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2023–2024 Camphlet

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Girl Scout summer camps are a special place for Girl Scouts young and old. When you come to Camp Dean, Camp McCormick, or Mary Ann Beebe Center, you join a family who stands by you, encourages you, and cheers you on! You have camp counselors, Program Aides, Counselors-in-Training, and friends who love you for your true self. They remind you that you are brave, strong, and you can do this! You can ride that horse, climb that wall, and hit that target. Girl Scout camp is a place to go on adventures, develop new skills, build new relationships, and strengthen existing ones. Camp is where you need to be, and Girl Scout camp will always be your home.

Benefits of Summer Camp

If you're one of our former campers, you know all the positive effects Girl Scout camps can offer campers of all ages. Here at Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI), we structure our summer camp programming to provide campers with the opportunity to:

- ▶ Make true friends
- ▶ Explore nature
- ▶ Learn social skills
- ▶ Solve problems
- ▶ Think critically
- ▶ Choose your challenge
- ▶ Gain independence
- ▶ Develop lifelong skills
- ▶ Unplug from technology
- ▶ Gain resiliency
- ▶ Experience success
- ▶ Spend their days being active

Important Dates:

- ▶ **November 15, 2023**
Counselor-in-Training applications open
- ▶ **December 1, 2023**
Summer camp registration opens
 - Campership applications open
- ▶ **March 1, 2024** Campership applications end
- ▶ **March 1, 2024** Early registration discount ends
- ▶ **April 15, 2024** Final camp payment due
- ▶ **June 9, 2024** First day of summer camp!



Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois Belonging Statement

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois draws inspiration from our Girl Scout Promise and Law in our Belonging Statement. Being a member of Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois means you are part of a community of diverse races, ethnicities, gender identities, sexual orientations, abilities, and religions. We commit to providing an equitable and accessible Girl Scout Leadership Experience to all Girl Scouts in our council. We are champions for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access.

These are our promises to you:

- ▶ We will listen and seek to understand from **diverse voices and experiences**. We will act on what we have learned.
- ▶ We will offer a **culture of welcoming and belonging** to all members, potential members, and community partners of Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois.
- ▶ We will provide **brave and safe spaces** for Girl Scouts to participate with us. Members can expect to be themselves in a secure and respectful environment.
- ▶ We will incorporate **the principles of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility** at all levels of our movement.
- ▶ We believe every member (youth and adult) of Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois should have **respect and acceptance** in our organization.
- ▶ We commit to a journey of being an **anti-racist and anti-oppressive** organization.
- ▶ We **welcome** you to join us in our movement and mission.

You belong here.



A Land Acknowledgement is an expression of gratitude and way of recognizing the lasting relationship between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional homelands since time immemorial.

The Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) acknowledges that our Camps and Resource Centers are located on the ancestral lands of many Native Nations including the Fox & Sauk, Meskwaki, Peoria, Kickapoo, Ho-chunk and the Potawatomi.

GSNI is dedicated to the preservation of traditional lands. We seek to support Native American heritage by paying our respects to Indigenous peoples and are committed to honor their connection and care for the Land.



Registration for all summer camps will be on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning December 1, 2023. Registrations are received in a variety of ways, including:

- ▶ **Online on ActiveNet or scan the code—**
<https://www.girlscoutsni.org/campandoutdoors>
- ▶ **In-person at any GSNI Resource Center**



Registration will be confirmed via email from ActiveNet once registration is received and payment of deposit is complete.

Camp Registration Information

ActiveNet Communications

Don't miss our camp updates and emails! All our important camp communications come directly from ActiveNet. Make sure to go into your account in ActiveNet and check mark the boxes to receive “promotional emails and text messages” which will come from GSNI. This is particularly important so we can communicate any last-minute event updates via text, send monthly camp newsletters and updates, and send confirmations for individual camp sessions via email.

Girl Scout Membership

Girl Scout membership is required for participation for all sleepaway and day campers. All family campers must have at least one registered Girl Scout in attendance. Troop camping is only open to Girl Scout troops. Campers from Girl Scout councils outside of GSNI are welcome to attend!

Current non-Girl Scouts can register as Juliettes (individually registered Girl Scout members) by visiting www.girlscoutsni.org and clicking “JOIN US” and then “BE A GIRL SCOUT”. On the “How would you like to participate with us?” page, select “FIND A TROOP”. Under the Location header, enter your zip code, select the appropriate Membership Year, then click on “SEARCH”. On the next screen, move the scroll bar all the way down to the bottom of the troops search results section, and click on the green “Join without a Troop” link. Then follow the process to create an account and complete the membership registration.

Program Age Requirements

Summer camp programs reflect ages and grades for the 2024–2025 school year. Please register your camper for the grade they will be entering in Fall 2024. Camp programs are structured around the grade levels for which they are advertised, and we ask you to please refrain from registering for programs for which your camper does not qualify. All day campers must complete kindergarten before attending, and all sleepaway campers must be entering appropriate grades for their camping program. Family camps are open to all ages.

Deposit

A \$100 deposit is required for each youth-camp session at the time of registration (overnight camps, day camp, CIT). Troop and family camps will have a \$50 deposit. Camp deposits ensure your place for the camp session and must be paid to register. This is done via credit card on ActiveNet. Financial Assistance (Camperships) or e-codes (Cookie Dough/S'more Dough/Cashew Cash) cannot be used as deposits but can be used to offset the remaining camp balance.

Paying for Camp

Camp is an amazing adventure for Girl Scouts! We want to make sure any camper can attend camp at GSNI and offer several ways to offset the cost of camp:

- ▶ If you register by March 1, 2024, you can save \$25 on camp registrations! (Early registration discount is not available for troop camping.)
- ▶ You can use GSNI vouchers/e-codes toward any council-sponsored camp session. However, these cannot be used toward the initial \$100 non-refundable deposit or adult camper fees. Vouchers/e-codes include Cookie Dough, Cashew Cash, and S'more Dough earned through the Girl Scout Fall Product and Cookie Programs.
- ▶ Gift cards purchased through GSNI's Resource Centers can be gifted to campers and used towards camp.
- ▶ A limited number of Camperships are also available. Please see our Camperships section.

Give the Gift of Camp!

Are you looking for a unique gift for holidays, birthdays, or special occasions? Give the adventure of a lifetime with one of our camp sessions! Within your camper confirmation packet, you will receive a letter from Potato, our Camp Mascot, to share with your camper and announce the gift.

Camperships

If your Girl Scout would love to attend camp as a camper but doesn't have the resources to do so, we may be able to help! Families can apply for Camperships by paying the initial \$100 deposit for camp and submitting a Campership application. Applications open December 1, 2023, and can be completed once initial registration is made. Campership applications are due by March 1, 2024, and awards are granted after March 15, 2024. We recommend you send in the application as soon as you submit your online registration.

Camperships are awarded based on household size and income. All families requesting financial assistance must first register camper and pay \$100 deposit before application can be



Balance Due

All balances for youth and family camp programs are due by **April 15, 2024**. By registering under a payment plan, **ActiveNet will automatically withdraw any remaining fees under the payment plan on April 15, 2024**. Payment plans may be set up to automatically withdraw money at your leisure or the remaining balance on April 15, 2024.

To help offset a large fee collected at once, troop camp payment plans will allow for a portion to be collected at the beginning of each month.



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considered complete. Financial assistance is available only to registered members of Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois. Applications will not be processed without the deposit and registration form. All campers who apply for Camperships must participate in GSNI's Fall Product and Cookie Programs and should apply product rewards (Cookie Dough, Cashew Cash, or S'more Dough) towards their camp fees.



Camperships are only available for active registered Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois youth members. Adult Girl Scout members and members of other Girl Scout councils do not qualify. Camperships do not apply for troop camp sessions. Troops cannot request campership funds for troop accounts to cover members attending troop camping sessions.

Extra adventures, day camp overnights, Camper Care Kits, CIT programs, troop camps, and family camps are not covered by Camperships. Due to third party activity fees, camp sessions related to horses or adventure camp will not be eligible for full-ride camperships and instead offered as a discount on the total camp session cost. Due to optional add-on status, Camper Care Kits, prepaid trading post accounts, and day camp overnight fees will not be covered by or refunded through camperships.

Campers can only apply for financial assistance once per the 2024 season for overall registration, not individual sessions. If you wish to receive financial assistance for multiple sessions, one amount will be allotted across multiple sessions.

For more information or to apply for a campership, please visit www.girlscoutsni.org/camperships.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE 2-3	
< \$75,150 Gross annual income	Partial 25% camp scholarship
< \$47K Gross annual income	Partial 50% camp scholarship
< \$28K Gross annual income	Partial 75% camp scholarship
< \$25K gross annual income	Full scholarship
HOUSEHOLD SIZE 4-5	
< \$90K Gross annual income	Partial 25% camp scholarship
< \$56K Gross annual income	Partial 50% camp scholarship
< \$40K Gross annual income	Partial 75% camp scholarship
< \$30K Gross annual income	Full scholarship
HOUSEHOLD SIZE 6-7	
< \$104K Gross annual income	Partial 25% camp scholarship
< \$65K Gross annual income	Partial 50% camp scholarship
< \$45K Gross annual income	Partial 75% camp scholarship
< \$35K Gross annual income	Full scholarship

Cancellation Policy

If a session or event does not meet the minimum registration as of the deadline date, Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois reserves the right to cancel. Notice will be made by email. Families will receive the opportunity to enroll in a different camp session with no additional cost for the transfer.

Refunds

Camp registration deposits and family and troop camp fees are non-refundable. Camper Care Kits are nonrefundable and can be retrieved after camp at your local Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois resource center. Prepaid trading post accounts are nonrefundable, and any unused funds will be donated back to camp.

A full refund, including deposit, is made only if a camper cannot be placed in a program if it is necessary for Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois to cancel the program. No refunds will be made for campers arriving late, leaving early, attending only part of the program, for those who fail to attend, or for campers who violate camp policies and rules and are sent home.

