All campers are required to wear lifejackets while operating canoes, kayaks, sailboats, and other watercrafts. Those campers in waterfront specific programs will have the option of doing a swim test. The swim check consists of a 25-yard swim (any stroke), a tread, and a float. Upon successful completion of the swim test, the camper may be in the designated swim area without a lifejacket. All campers can canoe and swim. Campers entering grades 4-12 can kayak and paddle board. Campers entering grades 6-12 can sail and windsurf.

#### **Transporting Campers**

Some camp programs require campers to be transported by vehicle for off-site activities such as backpacking, rock climbing, or rafting, or from one camp to the other. Both camps have Girl Scout owned vehicles and rental vehicles to transport campers. Drivers are camp staff who have passed a driving test, are 21+ years old, and have passed a driving background check. Campers in leadership programs may go into Park City one weekend during their program. Campers may also be transported to and from a hospital or clinic in the event of a medical situation.



# **Paying for Camp**

There are many options available to help you get your girl to Girl Scout Camp: Activity Credits, Tiered Pricing, and the Activity Scholarship Program. Camp payments are due in full by **Wednesday**, **May 27, 2020**.

### **Activity Credits**

Girl Scout programming is powered by the Girl Scout Cookie Program through Activity Credits. Girls receive Activity Credits to help pay for summer camps, day camps, program activities, Girl Scout membership fees, and items in the Girl Scout Shop.

For every 50 packages of cookies (from 50-349 boxes), girls earn \$12.50. For every 50 packages of cookies (starting at 350+ boxes), girls earn \$15.00.

# Did you know?

If a girl sells 1,350 packages of cookies, she can go to a week of horse camp using Activity Credits!

Each camp or activity indicates the number of packages of cookies a girl needs to sell in order to attend that program using Activity Credits. Girls can work with a supportive adult to use these quantities to help set their cookie selling goals.

Each camp requires a \$50 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit in addition to the number of packages sold.

To apply Activity Credits to a camp balance, simply bring in or mail the credits to any Girl Scout office with a note indicating to which girl and which program the credits should be applied. You will receive an email confirmation once the payment has been applied.





# **Tiered Pricing**

Tiered pricing makes it possible for all campers to have the same experience regardless of what their caregiver can afford.

Tiered prices are listed with each camp session description and should be selected based on what the camper's caregiver can afford. Girl Scouts of Utah strives to ensure all girls have the opportunity to experience camp. No financial documentation is required. Activity Scholarships are available if assistance is needed to pay for tier three.

- Tier One (T1): The actual cost to run camps: staffing, program supplies, food, and maintenance costs.
- **Tier Two (T2):** Partially subsidized cost for families that can pay a little more, but not the actual cost of camp.
- **Tier Three (T3):** The standard fee that all families are asked to pay. Girl Scouts of Utah subsidizes the entire remainder of the cost.

### **Activity Scholarship Program**

This program provides assistance for individual girl members who are registered Girl Scouts and wish to attend Girl Scouts of Utah-sponsored camps or programs, but are unable, due to financial restraints. This program is not a reward, nor is it a way to repay any volunteer work a caregiver might have done for Girl Scouts. The decision to grant an activity scholarship and the amount, is based on information provided on the application form. All information is confidential and discussed only by those responsible for allocating money.

Applications for an activity scholarship may be submitted after the completion of the initial registration and a \$50 nonrefundable, non-transferable deposit is paid. Scholarship applications are due April 1, 2020. Scholarship awards will be applied to camp balances no later than May 1, 2020. All applications received after April 1, 2020, will be awarded based on funding available at that time. Apply for activity scholarships at www.gsu.org/camp





# **Registration Information**

# Step 1: Set Up or Verify Your UltraCamp Account

 Beginning with the 2020 summer camp season, all outdoor program registrations, forms, and healthcare will be housed in UltraCamp – Girl Scouts of Utah's Outdoor Program's registration system. This is a separate system from your MyGS account.

Families are encouraged to set up their UltraCamp accounts prior to registering for Resident Camp.

- Visit www.gsutah.org/camp, click "Manage my UltraCamp Account" to be connected to UltraCamp.
- Note: Don't use <u>www.ultracamp.com</u> as it is for administrative login only OR your MyGS account.

### Option 1: Existing Family Accounts

Families that had at least one girl attend Resident Camp in 2019 have existing UltraCamp accounts.

- Enter your Login Username and Password.
  - Select the "Forgot your login information?" if needed.
- Your "My Account" page will appear with your "Account Members" displayed.
- To review your account members, click on a person's name.
- Their account information now appears.
  - Select the "Edit my bio information" if needed.
- Select "My Account" to go back to the main page, listing your account members.
- Continue to verify account members and add members as needed.

#### Option 2: Create a New Family Account

- Select "New Account" from the "I DO NOT have an account" section.
- Enter the "Primary Contact" information for your family's account.
- Click "Create Account", then when the new screen appears, click on "My Account" on the navigation menu.
- Your "My Account" page will appear with your "Account Members" displayed, showing your Primary Contact's name.

# **How to Add a Person to My Account**

- Under "Account Members" click "Add a person to my account."
- Fill out that individual's information.
- Click "Save Person."
- Repeat as needed until all girls attending camp have been entered, along with a primary contact.