If you must cancel your camp registration, contact Customer Care to request registration cancellation. Cancelled registrations that come in before the registration deadline will qualify for partial refund of camp fees minus \$100 deposit and optional Camper Care Kits or prepaid trading post account funds. A refund is not guaranteed if request comes in after camp session registration has closed.

After camp ends, partial refunds may be considered on a case-by-case basis and only in the case of extenuating family circumstances or medical reasons supported by a doctor's statement. Any authorized refunds will be issued starting in September 2024.



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Additional Session Registrations

Did your camper attend their first week of camp and absolutely love it? We are thrilled we could create a thrilling and memorable experience for your Girl Scout!

We would like to remind parents and families that once we hit May of 2024, our summer camp program, regarding scheduling staff and ordering equipment and food, are set and purchased. Camp registration will begin to close four weeks prior to camp session's first day. To ensure everything is set in place and not forgotten or lost during the summer, all camp registration will end June 8, 2024. Camp registrations can NOT be opened once closed, as this will affect pre-ordered supplies and staffing. Capacities listed after registration close date do not reflect availability to take registration.

If you believe your camper will want to attend multiple camp sessions, we strongly recommend registering for more than one camp session. Additional camp registrations cannot be taken once registration close.



Camper Accessibility and Accommodations

The goal of our camps is to provide a successful experience for all. Please communicate with our Customer Care Team about campers with any special needs, disabilities, dietary restrictions, or health concerns. This enables our camp staff to make every effort to accommodate those needs.

Help Us Help Your Camper. Your camper is important to us! Our Camp Directors work directly with families to identify accommodations that can be made to meet the needs of every camper, focusing on their strengths, gifts, and assets. We are dedicated to meeting each child's needs without excluding or stigmatizing anyone for their differences. We strive to be an inclusive community—one that provides equitable access for all, including those who require additional physical, mental, social, or emotional support.

Providing access is part of our ultimate goal, and we use a combination of accommodations and accessibility to create a culture of inclusion. Camp staff will assist in all ways possible for campers with special requests or needs, and Camp Directors will work directly with camp staff to ensure all accommodations are met during each camp session.

Please note that camp staff are not professionals in medical, educational, or social work fields. This is where family involvement is key! Please share any and all information that will assist our staff in ensuring your camper thrives at summer camp prior to their arrival at camp. This allows our camp staff to prepare all necessary accommodation for your camper's first day.

Our camps strive to serve all campers seeking the excitement of outdoor experiences and education. We center the voices and experiences of girls and women and welcome all campers and staff who identify with the Girl Scout experience. This can and does include equal-opportunity employment for all camp staff, as well as all family members and registered adult troop leaders, regardless of ethnicity, age, gender, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, economic status, and diverse backgrounds.

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Every camper will be provided with meals at camp, and camp staff will make all accommodations necessary for all dietary needs and restrictions. Please notify us through camper registration. You may elaborate if necessary by emailing customercare@girlscoutsni.org before the camp session, so kitchen staff can order and prepare for meals. Families do not need to provide their own alternative meals but are welcome to bring your camper's favorite brands, snacks, or meals, if desired. We encourage you to share your camper's favorite dietary-friendly brands, so we can ensure there is something they like to eat!

At Camp Dean and Camp McCormick, our focus is on providing homecooked meals that are camper friendly and favorites for kids. Not all meals and scheduled menus may appear to reflect every dietary need, but alternatives will be provided for campers who need them. GSNI summer camp kitchens are allergy conscious and will prepare alternative meals separate from mainstream meals to prevent cross contamination. GSNI summer camp kitchens are not 100% allergy-free, and we do not have dedicated allergy-free supplies.

Camper Paperwork

To provide the best experience for your camper, all families must complete additional registration paperwork. All our camper paperwork for the session, including information about the camp, health histories, and waivers are included in the camper confirmation packet. Our camp confirmation packet is included within the receipt of your registration and can be accessed immediately after registration. Please check your camp registration receipt for a link to the digital camper confirmation packet.

All camper paperwork will be collected at the check-in table on the first day of the camp session. Incomplete or missing paperwork at check-in will result in delays or your camper being turned away. All camper paperwork must be printed and brought in hard copy form to camp. Only our activity waiver is collected digitally though SmartWaiver. A link to all camp paperwork can be found in the receipt of your registration.

Every camper of all ages must have a current health history on file to participate in summer camps. This is mandatory. Please note:

- ▶ **Doctor's Physical Requirements for Day/Sleepaway Campers Only:** Campers attending camp without an adult (day camp, sleepaway camp, horse camp, adventure camp, CIT) MUST complete our camper's health history forms which must be signed by your child's physician and accompanied by a copy of a recent physical. A current school or sports physical completed within the last 24 months of camp attendance is



accepted. Campers who do not have the form signed by a pediatrician and attached physical will be turned away.

- All vaccinations required by schools will be required for campers and must be attached with camper's physical. If you have a vaccination exception for medical reasons only, please reach out to camp staff at customercare@girlscoutsni.org.
- ▶ Due to the short length of the program, troop campers and family campers do not need to complete the Physician form or provide proof of vaccinations or past physicals. Both troop and family campers will complete a simple Girl Scout Health History document instead.

Choose Your Adventure

As a youth driven organization, we encourage campers to participate in as many camp activities as they wish. Camp is for campers! Each unit and camper will decide together on activities, pack-out meals, and how the schedule for their week will look. Each week is unique to the campers' wishes! While we have rough outlines of key activities each day, it is up to the individual campers to plan that session and create the schedule for their camp session.

All preplanned schedules for the camp session are subject to change based on inclement weather, staffing needs, and activity availability. Schedules may also change based on the camper's interests and involvement.

Camper's Choice is a block of time where many camp activities are open at once, giving campers the ability to choose without worrying about what the overall unit wants to do. It is a time at camp when they can interact with other campers outside of those in their units and make friends with other campers attending the same session. Activities vary each session but may include an activity of the following categories:

- ▶ **Aquatic activities**—swimming, water games, mud pit/creek stomping (Camp Dean), slip-and-slide (Camp McCormick), canoes, and kayaks (Camp Dean)
- ▶ **Arts and crafts**—a variety of badge-related skills, theme-specific crafts, friendship bracelets and lanyards, and other traditional outdoor/camp crafts
- ▶ **Climbing-facilitated activities**—crate stacking, mobile rock wall, and high ropes course (Camp McCormick)
- ▶ **Target sports**—archery, sling shots, and air rifles
- ▶ **Outdoor skill development**—Compass/orienteering/geocaching, knot tying, outdoor safety, knife safety, and shelter building
- ▶ **Games**—Gaga ball, yard games, group games such as relays, and parachutes
- ▶ **Nature/environmental activities**—nature hikes, geocaching, environmental science lessons, and Leave No Trace
- ▶ **Badgework/themed-based activities**—based on Girl Scouts of the USA badge content and program, tailored for each Girl Scout level in attendance. Themed activities are based around GSUSA badges and the interests of campers.



PLEASE NOTE: At summer camp, we strive for a positive and fun experience for all. Campers have the choice to choose their challenge or activity. All camp activities are presented and offered to campers, and it is up to the camper's discretion how they wish to participate. Campers will not be forced to participate in any activity should they choose not to.



Camp activities may vary based on staffing, program availability, and weather conditions, and pre-scheduled activities are subject to change.

Sleepaway campers also have Me Time—a down time in their beds from 1:30–2:30 p.m. daily where they can rest, write home, read, take a mindful breather, or tidy up their belongings. Both Camper's Choice and Me Time are supervised by camp staff but allow campers to pick their own activity.



Camp Age Requirements

Camp programs rely on progression. Each activity is broken into levels ranging from easy to challenging with the idea that campers will progress through the stages over many years attending summer camp as well as reflecting the age and development of campers.

Summer camp programs reflect ages and grades for the 2024–2025 school year. Please register your camper for the grade they will be entering for Fall 2024. Camp programs are structured around grade levels for which they are advertised, and we ask you to please refrain from registering your camper for an event for which they do not meet the age requirement, either too young or too old. All campers must enter appropriate grades for their camp program, which is listed in program description. Family and troop camps are open to all ages. However, to participate in most camp activities, GSNI requires participants to be at least five years old.

Weather

Camp happens rain or shine, cold or heat! Part of Girl Scout camp life includes learning how to be prepared for the outdoors, including wearing cool clothing or rain gear, drinking water to stay hydrated, and wearing sunscreen and hats. There are no refunds for cancellations or no-shows due to weather.

At our summer camps, staff always monitor the weather. If severe weather develops during the camp day or evening, appropriate measures will be taken. Indoor shelter is available for all campers and staff.

The safety of your campers and camp staff is of utmost importance. Therefore, we implement the following communication methods to keep everyone informed of actions taken during inclement weather.

If severe weather such as tornadoes, hail,

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damaging winds, excessive heat, etc. are expected, the Program and Property team or Camp Director will post information on the camp's Facebook and Rallyhood pages. This will include details on our processes for taking shelter should we need to access it.

When camp staff take action to move regular programming indoors or take shelter, the Camp Director will contact the Director of Program or Chief Property or Program Officer. The Program and Property team will send out updated posts on the camp's Facebook and Rallyhood pages with details on the situation. Once the inclement weather has passed, the Program and Property team Director will post on social media with the "all clear".

Our camp staff, including our Camp Director, need to be 100% focused on keeping your campers and staff safe. Therefore, we need to let them do so and not have their attention taken away to answer emails, phone calls, or social media posts.

Living in the Outdoors

Campers and staff live in groups called units, which are collections of sleeping cabins or tents in an outdoor setting. Sleeping arrangements may include platform tents, Adirondacks, or sleeping cabins with latrine bathrooms within the unit. Staff members sleep in units in separate accommodations from the campers. Day campers attending the week's Thursday overnight will reside in one of the camp's lodges. Camp's lodges are single, large room structures where camp staff sleep separately but in the same room as campers.