Now your Ultracamp account has been set up and you're ready to register for resident camp!

UltraCamp FAQs are located at www.gsutah.org/camp, click "Manage my UltraCamp Account."





# Step 2: Find your Session and Register!

There are three different ways can access the registration page for a Resident Camp session. Camp registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

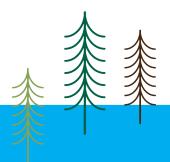
- Option 1:
  - Visit www.gsutah.org/camp and click "Summer Camp" under "Ways to Camp."
  - You'll see summer camp sessions listed by camp property, then by grade levels find your desired program.
  - o Click on desired session and select "Register Now" to be redirected to UltraCamp.
  - Your session will appear, select "Register Now" (takes you to the login page in UltraCamp), enter login information, and then complete registration and payment screens as prompted.
- Option 2:
  - Visit <u>www.gsutah.org</u> and click on "Activities" from the navigation menu.
  - o Use the "Event Calendar" or "Event List" to find your desired session.
  - Click on desired session, select "Register Now" (that takes you to the login page in UltraCamp), enter login information, and then complete registration and payment screens as prompted.
- Option 3:
  - Visit <u>www.gsutah.org/camp</u>, click "Manage my UltraCamp Account" to be connected to UltraCamp.
  - Click "Make a Reservation" from your account's main page, select the name of the individual you want to make a reservation for, and a list of available sessions will be displayed. Click desired session. Complete registration and payment screens as prompted.

# During the registration process you will be asked to provide the following:

- Camper's T-shirt Size: All campers will receive a camp t-shirt during their camp session for no additional charge.
- Apply 2020 Activity Credits to My Camp Balance Yes or No:
  - Selecting "yes" allows Girl Scouts of Utah not to mail your camper's Activity Credits at the end of April; instead they will apply the Activity Credits to your camper's balance in UltraCamp.
  - o After the camp balance is paid, any remaining Activity Credits will be mailed to the camper.
  - Note: This will only be an option during registration until April 15.
- Deposit Money to my Camper's Trading Post (Camp Store) Account: You may choose to add
  money to your camper's trading post during registration. You may also additional money to her account
  during check-in day if desired. See page x for more information about the Trading Post.

## **Camp Forms**

Camp forms, including requesting a buddy, special diets, health information, and so forth, will appear on your family's main UltraCamp Account page. All camp forms are due May 20, 2020. If registering after this date, you will be prompted to fill out forms after you register for the session.





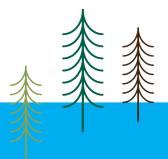
# **Step 3: Camp Payment Options**

Registrations prior to May 20, 2020:

- Option 1: Pay in full by credit card or electronic check at the time of registration.
- Option 2: Pay \$50 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit by credit card or electronic check for each program, due at the time of registration. Full balances are due on or before May 20,2020.
  - Pay balances (partial or in full) by credit card or electronic check through your family's UltraCamp account (log in, click on "Make a Payment" under "Common Tasks" on left hand side).
  - Pay balances (partial or in full) with Activity Credits by submitting them along with a registration receipt through mail or in-person to a Girl Scouts of Utah's office.
  - o Unpaid balances after May 20, 2020 will result in cancellation of program registration.

# Registrations completed on or after May 20, 2020:

- Pay in full by credit card or electronic check at the time of registration.
- Still need to apply your Activity Credits to your camp fee? Activity Credits can be applied retroactively
  by mailing a copy of your registration receipt along with the Activity Credits you want applied to a Girl
  Scouts of Utah's office location. Upon receiving Activity Credits, a refund will be issued on your credit
  card or if initially paid by electronic check, a refund check will be issued.





# **Additional Registration Information**

### **Camp Buddy**

Your camper may request one buddy online, but the system does not automatically place them together. If your camper wants to go to camp with a buddy, make sure to register for the same session. When registering, there is an opportunity to list the name of your girl's camp buddy.

## **Confirmation Email**

You will receive an email that your registration has been accepted for the camp program(s). Beginning in April, you will also receive a confirmation email with more information about your Girl Scout's camp program.

#### **Health Forms**

Girl Scouts of Utah uses UltraCamp for all resident camp programs. This is only for camps between June and August, when girls come by themselves for three or more days. After registering for a resident camp program, you will receive an email with information about how to complete your camper's health information.

#### **Cancellations and Refunds**

The \$50 deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable to other girls or other camp programs for the same girl.

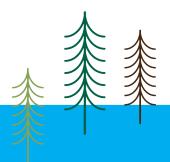
The remainder of the camp fee (\$50 deposit excluded) will be refunded if:

- GSU receives a written (email) notification of the cancellation at least five weeks prior to the camp program.
- A camper leaves a camp program due to illness or injury and GSU receives a written (email) request for a refund within two weeks after the camper returns home. Refunds are pro-rated on a per diem basis.
- A camper cannot attend a camp program because she becomes ill or injured and GSU receives a
  written (email) request for a refund, with a physician's note, within one week after scheduled camp
  program.
- GSU cancels the camp program and alternative programs were offered, but you choose not to select an alternative program.

No refunds will be issued if a girl returns home due to homesickness, misconduct, parent/guardian request, and/or any other circumstance.

#### **Disclaimer**

Girl Scouts of Utah plans quality programs for camp with the health, safety and well-being of campers as our first priority. Some sessions may be altered or cancelled due to weather, fire, natural disaster, staffing concerns, or low registration numbers. The Camp Director may determine whether a girl is competent to participate in any activity and if necessary, transfer her to another program. When necessary, campers will participate in alternate activities. No refunds will be issued if changes are made to activities due to weather, fire, or natural disaster. If a session is canceled due to low registration numbers, campers will be given the opportunity to select another program.





# **Check-in and Check-out Day**

### **Before Camp**

- Read over all the information in this document. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Camp Staff.
- Make an appointment for a physical exam if your camper's program requires one.
- By May 27, 2020, complete all of your camper's forms in your UltraCamp account. This allows Camp
  Directors and health staff time to review prior to camp season beginning. If you registered after May 27,
  please complete your forms ASAP.
- Go over the camp guidelines and expectations with your camper (see Camp Guidelines below).
- Make sure your camper has had success sleeping away from home.
- Attend Camp Open House Days if you or your camper would like to tour the camp prior to her camp program.

### Check-In Day

Allow up to two hours for the check-in process once you and your camper arrive at camp. If your camper is of driving age and will drive to camp on her own, contact the Camp Director to discuss this process.

# Before leaving home, check your arrival time.

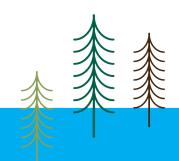
- Due to limited parking areas at both camps, Girl Scouts of Utah uses a staggered check-in time for opening day. Arriving at your assigned staggered check-in time helps lessen your wait time and the wait time of others.
- If you are checking in more than one camper, please arrive at the earliest assigned check-in time.
- If you are checking campers in at both camps, please contact the Camp Directors to make arrangements.

#### Before leaving home, make sure you having the following:

- Sleeping bag, pillow, backpack, water bottle, and duffle bag or suitcase.
- Directions/map to the camp property (attachment in confirmation email).
- Have any medications/vitamins and paperwork easily accessible for check-in, this includes over-the-counter medications. All medications must be in their original containers. Due to American Camp Association (ACA) requirements, medication not in its original container will not be accepted under any circumstances. Prescription medication must be labeled with the child's name.

#### When you arrive at camp, at your scheduled check-in time:

- Camp staff will direct you from the camp gate to a parking space.
- You and your camper will rotate through various check-in stations including:
  - Visiting with the Camp Director and turning in any needed forms.
  - Dropping off mail for your camper.
  - Checking-in any medication with the Health Supervisor and completing a brief health screening (check temperature, head lice, etc.).
  - Stopping by the Trading Post (camp store) to set up your camper's account and/or to purchase items.
  - Meeting one of your camper's camp counselors.
  - Dropping off luggage.
  - Visiting your camper's sleeping area.
- Camp staff will help direct you back out of the parking lot to the gate.





#### **Please Note:**

- Leave your dogs/cats at home. Pets are not allowed in camp no exceptions.
- Wear closed-toed shoes while on camp property.
- No smoking while on camp property. Camp is a smoke-free environment.

#### **Check-In Times:**

- \*If you have multiple campers, come to the earliest check-in time please.
- \*If you have campers checking in the same day at both camps, please contact camp@gsutah.org to make arrangements.

# **Camp Cloud Rim Check-In Times**

10:00 AM	10:20 AM	10:40 AM	11:00 AM	11:20 AM	11:40 AM
Campapalooza	Artrageous	Aquatic Sailors	Big Sis, Lil Sis	All Stars Combo	Backpacker
CampaPALooza	Sister, Sister	Camper Sampler Mini	LIT	Boating Bonanza	Cadette Boating Buddies
CIT 2		Night Owls	Moonlight Mania	Clay and Crafts	Experiments & Explosions
Junior Counselor			Splish, Splash	Junior Boating Buddies	Kickin' It Camp Style
			Try It! You'll Like It! Mini	Just for Daisies Mini	

### **Programs with Wednesday Check-Ins**

3:30 PM
Try It! You'll Like It! Mini
Camper Sampler Mini
Just for Daisies Mini





## **Trefoil Ranch Check-In Times**

10:00 AM	10:20 AM	10:40 AM	11:00 AM	11:20 AM	11:40 AM
CIT 1	Hard Hats & Horse Sense	Adrenaline Rush	Horse Lover	All Stars Combo	Flashlights & Fairy Tales Mini
Range Riders	Into the Woods	Camp Chef		Camp Champions	Little Chef Mini
Take the Reins		Campapalooza		Chopped Junior	Pony Tails
Up in the Trees		Smoke Jumpers		Junior Survivor	
WIT				Tinkering and Trails	

# **Programs with Wednesday Check-Ins**

3:30 PM	
Flashlights & Fairy Tales Mini	
Little Chef Mini	
Try It! You'll Like It! Mini	





### **Check-Out Day**

Allow up to one hour for the check-out process once you arrive at camp. You will be asked to present a photo I.D. when checking out your camper.

Check-out time is 7:00 p.m.

• For all programs ending on Fridays, dinner is served prior to check-out.

Check-out time is 2:30 p.m.

• For all programs ending during the week, a sack dinner is served prior to check-out for campers wishing to have one.