All campers will spend most of their day outdoors including in outdoor shelters (summer kitchens, platform tents, sleeping cabins) for facilitated/outdoor activities, crafts and nature activities, sleeping, and Me Time. Meals are well-balanced with choices for healthy alternatives and served family-style in the dining hall. Campers will also cook meals outdoors with their units. We remind campers and families that all campers (unless attending day camp overnight) will be sleeping outdoors and should prepare for sessions accordingly.

All locations are in rustic environments and while some parts of camp are ADA accessible, not all parts are. In addition to the physical environment, camp is often a busy and loud place. At times, it may be overwhelming for kids who are neurodivergent or have sensory issues. We will gladly talk through what to expect at camp with you and your child, and can discuss accommodations to set them up for success. If you have any questions or concerns about the accessibility of our camp properties due to physical, mental, social, or emotional needs of your camper, please contact us at customer care@girlscoutsni.org.





We do not allow cell phones at camp.

One of the biggest benefits of coming to camp is the opportunity for campers to be independent for a short period of time. We want the campers to truly engage in their camp experience and enjoy their time outdoors with their new camp friends! The break from electronics that camp provides is also one of the most unique things about our environment. Here at camp, we sit around campfires talking with each other, building personal face-to-face relationships with peers and adults. There are no video games, computers, or cell phones to get in the way of building relationships. After a few days, most of us don't miss our cell phones at all!

Technology has advanced over the years, and cell phones will not be accepted as cameras or digital reading materials for camp. Partially using a cell phone brings forth confusion of use and the potential for the phone to be lost, stolen, broken, or use it inappropriately. "Sneaking" a cell phone into camp may result in your camper feeling they cannot turn to their counselors or camp administration for help, which will in turn break their confidence in self-independence and in asking others for help. Importantly, it also promotes your camper does not need to follow our camp rules set forth by camp administration and staff. If a camper has a cell phone at our sleepaway or day camps, it will be confiscated by administrative staff for the item's protection and returned to the camper's guardian at check-out.

Communication with your child and knowing how your child is doing are both very important. We encourage you to write lots of snail-mail or hand-written letters to your child at camp, and they may write letters to you. If you must contact camp, the camp's cell phone number will be released with your camp session's newsletter. You are also free to email customer care@girlscoutsni.org during the camp season. **Please remember camp staff do not have regular access to camp Facebook and Rallyhood Camp pages and cannot receive messages through Facebook or Rallyhood.** Thank you in your support in keeping our summer camps cell phone free!

Trading Post

The Trading Post refers to our camp store. Ease the hustle and bustle of packing for summer camp by pre-paying for Trading Post! This eliminates giving your camper cash to carry around camp.

Parents/Guardians: You can pre-pay for your camper to have Trading Post money to spend on camp merchandise during their camp stay in \$10, \$20, up to \$50 allotments. Any unused money in your camper's Trading Post account will be directed to our Campership Assistance program (not refunded) to increase access for future Girl Scouts to attend Girl Scout camp.

Families may also leave money (cash or checks) or Cookie Dough/Cashew Cash/S'more Dough with the Trading Post for their campers to shop.

The Trading Post schedule is pre-scheduled based on GSNI staff availability and is subject to change when needed. The Trading Post is available during most check-out times for families to shop. The Trading Post will be available once during troop and family weekends for weekend campers to shop.

Items sold include camp apparel, camping supplies (mess kits, flashlights, water bottles), stationery, stuffed animals, fun patches (not Girl Scout badges), and novelty mementos.

Camper Care Package

Surprise your Girl Scout when arriving at summer camp with a special Summer 2024 Camper Care Kit! These kits make great gifts for your camper. Kits are filled with both practical and fun items to enhance the camp experience, all in a custom, colorable box! They will be distributed upon arrival at camp to give them even more to do during their camp stay, because “Think Outside—No Box Required!”

Summer 2024 Camper Care Kits sell for \$40 each and can be purchased via GSNI’s registration site. The deadline for ordering Summer 2024 Camper Care Kits is Friday, May 24, 2024! Camper Care Kits are nonrefundable, fees cannot be placed on camper payment plan, and care package fees are not eligible to be covered by Campership. Camper Care Kits must be ordered at the time of registration.

Bring a Friend!

Is your Girl Scout thinking about coming to camp but hesitant about not knowing anyone? Your camper can bring a friend who is willing to become a Girl Scout! The friend must sign up to be a Juliette (individually registered member of Girl Scouts), and they can join your Girl Scout at camp! Siblings, friends, or “buddies” can request to be in the same cabin or tent. Please see Girl Scout Membership section for how to register as a Juliette.

Girl Scout sisters from other councils around the country are welcome to attend our camp programs!

Program Changes

Although rare, Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois, for a variety of reasons, may occasionally cancel a camp session. If this occurs, you can expect the entire camp fee, including the deposit, to be refunded. Other times, certain activities described in the camp sessions must be suspended or changed due to circumstances beyond our control, such as inclement weather, equipment availability, and staffing. In these situations, we may provide alternate program options. Under circumstances of this type, refunds should not be expected.

All preplanned schedules for the camp session are subject to change based on inclement weather, staffing needs, and activity availability. Schedules may also change based on the camper’s interests and involvement. Preplanned menus are subject to change based on camper food allergies and food supply shortages.



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Girl Scouts are always prepared. This means flexibility and the ability to adjust their plans is a skill set Girl Scouts learn everywhere, including camp. You will come on the trip with a rough schedule of what is happening when but be willing to move things around a bit as the session progresses to meet the needs of the group. Meal preparation often takes longer than expected, especially when campers grill their own pie-iron pizzas. Sometimes curiosity is sparked by a frog they just caught, and everyone will want to play with it for an hour, even if it wasn't on the schedule. Camp counselors are trained to keep campers entertained and engaged with all activities that spark their interest.

Limited Capacities at Camp

Registering early and on time not only assists in ordering equipment, food, and supplies but provides summer camp staff the knowledge and planning for hiring and scheduling summer camp staff for the week. Camp registrations may be kept at a low capacity until we can ensure the proper number of staff-per-camper ratio.

Due to the rare chance of cancellations or space opening, camp registrations will not collect a waitlist. If your desired camp session is full, we highly encourage registering for a different camp session to ensure your camper can attend camp in some capacity. Neither camp staff nor GSNI Customer Care will collect or monitor a camp waitlist, and once a camp is full, we anticipate it remaining full.

Camp Service Days FREE EVENT

Enjoy a day outdoors and take pride in your local camp by assisting our Camp Rangers in preparing the property for the summer season! You might spruce up buildings, prepare our facilitated activity fields, organize camp outdoor cooking supplies, garden, and more! Camp Rangers will work with groups to ensure everyone has a task that is age-focused and helps prepare camp for the upcoming busy season.

Spring 2024

Mary Ann Beebe Center	April 7, 2024	9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Camp Dean	April 13, 2024	9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Camp McCormick	April 14, 2024	9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Camp Open House **FREE EVENT**

Join us at our Camp Open Houses! Everyone is welcome to tour the camp and get a peek at where Girl Scouts sleep, eat, and play games with new friends. This is the perfect opportunity to show camp off to new troop members and families as well as see the property for upcoming summer camp sessions.

Our Camp Rangers and Outdoor Program Manager will be available to answer questions, talk about what a day at camp is like, and ensure your camper is excited and prepared for the summer experience! Wear comfortable shoes and take a self-guided tour around our camp properties. Register online at www.girlscoutsni.org/activities.

Spring 2024

Mary Ann Beebe Center	April 7, 2024	1-3 p.m.
Camp Dean	April 13, 2024	1-3 p.m.
Camp McCormick	April 14, 2024	1-3 p.m.



Volunteer-Led Camps

Service units around Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois manage their own day camp programs close to home! All volunteer-led camp information, registration, and updates are handled by the volunteers directing the programs. We encourage anyone interested in their local camps to reach out to these volunteers directly.



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Summer Camp
Program

WEEK	DATES	CAMP DEAN FAMILY/TROOP CAMP	CAMP MCCORMICK FAMILY/TROOP CAMP
2C	June 21-23		Girl Scout Power!
4C	July 12-14	Craft and Tinker	
5C	July 19-21		Mission Impossible
6C	July 26-28	Island Adventure	

WEEK	DATES	CAMP DEAN DAY CAMPS	CAMP DEAN OVERNIGHT CAMPS	CAMP DEAN HORSE CAMPS	CAMP MCCORMICK DAY CAMP	CAMP MCCORMICK OVERNIGHT CAMPS
1	June 9–14, 2024	Stuck Together Like PJB DAY CAMP	S'more Fun! MINI CAMP 1A S'more Fun! MINI CAMP 1B	Horsin' Around 1A Horsin' Around 1B	Bend the Elements DAY CAMP	Bend the Elements SLEEPAWAY CAMP
2	June 17–21, 2024	Camp Jurassic DAY CAMP	S'more Fun! MINI CAMP 2B	Horsin' Around 2B	Artists in Nature DAY CAMP	S'more Fun! MINI CAMP 2B
3	June 23–28, 2024	Treasure Island DAY CAMP	Treasure Island SLEEPAWAY CAMP	Horse Trekkers WEEK 3		Girl Scout Power! SLEEPAWAY CAMP Adventure Camp WEEK 3
4	July 7–12, 2024	Build-a-Camp DAY CAMP	S'more Fun! MINI CAMP 4A S'more Fun! MINI CAMP 4B	Horsin' Around 4A Horsin' Around 4B		The Camp McCormick Games SLEEPAWAY CAMP Adventure Camp WEEK 4
5	July 14–19, 2024	Girl Scout Musical DAY CAMP	Girl Scout Musical SLEEPAWAY CAMP	Horse Trekkers WEEK 5	Mission Impossible DAY CAMP	S'more Fun! MINI CAMP 5A S'more Fun! MINI CAMP 5B
6	July 21–26, 2024	Island Adventure DAY CAMP	S'more Fun! MINI CAMP 6A S'more Fun! MINI CAMP 6B	Horsin' Around 6A Horsin' Around 6B	Craft and Tinker DAY CAMP	Craft and Tinker SLEEPAWAY CAMP
7	July 28–August 2, 2024	The Enchanted Garden DAY CAMP	One Week Later... SLEEPAWAY CAMP	Horse Trekkers WEEK 7		Girl Scout Olympians SLEEPAWAY CAMP Adventure Camp WEEK 7

WEEK	DATES	COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING CAMP—SESSION	COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING CAMP—LOCATION
Week 2–3	June 16–28, 2024	Counselor in Training 2	Camp McCormick
Week 4–5	July 7–19, 2024	Counselor in Training 1	Camp Dean
Weeks 6–7	July 21–August 2, 2024	Counselor in Training 2	Camp Dean





S'more Fun

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Summer Camp Themes

Artists of Nature

Explore summer at camp and create beautiful works of art with your friends! Campers will revel in the beauty of the outdoors to gain inspiration for a week full of nature-inspired art projects. Campers will also learn what a Girl Scout can do to help the outdoors. Campers will earn progress towards their Outdoor Art, Artists, and new Maker badge series!