# When you arrive at camp for check-out:

- Camp staff will direct you from the gate to a parking space.
- Pick up your camper by the lodge. Girls will be finishing dinner and singing songs or with their group during this time.
- Sign your camper out with her counselors.
- If your camper brought medications with her to camp, pick up medications from Health Supervisor.
- Pick up all luggage from the luggage area. Be sure you have all of your camper's items, including: sleeping bags, pillows, stuffed animals, dirty clothes bags, etc. Many times campers go home with more luggage then they brought with them.
- Camp staff will help direct you back out of the parking lot to the gate.

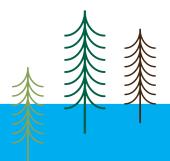
If your camper needs to check-out early

• Please notify the Camp Director when you sign your camper in on check-in day. The Camp Director may limit the time of day early check out is available in order to minimize disruption to camp programs.

#### **Lost and Found**

Girl Scouts of Utah is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

- "Found" items are returned to the GSU Salt Lake City office (445 East 4500 South) every two weeks.
- Craft projects, personal hygiene items, socks, underwear, and other such items will not be sent to GSU.
- Please do not contact the camp about lost and found items. Call (801) 265-8472 for lost items.
- All items not claimed by Labor Day will be sent to a local charity.





# **Packing List**

This packing list is for a week-long session. Please adjust accordingly for shorter or longer sessions. Pack enough clothes to last your camper's entire stay at camp. Laundry facilities are only available for those campers in programs lasting two weeks or longer.

**Label your camper's belongings!** Many campers bring similar looking items. Labeling items reduces conflict over ownership and reduces unclaimed lost and found.

Do not bring Girl Scout Uniform pieces, Journey books or badge books. They are not required at camp and more often than not get misplaced and lost.

# Clothing

- 2 pairs of closed-toes, closed-heeled shoes (1 pair lace-up tennis shoes; 1 pair sturdy boots or shoes for hiking)
- Warm sweater and/or sweatshirt (2)
- Pants and shorts (2-3 pair each)
- T-shirts (5-6) (note: no tank tops; need sleeves for sun protection)
- Long sleeved shirt (2)
- Underwear (5-6)
- Socks (5-6; at least one pair of heavier socks)

- Hat with brim
- Bandana
- Knit hat
- Rain gear (waterproof jacket or poncho)
- Warm pajamas (2)
- Warm coat
- Swimsuit (modest in nature; no string bikinis)
- Shower shoes (to wear only while in the shower)

### **Camp Gear**

- Sleeping bag (rated to 20 degrees or cooler)
- Sheet (to cover mattress)
- Pillow
- Warm blanket or fleece liner
- Bath towel
- 24-32 ounce durable water bottle

- Dishes or mess kit (durable cup, bowl, spoon)
- Sunglasses
- Backpack or daypack (used for hiking and carrying daily items: water bottle, sweatshirt, camera, etc.)
- Flashlight with extra batteries

#### **Toiletries**

It is helpful to campers if toiletries are in a little bag that is easy to carry to the restroom.

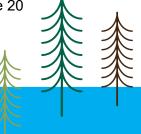
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Lip balm (SPF 15+)
- Hairbrush/comb
- Sunscreen (SPF 30+)
- Body soap & lotion

- Insect repellant
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Sanitary supplies
- Deodorant

## **Optional Equipment**

- Camera (not a cell phone)
- Stationery (addressed and stamped)
- Pen/pencil
- Laundry bag

- Stuffed animal
- Book
- Theme weeks items see page 20 for theme week information





### Camp Cloud Rim - additional items

- Water shoes (Must be closed-toed and have heel strap; extra water shoes are available for campers to borrow)
- Beach towel (2, if in water-based program)
- Extra swimming suit (if in water-based program)

### Trefoil Ranch- additional items to pack for horse programs

- Campers participating in horseback riding must wear long pants, a helmet (provided), and boots with at least 1/2 inch heel while riding. For safety, riding boots must have a smooth bottom and be designed for horseback riding. Tennis shoes, loafers, fashion boots, or wedge bottom footwear such as hiking shoes/boots are not appropriate. Extra boots are available for campers to borrow while riding; families do not need to purchase boots.
- Extra jeans
- Boots with a 1/2 inch heel

#### Items to leave at home

- Candy, gum, food, or soda
- Curling irons, blow dryers, straighteners, etc.
- Items packaged in glass containers
- Personal sports equipment (archery equipment, climbing gear, lifejackets, riding helmets, etc.)
- Animals (your pets will do much better at your home than in the camp environment)
- No drugs, weapons, alcohol, or contraband of any kind
- iPods, MP3 players, CD players, etc.
- iPads, Kindles, Nooks, and other electronic devices
- Cell phones (cannot be used in place of a camera; camper can be sent home for possession of cell phone)
- Electronic items can easily be damaged in the camp environment. If the campers bring these items to camp, they will be labeled and put in the Camp Director's possession until the camper checks out

#### **Dress Code**

Girl Scouts of Utah's camp dress code is similar to a public school dress code.

- Clothes must be modest in nature to protect your camper from the elements.
- Closed-toed and closed-heeled shoes and socks are required.
- Your camper may wear sandals or water shoes while showering.
- Shorts must be modest in length (to tips of fingertips).
- Clothes/appearance should not promote drugs, alcohol, or be gang related.