Bend the Elements

Water, earth, fire, and air. Does one call to you? Master your element during this week of summer camp and create your own character in an adventure through an elemental kingdom. Campers will expand their knowledge of the natural world around them with favorite camp activities bringing on an elemental twist. Earn progress towards your Environmental Stewardship badges as you write your own adventure.

Build-a-Camp

You won a camp getaway but have just landed on an uncharted campground! Now it's time to customize your adventure. Learn everything you need to know about camping as you and your friends make the camp your own for the week. Practice your tent building skills, fire building, knot tying, and more as you welcome new, quirky friends to your campground. Activities from this week will help fill requirements for all Girl Scout level-specific Camping badges and GSNI's 8 Basic Outdoor Skills Patch and Charms Program.



Camp Jurassic

Roar your way into some colossal fun at Camp Dean! Explore unbelievable creatures from the comforts of your tent. Campers will become scientists and study the creatures that roamed the Earth millions of years ago. Take a twist on your Animal badge series this week at camp!

The Camp McCormick Games

Grab your bow and volunteer as tribute! Show you have what it takes to overcome the challenging 84th Annual Camp McCormick Games. You will team up against others to overcome obstacles and learn wilderness survival skills like fire and shelter building, First Aid, and more! Through exciting daily challenges and resource scavenger hunts, you will be challenged to put your skills to the test. Campers will work towards their Outdoor and Adventure badge series as they become the victors for their Camp Unit.

Craft and Tinker

Problems solvers needed! Put your imagination to the test as you take on STEM challenges this week at camp. How will you find solutions to everyday camp problems? Campers will approach traditional camp activities with a STEM perspective. Become a citizen scientist this week and earn progress towards your new Maker badges.

The Enchanted Garden

The fairies have returned to Camp Dean! Explore mythical forest creatures through art, songs, and adventure this week at camp! Campers will make progress towards their Environmental Stewardship and Naturalist badge series as they learn how to help protect their winged friends in nature.

Girl Scout Musical

The lights are on—take the stage! This week, campers will focus on their creative side as they sing, act, and dance their way around Camp Dean. With the help of our camp staff, campers will make progress towards their Scribe and Performance badge series to put on a show!

Girl Scout Olympians

Powerful forces that lay slumbering all winter are stirring, preparing their return to the mortal world. We need brave heroes like you at camp! Embark on a mythical adventure of your own creation. This is your week you will train and strengthen your skills through games, outdoor activities, and camp challenges. Campers will work towards the Athlete and Creative Play badge series .

Girl Scout Power!

Girl Scout Superheroes! This is your week at camp to train and strengthen your skills. Recognize everyday heroes and explore your own heroic talents through risk taking, role play, and teamwork. Campers will work towards the Athlete and Creative Play badge series through camp games and superhero training exercises.



Island Adventure

Spend the long summer days poolside with this island-packed camp session! Explore what we love about water, tropical island life, and the steps we can take to help preserve it! Campers will make progress towards their Think Like a Citizen Scientist Journey. Girl Scouts will need to complete a Take Action project on their own after completing this session.



Mission Impossible

Explore camp through the mind of a secret agent. Communicate in code and problem-solve the wacky crimes occurring around Camp McCormick. While your sleuthing skills and knowledge will be put to the test, you will also be challenged in other traditional camp activities! During the crime scene-themed campout, you will earn credit towards your Investigation badge series.



One Week Later...

Grab your bugout bag and take refuge at Camp Dean from the undead invasion! Can your camper survive a world without electronics, human-made materials, and most of all, filled with zombies? Campers will expand their knowledge on orienteering, First Aid, shelter building, target sports, and more outdoor skills. When you're lost in the dark, look for the light. Campers will work towards their Outdoor and Adventure badge series as they join the resistance and survive!

Stuck Together Like PBJ

Does your camper have a taste for culinary arts? Do they enjoy cooking over the campfire and wish to hone their skills? Here is the chance to create something delicious in a camp-wide cooking challenge! Create a new menu to utilize all types of outdoor cooking equipment—from pie irons to Dutch ovens and more! Campers will earn progress towards their Culinary badges.

Treasure Island

There's a treasure map left in your tent. Where does it lead? Join the pirates of Camp Dean for a thrilling outdoor adventure. Set sail—you and your pirate crew are off! Campers will make progress towards their Adventure and Creative Play badge series.

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Camp Dean is 160 acres of woods and grasslands. Welch Creek runs through the middle of camp and is one of the finest creeks in the state for wildlife. Explore its secrets on a hike and don't forget your camera. There is a large hill in the middle of the prairie offering fantastic views of the night sky, as well as some great sledding. Try your hand at fishing or other water activities on our 2.25-acre pond. Camp Dean is located just west of Aurora in the southeast area of our council.

At Camp Dean, campers sleep in “sleeping cabins”—a small, enclosed one-room house. Each cabin can fit up to 8 campers in provided bunk beds. There is light within the cabin but no other electricity. All sleepaway, family/troop, horse, and CIT campers sleep in the outdoor sleeping cabins.

A “unit” refers to a large clearing or space that houses a collection of sleeping cabins. Each unit offers 6 outdoor sleeping cabins. Compostable latrines, cooking fire pits, and summer kitchens/pavilions are in every unit.



Camp Dean



Things to Do at Camp Dean:

- ▶ Archery and foam archery
- ▶ Slingshots
- ▶ Gaga ball
- ▶ Swimming in outdoor pool
- ▶ Canoes and kayaks at on-site pond
- ▶ Creek stomping and mud pit
- ▶ Sound garden and natural playground
- ▶ Crate stacking (4th grade and up)
- ▶ Air rifles (10 years and older)
- ▶ Axe throwing (12 years and older)
- ▶ Trail hiking and geocaching
- ▶ Fishing
- ▶ Outdoor cooking (pack-outs)
- ▶ Hammock Village
- ▶ Arts and crafts
- ▶ Goat Hunt
- ▶ Animal encounters with our friendly pet goats!

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Camp Dean Day Camp ENTERING GRADES 1-5

5 Day-Only Camp Session | **Price Level** \$210/session (\$185 before March 1, 2024)

Drop-off each day of session: 9 a.m.

Pick-up each day of session: 4 p.m.

Has your Daisy, Brownie, or Junior been looking forward to camp all school year? Is your camper ready to go on an adventure and develop independence but still loves the thought of being home at night? Day camp may be a great choice!

Each camp session offers exciting, themed activities for the week in addition to popular camp activities such as swimming, arts and crafts, nature exploration, and more. Our trained, fun, energetic staff will guide your camper through all the activities we can pack in a day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If your camper decides they love camp as much as we think they will, you can choose to have a sleepover experience on Thursday, as well! The additional fee is \$75.

Day camp Thursday overnight campers stay in a lodge at Camp Dean. Campers will sleep in single-room lodges—McCleary-Shaff Lodge and Charlie’s Lodge. Camp staff sleep in the same room. Bunk beds and bathrooms are inside lodges. Lodges do have A/C and can be cold at night.

Tentative Schedule

9 a.m.	Check-in
9-9:30 a.m.	Settling into camp, group games
9:30-11:45 a.m.	Themed/badge activities and facilitated/outdoor activities
12-1 p.m.	Lunch in dining hall
1-1:15 p.m.	Kapers (camp chores)
1:30-3 p.m.	Aquatic activities (swimming, water games)
3-4 p.m.	Outdoor skills, activities, and games
4-4:15 p.m.	Check-out

WEEK	DATES	THEME	ACTIVENET EVENT CODE
1	June 10-14, 2024	Stuck Together like PBJ	CDDayWk1
2	June 18-21, 2024	Camp Jurassic	CDDAYWK2
3	June 24-28, 2024	Treasure Island	CDDAYWK3
4	July 8-12, 2024	Build-a-Camp	CDDAYWK4
5	July 15-19, 2024	Girl Scout Musical	CDDayWk5
6	July 22-26, 2024	Island Adventure	CDDayWk6
7	July 29-August 2, 2024	The Enchanted Garden	CDDayWk7



Camp Dean Sleepaway Camp **ENTERING GRADES 2-8**

This is the chance for your Girl Scout to have an amazing time this summer! Our overnight or “sleepaway” camps offer many ways for your Girl Scout to not only gain independence but to try new skills, make new friends, and create memories of a lifetime. Trained camp staff will provide plenty of opportunities for campers to participate in our theme week activities and other popular camp activities such as swimming, arts and crafts, cooking over a campfire, and more!

Your camper will stay overnight in the camp’s sleeping cabins and explore camp during the day. Girl Scouts can choose between a 3-day/2-night Mini Camp and a 6-day/5-night session. Girl Scouts will be placed in age-appropriate units and cabins and can specify during registration if they wish to bunk with a friend, sibling, or buddy.

Drop-off on first day of session: 4–4:30 p.m.

Pick-up on last day of session: 4–4:30 p.m.

S’more Fun! Sleepaway Mini Camp Half Week 3-day/2-night Mini Camp

Price Level \$335/session (\$310 before March 1, 2024)

Entering Grades 2-8

Sessions—all mini-camp theme: S’more Fun!

Make S’more memories at summer camp! Campers will spend their mini-camp sessions focused on the best parts of what Girl Scout camp has to offer. The best part about Girl Scout camp? You get to do the planning. You make the menu. You have s’more fun! Stick around like a roasted marshmallow and explore camp your way. All mini campers will earn progress towards their Camping and Outdoor Art badges.

DATES	SESSION (WEEK)	ACTIVENET EVENT CODE
June 9–11, 2024	1A	CDOWk1A
June 12–14, 2024	1B	CDOWk1B
June 19–21, 2024	2B	CDOWk2B
July 7–9, 2024	4A	CDOWk4A
July 10–12, 2024	4B	CDOWk4B
July 21–23, 2024	6A	CDOWk6A
July 24–26, 2024	6B	CDOWk6B

Sleepaway Camp Full Week 6-day/5-night Week-Camp

Price Level \$545/session (\$520 before March 1, 2024)

Entering Grades 3–12; age restrictions apply per session

DATE	SESSION (WEEK)	THEME	CAMP FOR ENTERING GRADES:	ACTIVENET EVENT CODE
June 23–28, 2024	3	Treasure Island	3th–10th grade	CDOWk3
July 14–19, 2024	5	Girl Scout Musical	3th–10th grade	CDOWk5
July 28–August 2, 2024	7	One Week Later...	5th–12th grade	CDOWk7



Horsin' Around Mini Camp

ENTERING GRADES 4–9

46W253 Camp Dean Rd., Big Rock, Tower Hill Stables, Hampshire, IL

Attention all horse lovers! Would you like to travel to a stable and learn all about horses? This camp is for you! Our trained camp staff and equestrian experts at Tower Hill Stables are ready for you. Saddle up and let's go! We can't wait for you to meet the horses! While we wait for our trip, you will have the opportunity to try out all the camp activities Camp Dean has to offer!

This session is for horseback riding beginners. Riding sessions will include an outing to Tower Hill Stables for one 45-minute riding lesson around an indoor arena. Campers will also learn horse etiquette and how to care for and groom a horse.

Campers will be transported by camp staff to a professional equestrian facility vetted by GSNI. During this mini camp session, campers will earn their Girl Scout Junior Horseback Riding badge!

Drop-off on first day of session: 4–4:30 p.m.

Pick-up on last day of session: 4–4:30 p.m.

Horsin' Around Camp 3-day/2-night Mini Camp

Price Level \$450/session (\$425 before March 1, 2024)

DATES	SESSION (WEEK)	ACTIVENET EVENT CODE
June 9–11, 2024	1A	CDHWk1A
June 12–14, 2024	1B	CDHWk1B
June 19–21, 2024	2B	CDHWk2B
July 7–9, 2024	4A	CDHWk4A
July 10–12, 2024	4B	CDHWk4B
July 21–23, 2024	6A	CDHWk6A
July 24–26, 2024	6B	CDHWk6B



Horse Trekkers ENTERING GRADES 6-12

46W253 Camp Dean Rd., Big Rock
 Millbrook Trail Rides, Millbrook

Are you an avid horse lover and already experienced in traditional English style riding? Do you want an extra adventure to expand on your current horseback riding skills? Horse Trekkers is our week-long horse adventure camp! You will expand your skillset by learning to maneuver horses around obstacle courses in order to build up to a trail ride! You'll also have opportunities for traditional camping activities such as crate stacking, canoeing, or archery.

Drop-off on first day of session: 4-4:30 p.m.

Pick-up on last day of session: 4-4:30 p.m.

Horse Trekkers Camp 6-day/5-night Camp

Price Level \$650/session (\$625 before March 1, 2024)

DATES	SESSION (WEEK)	ACTIVENET EVENT CODE
June 23-28, 2024	3	CDHWk3
July 14-19, 2024	5	CDHWk5
July 28-August 2, 2024	7	CDHWk7



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9995 N. Girl Scout Rd., Stillman Valley, IL 61084

Camp McCormick is nearly 400 acres of pristine wilderness and open prairies stretching along almost two miles of Rock River frontage. You can hike miles of manicured trails while enjoying the lush scenery and ample wildlife.

At Camp McCormick, overnight campers stay in platform tents. These tents have a wood floor off the ground, a roof over their heads, and canvas walls. Each tent holds four campers in single beds. Camp McCormick also has the option of Adirondacks, which holds six campers in bunk beds.

NEW: To ensure all campers have an enjoyable and memorable experience at Camp McCormick, campers may now choose to spend an evening in Friendship Center. Campers attending mini overnight camps may spend both nights in Friendship Center with the opportunity to try an outdoor unit on their second evening if they choose. All week-long overnight campers will spend Thursday evening indoors in Friendship Center for one final all-camp sleepover together.

A “unit” refers to a large clearing or space that houses a collection of cabins or tents. Each unit offers between 7–8 tents or up to 3 Adirondacks. Compostable latrines, cooking fire pits, and summer kitchens/pavilions are in every unit.

Things to Do at Camp McCormick:

- ▶ Archery and foam archery
- ▶ Slingshots
- ▶ Gaga ball
- ▶ Swimming in indoor pool
- ▶ Crate stacking
- ▶ High ropes course (4th grade and older)
- ▶ Natural playground
- ▶ Air rifles (10 years and older)
- ▶ Trail hiking and geocaching
- ▶ Axe Throwing (12 years and older)
- ▶ Outdoor cooking (pack-outs)
- ▶ Hammock Village
- ▶ Arts and crafts
- ▶ Gnome Hunt



Camp
McCormick



Camp McCormick Day Camp ENTERING GRADES 2-8

5 Day-Only Camp Session

Price Level \$210/session (\$185 before March 1, 2024)

Drop-off on first day of session: 4–4:30 p.m.

Pick-up on last day of session: 4–4:30 p.m.

Is your Brownie, Junior, or Cadette interested in trying out Camp McCormick? Is your camper ready to go on an adventure and develop independence but still loves the thought of being home at night? Day camp may be a great choice!

Each camp session offers exciting, themed activities for the week in addition to popular camp activities such as swimming, arts and crafts, nature exploration, and more. Our trained, fun, energetic staff will guide your camper through all the activities we can pack in a day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If your camper decides they loves camp as much as we think they will, you can choose to have a sleepover experience on Thursday, as well! Additional fee is \$75. Day camp Thursday overnight campers stay in a lodge at Camp McCormick. Campers will sleep in single-room Troophouse Lodge. Camp staff sleep in the same room. Campers sleep with mattresses on the floor, and latrines are nearby outside. Lodges do have A/C and can be cold at night.



Tentative Schedule

9 a.m.	Check-in
9–9:30 a.m.	Settling into camp, group games
9:30–11:45 a.m.	Themed/badge activities and facilitated/outdoor activities
12–1 p.m.	Lunch in dining hall
1–1:15 p.m.	Kapers (camp chores)
1:30–3 p.m.	Aquatic activities (swimming, water games)
3–4 p.m.	Outdoor skills, activities, and games
4–4:15 p.m.	Check-out

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1	June 10–14, 2024	Bend the Elements	CMCDayWk1
2	June 18–21, 2024	Artists in Nature	CMCDAYWK2
5	July 15–19, 2024	Mission Impossible	CDDAYWK5
6	July 22–26, 2024	Craft and Tinker	CDDAYWK6

Camp McCormick Sleepaway Camp

ENTERING GRADES 3-12

This is the chance for your Girl Scout to have the best summer yet! Our summer camps offer so many ways for your Girl Scout to not only gain independence, but to try new skills, make new friends, and create memories of a lifetime. Trained camp staff will provide plenty of opportunities for campers to participate in our new theme week activities and other popular camp activities such as swimming, arts and crafts, cooking over a campfire, and hiking!

Campers can choose between a 3-day/2-night Mini Camp and a 6-day/5-night session. Girl Scouts will be placed in age-appropriate zones of the indoor sleeping space and tents or Adirondacks for outdoor sleeping space.



Drop-off on first day of session: 4-4:30 p.m.

Pick-up on last day of session: 4-4:30 p.m.

Sleepaway Mini Camp 3-day/2-night Mini Camp

Price Level \$335/session (\$310 before March 1, 2024)

Entering Grades 2-8

Make s'more memories at summer camp! Campers will spend their mini camp sessions focused on the best parts of what Girl Scout camp has to offer. The best part about Girl Scout camp? You get to do the planning. You make the menu. You have s'more fun! Stick around like a roasted marshmallow and explore camp your way. All mini campers will earn progress towards their Camping and Outdoor Art badges.

DATE	SESSION (WEEK)	THEME	ACTIVENET EVENT CODE
June 19-21, 2024	2B	S'more Fun!	CMCOWk2B
July 14-16, 2024	5A	S'more Fun!	CMCOWK5A
July 17-19, 2024	5B	S'more Fun!	CMCOWK5B

Sleepaway Camp Full Week 6-day/5-night Camp

Price Level \$545/session (\$520 before March 1, 2024)

Entering Grades 4-12

DATE	SESSION (WEEK)	THEME	ACTIVENET EVENT CODE
June 9-14, 2024	1	Bend the Elements	CMCOWk1
June 23-28, 2024	3	Girl Scout Power!	CMCOWK3
July 7-12, 2024	4	The Camp McCormick Games <i>Grades 6-12</i>	CMCOWK4
July 21-26, 2024	6	Craft and Tinker	CMCOWk6
July 28-August 2, 2024	7	Girl Scout Olympians	CMCOWk7

Camp McCormick Adventure Camp **ENTERING GRADES 7-12**

9995 N. Girl Scout Rd, Stillman Valley

Rocktown Adventures, Rockford | Tower Hill Stables, Hampshire IL

Spend a week at Camp McCormick for a unique outdoor adventure! This camp will focus on the Trailblazer badges and give campers an introduction to backpacking, high adventure, horseback riding, and more! Pack a bag and explore the trails of Camp McCormick for the perfect spot to sleep under the stars—be it in a tent, hammock, or the Adirondacks!