#### **Weather and Special Packing Considerations**

At Trefoil Ranch, the days are hot and the nights are cooler. At the beginning and end of the summer it may be quite a bit cooler at camp than in the Salt Lake Valley.

Camp Cloud Rim will on average, be 10-20 degrees cooler than the Salt Lake Valley. Afternoon rain showers are common. Mornings and evenings are cool, days are moderate and the nights are cold. The camp often has patches of snow on the ground through June. It is possible for camp to reach freezing temperatures at nighttime in June and August.





#### **Theme Weeks**

We are excited to have theme weeks at both of our camps. Each week brings a different theme that campers get to experience through campfires, theme meals, all-camps, dress up days, and more! Themes do not interfere with the camp you signed up for, but will enhance the fantastic camp experience! Themes were decided by your Camper Council.

# All Troop Camping Sessions: Under the Big Top

Are you ready for the greatest show on camp? Join us as camp turns into a circus for troop camping. Dress in your wackiest outfit or fun hat and enjoy a carnival complete with games, popcorn, and face painting!

#### June 15-19 Winter Festival

Spend the week enjoying Cloud Rim's snow-melting landscape! Make your own ice cream, create a winter-themed craft, and compete in a snow sculpting contest. We will even try sledding (if there is still lots of snow!)

#### June 22-26 Wild Wild West

Yee-Haw! We're taking a trip back in time this week when the west was wild and cowgirl boots and bandanas were all the fashion! Hunt for gold during all-camp, enjoy a western-themed meal, and improve your skills at the rodeo!

#### June 29-July 3 Space Week

3...2...1...Blastoff! We're launching camp into outer space! Who knows what we'll find on our journey... we may meet a new alien race, or navigate our spaceship to avoid running into UFOs, or discover a new planet!

### **July 6-10 International**

Grab your passports! Camp will be taking a trip around the world during this fun filled week. Enjoy games, crafts, and activities from different countries during all-camp. Don't forget to save some room for special meals from around the world!

#### July 13-17 Survivor

Are you ready to put your Girl Scout skills to the test? Then, the Survivor Week is perfect for you! Reverse tiedye your own buff. Master fire building, navigate an obstacle course, and build a shelter. On Friday, we'll split into tribes for the Ultimate Survivor Team Relay! Who's tribe will outwit, outplay, and outlast?

#### July 20-24 Holidays in July

Holidays are so much fun, why only celebrate them once a year? Relive your favorite holidays at camp with Trick-or-Treating, a Thanksgiving themed meal, and a celebration of winter holidays. Of course we will also celebrate Pioneer Day on the 24<sup>th</sup>!

# July 27-31 Harry Potter

All Wizards and Muggles are welcome to join us as we experience camp at Hogwarts for this wizarding week! Make your own wand, play Quiddich, and enjoy a dinner in the Great Hall, complete with poly juice potion!

#### **August 3-7 Disney**

Be our guest as we experience all things Disney at camp! Have a special Disney themed meal featuring food from the movies, create Disney inspired crafts, and spend a day dressed up as your favorite Disney character!



# **Camp Health Information**

# **Health Supervisor**

All camps have a qualified Health Supervisor on site with a Level 2 First Aid certification or higher. Camp administers basic first aid only. A doctor is on-call and medical facilities are readily available. In the event of an emergency, the camp staff will transport the camper to emergency services. You will be notified in the event of a serious illness or injury.

#### **Medications**

Your child will be assisted in taking prescribed medication provided the medication is in its original container and is prescribed specifically for her. Both camps carry over-the-counter medication such as: Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Tums, Benadryl, and cough drops, which you can authorize the camp to administer.

**Asthma**: A child with asthma needs to be able to carry her inhaler, take her medication when needed, and report to camp staff if she needs additional assistance.

**Diabetes**: A child with diabetes needs to be able to test her own blood, communicate when she needs rest or a snack, and manage her own medication. Camp staff cannot administer shots.

**Anaphylactic Allergies**: A camper who has been prescribed an Epi-pen must fill out an additional form stating how the family would like the Epi-pen handled while their camper is at camp. Epi-pen Authorization form found at www.gsutah.org under Forms & Documents or in UltraCamp profile.

#### **Health Insurance**

Campers are covered by health and accident insurance while at camp. Pre-existing illnesses or conditions are not covered.

#### **Health Screen**

All girls staying at camp will go through a brief health screening upon arrival. Girls found to have a temperature of 101° or contagious disease may be sent home. All campers are checked for head lice and, if found, will be sent home for treatment before being allowed back at camp. We recommend no braids for the head check. You are welcome to braid hair after check-in.

## **Physical Examinations**

GSU, in accordance with American Camp Association and GSUSA, requires all girls and adults attending programs that go off-site, have intense high adventure programming, or are 2 weeks or longer in length, to have a physical examination by a licensed health care professional within 24 months of camp attendance. The Physical Examination Form can be found at www.gsutah.org under the Forms & Documents section.

Programs requiring a Physical Exam: Adrenaline Rush, All Stars, Backpacker, Counselor-in-Training, Counselor-in-Training 2, Junior Counselor, Junior Survivor, Kickin' It Camp-Style, Leader-in-Training, Range Riders, Smoke Jumpers, Ultimate Camp Challenge, Wrangler-in-Training 1, and Wrangler-in-Training 2.