Campers will spend time honing their outdoor skills, from outdoor cooking to knot tying and more. Participate in all our climbing facilitated activities like crate stacking and the New Horizons High Ropes Course. Campers will also go on off-site excursions: canoeing or kayaking around Rock Cut State Park and a horseback trail ride at Tower Hill Stables!

Campers will travel to a new sleeping unit each day and spend at least one night primitive (tent) camping. They will have more outdoor cooking opportunities and travel off-site to different activities.

NOTE: Due to third-party stable requirements for trail ride participants, all participants must be at least 12 years old on the first day of camp session

Adventure Camp Full Week 6-day/5-night Week-Camp

Price Level \$600/session (\$575 before March 1, 2024)

Entering Grades 7-12—Campers must be 12 years of age on day of first session.



DATES	SESSION (WEEK)	ACTIVENET EVENT CODE
June 23-28, 2024	3	CMCAWk3
July 7-12, 2024	4	CMCAWk4
July 28-August 2, 2024	7	CMCAWk7

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Counselor-in-Training Program

ENTERING GRADES 9-12

Camp McCormick, Stillman Valley | Camp Dean, Big Rock

Check-in Sundays: 3–3:30 p.m.

Check-out Fridays: 4–4:30 p.m.

Girl Scout camp is the perfect place to take on leadership roles and become role models for younger campers! Since Girl Scouts is a premiere leadership organization, Girl Scout camp provides unlimited options to hone leadership skills. The Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program is a great way to learn about leadership, group dynamics, outdoor skills, program planning, and more!

The CIT program is designed so campers participate in leadership training and apply those new skills with younger campers in the same week. In addition, CITs receive additional activity training such as ceremonies, outdoor skills, fire building, and more. Activities completed during the CIT program fulfill requirements towards earning the Counselor-in-Training Award. Sessions can be attended without earning the award.

For more information or to apply, please visit www.girlscoutsni.org/CIT. Applications can be submitted any time after November 15, 2023.

Please do NOT register for these sessions until you have received approval from the council.



Camp
Leadership

Counselor-in-Training I ENTERING GRADES 9-11

Camp Dean—Big Rock, IL

Do you want the opportunity to advance your leadership and outdoor skills? If so, CIT I is for you! You'll spend two weeks, including the weekend, with us to develop your skills as an outdoor leader. Not only will you help trained staff develop camp activities, but you will also implement them with younger campers. You'll be shaping your leadership skills for the future! Program Aide Basic and Program Aide Outdoor Trainings are recommended but not required, as we will assess your skills prior to the first day of camp and fill in the gaps to ensure you're up to speed!

Counselor-in-Training I 13-day/12-night 2-Week Camp

Price Level \$275/session (\$250 before March 1, 2024)

Drop-off on first day of session: 3–3:30 p.m.

Pick-up on last day of session: 4–4:30 p.m.

Note: CIT program attendees are expected to stay during the middle weekend.

DATE	SESSION (WEEK)	THEME	ACTIVENET EVENT CODE
July 7–19, 2024	4–5	Camp Dean	CDCIT1

Counselor-in-Training II ENTERING GRADES 11-12

Camp McCormick, Stillman Valley | Camp Dean, Big Rock

You're almost there! Now's the time to pull together all the camp development and leadership skills you developed over the years. Join us at Camp Dean or Camp McCormick—CITs will come together to plan activities for an upcoming weekend camp session based on your specialties and interests. They will also engage with camp administrative staff to see the behind the scenes on developing camp programming.

The CIT program is designed so Girl Scouts participate in leadership training and apply those new skills with younger campers in the same week. In addition, CITs receive additional activity training such as ceremonies, outdoor skills, fire building, and more. Activities completed during the CIT program fulfill requirements towards earning the CIT I or CIT II Award. If Girl Scouts want to earn CIT Awards, they must attend and complete CIT I before CIT II. Sessions can be attended without earning of the award



Counselor-in-Training II 13-day/12-night 2-Week Camp

Price Level \$275/session (\$250 before March 1, 2024)

Drop-off on first day of session: 3–3:30 p.m.

Pick-up on last day of session: 4–4:30 p.m.

Note: CIT program attendees are expected to stay during the middle weekend.

DATE	SESSION (WEEK)	THEME	ACTIVENET EVENT CODE
June 21–28, 2024	2–3	Camp McCormick	CMCCIT2
July 21–August 2, 2024	6–7	Camp Dean	CDCIT2

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GSNI camp staff will be hosting family and troop camps Fridays through Sundays throughout the summer at Camp Dean and Camp McCormick.

All meals will be provided by camp staff. These meals and snacks will be a combination of family-style meals in the dining hall and unit cookouts. Camp staff will assist in cookouts. Both troops and families can participate in all available camp activities for the weekend including all facilitated outdoor activities. Core camp staff will be on site to assist groups during their weekend stay. Camp staff will facilitate outdoor skills and activities, themed arts and crafts, games, and badgework throughout their session



Council-Supported Weekends for Troops and Families

- ▶ **Families:** Each family will receive a private cabin or tent per household and share communal space, such as latrines, within the unit. All ages and family members are welcome to attend. Each family must include one relative/guardian age 18+ as well as one Girl Scout under the age of 18. Families will utilize the Oak Grove and Hickory Glenn units at Camp Dean and Turkey Ridge units at Camp McCormick. Camp Dean’s cabins sleep up to eight people. Camp McCormick’s Adirondacks sleep six people. Families are welcome to pitch their own tents
- ▶ **Troops:** Each troop will reserve a full unit to attend camp. Troops do not need to come with family members but must provide adequate Girl Scout-to-adult ratios. Troops will utilize Cherry Hollow at Camp Dean and Opeechee and Deertrail at Camp McCormick. Cherry Hollow sleeps up to 32 Girl Scouts and eight adults. Deertrail and Opeechee sleep up to 24 Girl Scouts and four adults. Leaders do not need GSNI Outdoor Overnight Training to attend.

Are you an experienced leader with your GSNI Indoor Overnight Training? Your troop can rent out a lodge for the weekend! Troops can rent the McCleary-Shaff Lodge or Charlie’s Lodge at Camp Dean or Troophouse or Greenwood at Camp McCormick!

All troops and families will be sharing unit/lodge space with other groups at camp. Groups register each participant individually. Deposit for troop and family camps is \$50 per participant and remaining balances can be placed on payment plan. It is recommended troops register all participants early as space is limited.

Each session begins with check-in at 7 p.m. on Friday night.
Check-out at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

3-day/2-night Family Camp | \$125/person

3-day/2-night Troop Camp | \$100/person

Camp Dean Family/Troop Camp Sessions

WEEK	DATES	THEME
4	July 12–14, 2024	Craft and Tinker
6	July 26–28, 2024	Island Adventure

Camp McCormick Family/Troop Camp Sessions

WEEK	DATES	THEME
2	June 21–23, 2024	Girl Scout Power!
5	July 19–21, 2024	Mission Impossible



Do you or someone you know want to make a difference in campers' lives at our summer camps? Do you have the enthusiasm to present your best self, a great attitude, and dedication to providing challenges, learning experiences, and a summer our campers will never forget? Critical to the success of summer camp is finding and hiring the right staff! Staff members can be high school graduates, college students, teachers, stay-at-home parents, retired persons, and so much more!

Summer Camp Staff

We are looking for summer staff with passion, drive, grit, amazing personalities, and willingness to learn Girl Scout songs, traditions, and leadership skills! Our paid training may include outdoor skills such as cooking, fire building, archery, crate stacking, small watercraft, lifeguarding, and more. Imagine what your resume could look like by the end of summer!

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To learn more and view all our summer camp positions, visit www.girlscoutsni.org/summerstaff. Staff must be 18 years old prior to the first day of training.



FAQs

For General Summer Camp Programming:

Do I need to pick up my camper myself? How do I add an additional authorized pickup?

ActiveNet does ask for an individual to be listed as an approved pick-up person, but each camper will complete a paper pick-up release form for each camp session listing who (in addition to you) is allowed to pick them up and who is not. This additional form confirms for camp staff who can pick up in an emergency or on carpool days with other campers while maintaining the camper's safety.

Campers do not need to be picked up by their primary guardian, so grandparents, troop leaders, or trusted family friends may be listed on pick-up list. **All campers must be picked up by an adult over the age of 18.**

For safety, teenage campers, friends, and siblings will NOT be allowed to pick up any campers or release themselves. CITs/teen campers are also not allowed to drive themselves to/from camp for their session. An adult over the age of 18 is required to be present for pick-up and drop-off for all teenage campers.

Where is the camp paperwork packet?

Camp paperwork is available immediately after you register! Within the receipt, there will be a link in the confirmation message including the camper paperwork packet and waivers for the week. We highly encourage reviewing and completing paperwork as soon as you register as a doctor's signature and physical is required on health history paperwork!

Do I need to have my doctor complete my camper's health paperwork?

Our camper health histories require a recent physical and a signature by your doctor. Physicals must not be older than two years and can be school, sports, or standard physicals. A copy of school-required vaccinations must be attached as well.

Your camper's doctor must sign off on the health history this summer before attending camp. If these forms are not present during camp check-in, your camper will not be allowed to attend their camp session.

PLEASE NOTE: these health forms are not required for troop and family weekend campers.

Can I leave early or arrive late?

Yes, there is no change in price for leaving early or arriving late. Please notify camp staff via email or camp cell phone beforehand so arrangements for you and your camper can be made.

What if my camper needs medication while at camp?

During check-in, adults can leave medication with our healthcare staff in the health center. Campers will be called during mealtimes and before bedtime to visit the health center to take all medications. Day campers attending Thursday night overnights may bring nighttime medication during Thursday drop-off to be left with our healthcare staff.

Medication is distributed during mealtimes and immediately before bedtime each day. If your camper needs medication at a specific time, you must communicate this with camp staff during the health check at check-in each time your camper arrives for a camp session. A new medication log will also be required for each camp session if the camper is attending multiple camp sessions.

Per health department code, all medications, vitamins, allergy care, and creams/lotions must be in original bottles, and prescription medications must be prescribed to camper. Campers who need to administer shots must be able to do so themselves. Refrigeration for medication is available.



How do I get ahold of my camper during their stay? Can they bring a cell phone?

We do not allow cell phones at camp. We want the campers to truly engage in their camp experience and enjoy their time outdoors with their new camp friends! If a camper has a cell phone at our sleepaway or day camps, it will be confiscated by administrative staff for the item's protection and returned to the camper's guardian at check-out.

If you must contact camp, the camp's cell phone number will be released with your camp session's newsletter. You are also free to email customer care@girlscoutsni.org during the camp season. Please remember camp staff do not have regular access to camp Rallyhood, Facebook pages and cannot receive messages through Facebook and Rallyhood.

For family and troop camps: adults and groups are free to keep their cell phones for emergencies or home-related needs, but we strongly encourage engaging with your youth campers during your stay.

What if my camper gets homesick?

It is not uncommon for campers to experience some homesickness while away at camp. Homesickness typically disappears within the first two days at camp as campers adjust to new people and routine.

Staff are trained to work through this with your camper, and they'll be there for your camper 24/7. If homesickness persists, camp staff will call home with your camper and discuss options with you about continuing the camp program.

We encourage families to foster independence during the school year to ease campers into staying overnight at camp. You are also welcome to write your

camper letters, send a personal comfort item, or pack a gift for them.

Can I mail letters to my camper?

While we accept snail-mail for campers, our camps are located in rural areas and mail can sometimes be unreliable. We encourage any family member to pre-write letters to their campers and drop them off at the check-in table before leaving during check-in. Mail from campers will be saved and given to parents at check-out. Camper mail that arrives after camper has gone home will be returned via the Post Office.

Can my camper bunk with a “buddy”/friend/sibling?

All campers are assigned to tents or cabins (site specific) before their arrival at camp. During registration, you will be asked to provide a buddy's name if your camper is coming with friends. Buddies who requested each other will be bunked together, and additional friends will be bunked based on the capacity of the tent/cabin.

PLEASE NOTE: siblings in different levels of Girl Scouting (example: a Brownie and a Cadette) may be in separate cabins/tents due to bunking campers within their appropriate age range but will see each other regularly for meals, all-camp activities, etc.

Camp is all about meeting new friends. Programs will take place to assist campers in meeting and getting to know other campers and staff at camp.

How do I obtain pictures from camp?

Camp administrative staff will have cameras and take pictures of every unit and camper as the week progresses. At the end of the session, camp staff will try to upload some pictures to the camp's individual session's Rallyhood pages, a private photo sharing site. Due to technology and internet restraints at camp, photo uploads may be delayed. All photos will be uploaded by the end of the summer.

Where do I find out about lost and found?

Lost and left-behind items are collected each day. Staff will do their best to reunite owners with their belongings daily. Lost and found items will be displayed during pick-up at the check-out table. However, please understand that reuniting with all lost items is not always possible.

Please write your camper's full name on everything of importance—if it's left behind, we'll make every effort to contact you by phone or email. All lost and found items left at the end of the summer will be posted



on the camp's Facebook and Rallyhood pages. Any item not claimed by September 1 will be donated.

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage to personal belongings, money, or items left at camp.

Are all camp staff women?

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For GSNI's Sleepaway Camp

What is my camper's schedule?

Campers will come together to decide what they want to do at camp. Their opportunities range from facilitated outdoor activities, outdoor skill development, aquatic activities, games, arts and crafts, badgework, and more. Schedule and activities will vary by week and by unit as campers plan out their time themselves.

My camper wants to attend the full week of the mini camps. Can they stay overnight during Tuesday night between the two sessions?

We do not offer overnights during Tuesday nights between mini camp sessions. This night off allows for mandatory staff breaks as well as cleaning/sanitation and preparation between campers. If you camper wishes to attend for a full week, there are many full week camp sessions to attend.

I'm a Cadette. Can I be a CIT?

The CIT program is for Seniors and Ambassadors only. We encourage Cadette Girl Scouts to complete their LiA awards and Program Aid trainings instead as these are the best leadership opportunities for their age.

For GSNI's Day Camp

Is there transportation to and from day camp?

GSNI does not offer transportation services to Camp Dean or Camp McCormick. All campers must provide their own transportation.



My day camper is a picky eater. Can they bring their own lunch?

Hot lunches for all-day campers are provided by camp staff each day. If your camper wishes to bring a sack lunch, they are more than welcome. Microwaves are not available at camp.

Are there early/late hours for day campers?

We do not provide before or after care for day campers. All campers must arrive between check-in times and leave by check-out time each day.

For GSNI Family Camp Weekends

Do I need a Girl Scout in my family to attend?

Yes, each family must have at least one registered Girl Scout in attendance who is under the age of 18.

Can my non-Girl Scout child attend? Can my husband attend?

All ages (from toddler to grandma!) and genders of your family are welcome to attend. Camp programs will be tailored to include everyone in your family. Each family must include one relative/guardian age 18+. All adults, youths, and attendees must register to stay for the event. Groups without proper registered adult-to-youth ratios will be turned away.

How many members of my family can attend?

At Camp Dean, we can accommodate up to eight members in one cabin. At Camp McCormick, we can accommodate four in one tent or six in one Adirondack. Larger groups are welcome to spread out between more than one cabin/tent or pitch their own tent. Larger cabins and Adirondacks are limited so register early!

What is expected of me at family camp?

Families must always provide appropriate supervision for their children and abide by GSNI's camp rules, which are shared in the camp confirmation packet.

For GSNI Troop Camp Weekends

Why are Camp Dean and Camp McCormick unavailable for my troop to book during the summer?

Summer camp utilizes all our camp properties even while a camp session is not active or on off-weekends. Our camps provide a home to our out-of-town camp counselors as well as dining hall equipment and craft spaces.

Camp Dean and Camp McCormick are reserved for our council-led summer camp programming from May 24–August 5 each year. Troop camping opportunities will only be available through our troop camping program on certain weekends and not available for self-led troop reservations during this time. If you wish to come out to camp for your own self-led adventure, we encourage looking for bookings after August 15.

I want to book a particular unit/lodge during troop camping weekends that's not listed.

Our available units are based on our summer camp programming. Lodges such as Whispering Oaks, Dean Lodge, Whitetail Lodge, and Friendship Center are utilized as program space, dining halls, and staff quarters. They are unavailable for troops to book during summer. Some outdoor spaces, like Oak Grove and Turkey Ridge, will be reserved for families only.

Do we need to be a troop from GSNI?

No! Any Girl Scout troop from neighboring councils is welcome to attend our troop camp program! This option is only available for Girl Scout troops.



Does each Girl Scout need a parent?

Troops do not need each camper to come with family members, but troops must provide adequate child-to-adult ratios. All adults, children, and attendees must register to stay for the event. Groups without proper registered adult-to-youth ratios will be turned away.

What is expected of me at troop camp?

Troops must always provide supervision for all youth campers in the group and abide by GSNI's outings and camp rules. Troop leaders and adults should interact with all campers in their troop during camp activities and assist staff when needed. Troop leaders will be responsible for waking campers, leading from station to station, bedtime and overnight care, and supervision throughout the weekend.

Camp Jargons

Camp Staff Nicknames

During staff training, each camp staff member may choose a “camp name”. Camp counselor is a unique position between older siblings and authority figure. Camp names allow staff to create a memorable relationship with your camper distinguished from that of teachers, other authority figures, or even yourself. Camp names add to the magic of Girl Scout camp tradition that has been passed down for generations, beginning with Juliette “Daisy” Gordon Low.

All Camp

This is a time when every camp session comes together for a large group activity. This can include camp-wide games, singing around the campfire, special guest presentations, and more. These activities are planned by our program team.

Camper's Choice

As a camper-driven program, we encourage campers to participate in as many camp activities as they can. Camper's Choice is a block where many camp activities are open at once, giving campers the ability to choose without worrying about what the overall unit wants to do. Activities vary each session but will include one of the following: aquatic activity, arts and crafts, archery, or crate stacking, badgework, outdoor skill development, games, themed-based activities, and nature/environmental activities.

Kapers

Each unit and each camper are requested to partake in kapers, or camp chores, each day. This is to ensure we leave every place better than we found it and promote responsibility and care towards our camp property and equipment. Campers gain a sense of pride in their units and camp and do their best to care for their home away from home.

Kapers last no more than 15 minutes and include activities like hopping (setting the tables) in the dining hall, cleaning the dining hall, cleaning the pool house, serving as color guards for flag ceremonies, collecting sticks for campfires, caring for the camp gardens, and more.

Cleaning buildings, such as the dining hall and pool house, involves quickly removing trash or lost-and-found items from sitting in these spaces. Campers assist in sweeping, mopping, wiping down counters, sinks, toilet seats, and tables. Each unit works as a team to leave the building better than they found it, and many hands make the work go quickly. Campers never handle chemicals. Camp provides use of sanitation wipes while cleaning.

Swim and Tip Test

Swim and tip tests are performed by certified lifeguards prior to allowing campers to partake in some aquatic activities, including entering the deep end of the pool or entering canoe/kayaks. Campers who pass the swim test (swim one lap of the pool's length and tread water for one minute) will be given a colored swim cap or band to indicate permission to swim in the deep end.

These swim caps/bands are worn every time a camper is swimming in the pool.