# **Physical Requirements**

Programs at both Camp Cloud Rim and Trefoil Ranch require that participants are able to walk up and down hills on uneven trails, climb stairs, hike up to a mile, and carry daily necessities in a backpack (flashlight, jacket, water bottle, sunscreen, etc.).

Some programs may have additional physical requirements. To participate in any program, girls must be able to listen to and follow directions, wear required safety equipment, and perform the physical requirements of the activity.

Camp Cloud Rim is at a high elevation (9,200 feet). It is not recommended for people with heart conditions or breathing problems. Please consult your doctor before enrolling in a program at Camp Cloud Rim if your girl has any such condition.

#### **Self-Care**

To be successful at camp, your child needs to be independent with self-care and be able to function in a 1:8 counselor-to-camper ratio. Girls must be able to manage their own basic health and hygiene such as carrying and drinking water from their water bottles throughout the day, eating a variety of food, putting on sunscreen when asked, wearing appropriate clothing for the weather, brushing their own hair and teeth each day, walking to and using camp restrooms, showering twice during the week, and changing clothing each day. Counselors will cue girls with basic needs.

# **Bed Wetting**

Each morning as the girls leave to go to breakfast, one of the camp staff stays back in the sleeping area to do a bed check. The camp staff checks sleeping bags and blankets for dampness due to bed wetting. If a damp sleeping bag or blanket is found, the camp staff look for pajamas and underwear in the camper's luggage.

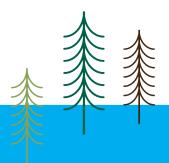
The camp staff will wash the items for the camper discreetly and return the items. Camp staff also speaks with the camper to see if they would like to shower or clean up with baby wipes. Please talk with your camper about bed wetting so she feels comfortable telling camp staff if it happens. Remember bed wetting happens at camp with girls who don't typically wet the bed – camp is a new environment which may trigger it for some girls.

# **Menstrual Cycles**

Please have campers pack pads and/or tampons if they are close to their menstrual cycle while at camp. With the change in environment, sometimes periods begin a few days before they should. If a camper gets her period and does not have supplies, camp has some available. If a camper experiences their period for the first time, families will be contacted and the camper will be able to talk with her family.

#### **Special Dietary Needs**

The camps can facilitate basic special diets including: lactose-intolerance, vegetarian, gluten-free, and simple allergies.





### **Severe Food Allergies**

Children with severe food allergies must be fully able to manage their allergies at camp and know not to eat any food that she is allergic to. We do our best to accommodate but cannot guarantee that a child will not come into contact with a specific type of food or allergen during her stay. When you register your child for camp, you will be asked about your camper's dietary needs and the severity of any food allergies to ensure that we can plan meals accordingly. Campers are asked to help supplement their diet by bringing food from home. Food will be checked-in with the Kitchen Director and/or Health Supervisor upon your arrival at camp. If your child has severe dietary restrictions and food allergies, please consult the Camp Director before enrolling her in a camp program.

### **Girls with Special Needs**

If your child has a serious medical condition such as a heart condition, seizure disorder, severe allergies, diabetes, etc. or has a mental or behavioral disorder that may require more support for her to be successful, please contact the Camp Directors so they can work with you to find the most appropriate program for her abilities. In addition, Girl Scouts of Utah has a partnership with Camp Kostopulos, located near Salt Lake City, which specializes in serving children with special needs.

#### **Insect Related Diseases**

With girls spending a majority of their time outside while at camp, girls are subject to the potential exposure of diseases associated with insect bites such as West Nile Virus, Zeka Virus, lice, bed bugs, and Lyme disease among others. Girls can take precautions against insect bites by wearing long sleeves, long pants, and mosquito repellant containing DEET – especially in the early morning and evening hours when insect activity is higher.

### Sun Safety

At camp we have two common and completely preventable problems, sunburn and dehydration. Counselors will remind campers many times a day, but it is up to the girls to be responsible for applying their own sunscreen and drinking water throughout the day.

#### Sunburn

- Campers should have sunscreen of SPF 30 or greater.
- Campers should put on sunscreen ten minutes before going outside so that it can be effective.
- Campers should also bring and use lip balm with SPF 15 or greater.

#### **Dehydration**

- Water is critical to our body's health.
- Girls need to drink at least three water bottles a day.
- A water bottle with a strap for carrying is recommended.
- Girls will drink one glass of water at meals before other beverages.
- Encourage your camper to get used to drinking water before she comes to camp.

#### **Showers at Camp**

Both Camp Cloud Rim and Trefoil Ranch have hot & cold running showers. All campers are encouraged to shower during their stay. In consideration of Utah's water supply, showers will be limited to twice a week and girls are asked to keep their shower time to a minimum. Your camper may want to practice taking 5 minute showers before arriving at camp. Thank you for supporting our effort to use resources wisely.





# **Camp Life Information**

#### **Cell Phones and Phone Calls**

Sending your child to camp with a cell phone may interfere with her ability (and yours) to build a trusting and independent relationship. Any cell phone brought to camp will be secured in the camp office until your child returns home. Campers are not allowed to use the camp phone, but you are welcome to contact the Camp Director at any time to check on how your child is doing. Campers may be sent home for having a cell phone with them.

# **Camp Cloud Rim**

(435) 649-8641 camp@gsutah.org

#### **Trefoil Ranch**

(801) 224-2735

camp@gsutah.org

# Girl Scouts of Utah 24 Hour Emergency Hotline

(801) 483-3413

Camp is the perfect time to unplug and connect with nature. During your child's stay at camp, she will not have access to computers or email. We encourage you to write letters to your child prior to her program and either pack them with her luggage or leave them with camp staff on check-in day. Camp staff will try to deliver mail daily, but it is not guaranteed.

For best results, label the outside of each letter with your child's name, the name of her camp program and session dates, and the date or day of the week you would like each letter delivered. If you choose to use the U.S. Postal Service, allow five days for mail to arrive.

Make sure your letters are 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. If you want to send a care package, we recommend that you send stationery, puzzles, books, comics, pens, stickers, etc. Please do not send candy, gum, food, or soda to your camper.

Send mail to:

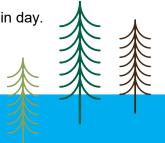
#### **Camp Cloud Rim**

Your Camper's Name Her Program Name and Dates Camp Cloud Rim PO Box 1740 Park City, UT 84060

#### **Trefoil Ranch**

Your Camper's Name Her Program Name and Dates Trefoil Ranch Rural Route 3 Box 658 Provo, UT 84604

Mailing packages is not recommended. Please leave packages with the camp staff on check-in day.





#### **Visitors**

Due to the full schedule of activities, having family and friends visit while resident camp is in session may be disruptive for campers. Therefore, we do not have a camp visitation day while resident camp is in session. We encourage you to visit and tour camp during the open house dates. When your camper checks in for her camp session, you will be able to see where your camper will be living.

#### Weather

Camp Cloud Rim is located at 9,200 feet elevation which lends itself to high snow loads over the winter months. Depending on snow amounts and temperatures during spring months, Camp Cloud Rim may not be able to open for resident camp as scheduled. If Camp Cloud Rim is unable to open on time, the Camp Directors and camp staff work together to offer Camp Cloud Rim programs at Trefoil Ranch (making modifications to camp program as needed due to the change of location). If this occurs, families are notified of the situation and will be given options, including receiving a full refund, transferring their camper to a different camp program, or keeping their camper in their current program (going to Trefoil Ranch instead of Cloud Rim).

At both camps, campers live together in groups called "units." Based on their grades and chosen programs. Whether they sleep in cabins or platform tents is determined based on the number of girls in camp that week and the age levels of those girls. Sleeping assignments are made after your Girl Scout arrives at camp. She may share living quarters with friends in the same program or have a chance to meet new friends on the first day and may want to share living quarters with them. Each tent or cabin has one metal bed frame and cot per camper with bathroom facilities nearby.

GSUSA requires that counselors have separate sleeping accommodations from campers. Counselors live in a tent or room in close proximity to the girls.

#### Camp Kapers (camp chores)

Girls do kapers to help keep the camp and their living unit clean. Kapers include sweeping, cleaning bathrooms, setting and wiping down tables during meal time, and picking up litter. When girls assist with kapers, they gain a sense of pride in ownership of our Girl Scout facilities.

#### **Meals and Snacks**

Girls will be provided tasty, nutritious, kid-friendly meals served family style in the lodge. Two snacks are also provided throughout the day. Campers are given an opportunity to cook outdoors or have a picnic at least once during their stay.

#### Possible Menu Items

- Breakfast: Pancakes, eggs, bacon, hash browns, cereal, yogurt, fruit, toast
- Lunch: Pizza, sandwiches, soup, tacos, salad bar
- Dinner: Spaghetti, baked chicken, steamed vegetables, fajitas, salad bar
- Two snacks are also provided daily to campers

These are just some of the meal options – different meals may be served while your camper is at camp. Please do not send any candy, gum, food, or soda to camp with your camper.



### **Camp Guidelines**

Girl Scout camp is a safe environment. Therefore campers who come to camp are expected to adhere to the following guidelines. Please discuss these guidelines with your camper prior to check-in day.

- Follow the Girl Scout Promise and Law.
- Socks and closed-toed/closed-heeled shoes must be worn at camp.
- Walk in camp, no running.
- Use the buddy system.
- Stay with the group.
- Listen and follow the directions of camp counselors.
- Treat others with dignity and respect.
- Refrain from telling ghost stories, talking about death, etc.
- Help with daily kapers (camp chores) like cleaning the tables after meals, cleaning the bathrooms, or picking up litter around camp.
- Ask permission to enter other campers' living areas or to touch or use other campers' personal belongings.
- Report any problems or concerns to a counselor, the Health Supervisor, or the Camp Director.
- No drugs, weapons, alcohol, or contraband of any kind.

#### Misconduct

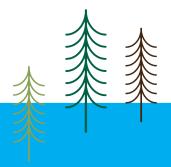
Campers are expected to follow the Girl Scout Promise and Law. If a camper is unable to follow camp guidelines, damages property or becomes a danger to herself or others, the Camp Director will work one-on-one with her and/or may choose to send the camper home.