The tip test teaches campers how to reenter their canoe from the water if they fall out while in the pond. Campers are guided by lifeguards in the pool before entering the pond to ensure each camper's competency in the task in case of emergency.

These tests are conducted in the beginning of each session based on if campers wish to utilize aquatic activities during their time at camp. These tests are optional for campers but required to go on canoes/kayaks or swim in the deep end. To promote the safety of all campers, swim and tip test are conducted each summer regardless of camper's previous status and experience with our pools. Status of passing is up to camp staff trained lifeguards.

Pack-outs

Campers will cook out in their units over a campfire at least once during their session. Campers collaborate with their unit to create a menu involving appetizers, main course, and dessert. Camp staff instructs campers on fire building and cooking techniques during this time. For pack-outs, campers will need their own mess kits (plastic plate, bowl, cup, and utensils) and a dunk bag for washing. Mess kits can be purchased at the trading post.

Trading Post

The Trading Post refers to our camp store. Families can leave cash and Cookie Dough/Cashew Cash/S'more Dough with the Trading Post for their campers to shop throughout the week. The Trading Post is also available during check-out for families to shop. Items sold include camp apparel, camping supplies (mess kits, flashlights, water bottles), stationery, stuffed animals, fun patches (not badges), and novelty mementos.



How do you know if your camper (and you) are ready for camp? What kind of camp—day only, overnight, or leadership?

If your camper (and you) aren't ready for camp, you may want to wait. We'd LOVE to have you here, but we want to make sure it's an enjoyable experience for everyone.

Here are some questions to think about:

- ▶ Has your camper stayed overnight anywhere other than home? How did that experience go? For you? Was your child sad, lonely, or homesick? Were they excited and want to go back?
- ▶ Can your camper perform the following tasks without your guidance—hair washing, teeth brushing, shower taking, sunscreen and bug spray application?
- ▶ Can your child keep track of belongings, such as a backpack and water bottle?
- ▶ Would your camper be comfortable walking with a buddy at night to the bathroom?
- ▶ Will your child be okay staying in a tent or cabin with new friends?
- ▶ Will your camper be afraid of camp critters such as spiders or other insects?
- ▶ Will your child try camp food that may not have been offered at home?
- ▶ Does your camper make friends easily and settle well into new environments?
- ▶ Is your child excited to go to camp even if attending without current friends?
- ▶ Will your child be okay staying at camp overnight without having communication with you? Will YOU be okay with that?



**Is Your
Camper Ready
for Camp?**

Camp Readiness Survey

CIRCLE YOUR ANSWER	DAY CAMP
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 3 points <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe 2 points <input type="checkbox"/> No Way 1 point	I'm okay with staying with a buddy everywhere I go.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 3 points <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe 2 points <input type="checkbox"/> No Way 1 point	I can follow directions from camp staff.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 3 points <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe 2 points <input type="checkbox"/> No Way 1 point	I am willing to make new friends and have fun without my family around.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 3 points <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe 2 points <input type="checkbox"/> No Way 1 point	I can ask camp staff for help if I need it.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 3 points <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe 2 points <input type="checkbox"/> No Way 1 point	I have a good attitude and try new things like new foods and activities!
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 3 points <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe 2 points <input type="checkbox"/> No Way 1 point	I am responsible for my own possessions like my backpack and water bottle.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 3 points <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe 2 points <input type="checkbox"/> No Way 1 point	I am able to put on sunscreen and bug spray by myself. I drink water with and without reminders.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 3 points <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe 2 points <input type="checkbox"/> No Way 1 point	I am willing to help with camp kapers (chores).

16 points or less. NOT QUITE READY? *We understand! Camp has plenty of troop and family events where they don't need to visit camp alone. Visit our website to find activities your family and troop can do together!*

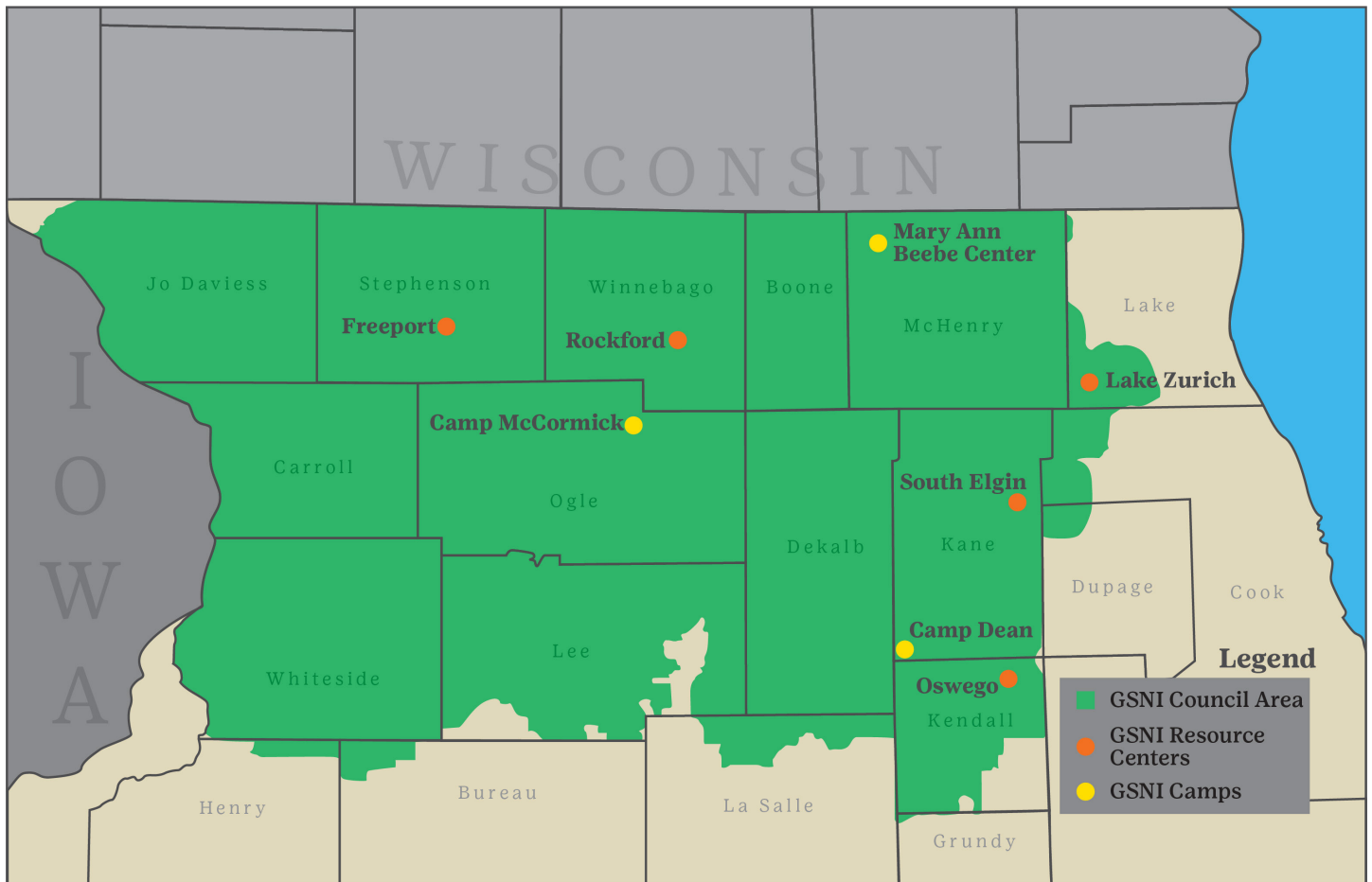
CIRCLE YOUR ANSWER	SLEEPAWAY MINI-CAMP
	All of the above, plus:
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 3 points <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe 2 points <input type="checkbox"/> No Way 1 point	I have stayed overnight at a friend's house and/or outdoors at least one night.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 3 points <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe 2 points <input type="checkbox"/> No Way 1 point	I am comfortable leaving my tent/cabin with a buddy at night to use the bathroom.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 3 points <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe 2 points <input type="checkbox"/> No Way 1 point	I am able to take a shower, brush my hair, brush and floss my teeth, and stay hydrated (drink water) with and without reminders.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 3 points <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe 2 points <input type="checkbox"/> No Way 1 point	I am able to "think ahead" and anticipate consequences of my actions.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 3 points <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe 2 points <input type="checkbox"/> No Way 1 point	I can follow all directions given by camp staff and maintain self-discipline at all times.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 3 points <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe 2 points <input type="checkbox"/> No Way 1 point	I can be away from my family without contact for two nights and three days.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 3 points <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe 2 points <input type="checkbox"/> No Way 1 point	I'm okay with staying overnight in a tent or cabin without adults, knowing they will be in another tent or cabin nearby.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 3 points <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe 2 points <input type="checkbox"/> No Way 1 point	I can make my own bed and keep my sleeping and activity areas cleaned up with little or no reminders.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 3 points <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe 2 points <input type="checkbox"/> No Way 1 point	I am ready to be a part of a team with a cooperative spirit!

16 points or less. **NOT QUITE READY?** *This summer, a day camp might be ideal! Spend time this summer preparing for a mini-overnight camp next summer!*

CIRCLE YOUR ANSWER	FULL WEEK CAMP (6-DAY/5-NIGHT)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 3 points <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe 2 points <input type="checkbox"/> No Way 1 point	I am able to be away from my family and home for six nights.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 3 points <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe 2 points <input type="checkbox"/> No Way 1 point	I can pack, organize, and complete tasks without an adult to help.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 3 points <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe 2 points <input type="checkbox"/> No Way 1 point	I am a self-starter, responsible, reliable, and conscientious of others in the group.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 3 points <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe 2 points <input type="checkbox"/> No Way 1 point	Without exception, I can independently follow all rules!

16 points or less. **NOT QUITE READY?** *This summer, an overnight minicamp might be ideal! Spend time this summer preparing for a longer overnight camp next summer!*

**More than 17 points? You're ready!
We can't wait to see you at camp this summer!**



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