For the safety of everyone at camp, campers may be sent home for the following:

- Running away or talk of running away.
- Violence towards another person like biting, hitting, kicking, or threatening to hurt another person.
- Vandalism of any camper, staff, or camp property.
- Possession or use of any weapons, drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, or vapes.
- Talk or gestures pertaining to sex.
- Bullying, ridicule, or name calling.
- Refusal to follow camp rules, communicate with camp staff, or participate in activities.
- Possession of a cell phone.
- Refusal or inability to eat meals or sleep at nighttime.
- Any self-harm or talk of self-harm such as cutting or suicide.
- Excessive homesickness or crying.
- Inappropriate touching.

#### Please note:

No refund will be given if a child is sent home due to misconduct. If it is determined that a camper needs to go home, her parents/guardians are expected to come get her within a four hour time period. A camper may be asked to stay in the camp office or Health Center until her parents/guardians are able to come and get her.





# **Trading Post (Camp Store)**

There are many exciting things for sale at the Trading Post (camp store) including flashlights, water bottles, stuffed animals, patches and jewelry. Items range from \$1 to \$40. The Trading Post accepts cash, check, Activity Credits, and credit cards.

You will have the opportunity to set up a Trading Post when you and your camper visit the Trading Post on check-in day.

Girls are free to choose any items they would like to purchase in the Trading Post. Camp staff will not question campers' purchases. If you would like to guide your camper's purchase, you should plan to shop with her at check-in.

The Trading Post will be open on check-in day. Your camper will also visit the Trading Post once during her time at camp.

At the end of the week if your camper's Trading Post balance is \$20 or less, a gift certificate for the remaining balance will be given to your camper when they leave camp. This gift certificate can be redeemed at the Girl Scouts of Utah shop, for program registration, merchandise, or a cash refund. If your camper's remaining trading post balance exceeds \$20, the balance will be refunded by the Girl Scout Council. Activity Credit refunds will also be issued by the Girl Scout Council.

# **Buddies (Friends at Camp)**

Girls may choose to attend camp with one buddy who is a friend in their same age level. Girls need to sign up for the same camp session, at relatively the same time, to ensure availability for both girls in the program. Girls attending camp as buddies will sleep in the same quarters and participate in the camp program together.

Some girls choose to come to camp with friends, troop members, or sisters while other girls choose to attend camp on their own. Day one of any camp program focuses a lot of attention on community building within the individual programs, with camp staff paying attention to social groupings that naturally take place. Camp staff works with girls to help all of them feel included in the group. So whether girls come with a friend or not, there will be plenty of time for each girl to develop new friendships.

If girls come with a buddy, it is important for the girls to know that they may not always be together for every single aspect of camp. They will share a living area (the same tent or cabin), but they might be asked to partner up with a new friend as they line up to walk from a program area to dinner. Or they might be asked to sit at a table with people they don't know, as well during an art activity. We encourage the girls to develop healthy relationships with one another, and to get to know everyone in their program group.

We ask that girls only request one buddy when they register for camp instead of multiple buddies. Accommodating numerous buddy requests (groups of three or more girls in one program from the same school or troop) isn't always feasible and limits the girls' ability to develop relationships with other campers in their program.

If multiple buddy requests are made, please note that girls may only be paired with one buddy for their living areas. For example a group of five girls will be split into a group of two and three.





#### **Homesickness**

Whether this is your child's first time at camp or she has been to camp before, most campers experience "homesickness" to some degree – it is a normal part of growing up and learning how to be okay without their family right there beside them. Our staff is trained in techniques for helping campers through feelings of homesickness and is taught that homesickness is not so much about missing home as it is about making sure this unfamiliar environment is safe. This adjustment period usually lasts two to three days. By Wednesday, when you have just received your first "please come and get me" letter, know that she is feeling better and having fun! At this point, you may decide to call the Camp Director to see how she is doing or you may wait a day or two for the next letter. If your camper is not adjusting to camp life, the Camp Director will call you to discuss the situation.

Sometimes homesickness occurs due to changes at home such as marriage, divorce, new sibling, death of a loved one, parents traveling, etc. If your camper is in any of these situations, please talk about it before she comes to camp. This helps her process the changes so she won't have to worry at camp. You can also include this information in your camper's "All About Me" form so camp staff are aware of the issue in case your camper addresses it with them while at camp.

You may be tempted to say, "If you are really homesick, then I will come and get you." What you are really saying is, "I expect you to get homesick." Instead try, "Being at camp is going to be different. You may even be nervous sometimes, but I know you will make it. Your counselors will be there to help you."

Please don't promise your camper that you will come and get her if she is homesick – this doesn't allow her to process and cope with her homesickness. Instead, it allows her to continue to build on her homesickness because her family told her they would come and get her and they wouldn't lie about that. It makes your camper confused and more upset.

If you feel your camper might be struggling with homesickness when she is at camp, please contact the Camp Director and they'll be more than happy to check on your camper and call you back. Please remember, we want all of our campers to be successful at camp – we will contact families if the camper's homesickness is outside the norm for her age level.

All parents/guardians are encouraged to visit the American Camp Association's (ACA) website for parents at <a href="https://www.campparents.org">www.campparents.org</a> for more information on how to make your camper's stay at camp successful.

