



# Troop Trek Camp Olympics

Presented by  
Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois

Troop Trek is a council-sponsored troop camping experience designed for Girl Scout Brownie and Junior troops embarking on their first camping adventure; however, many troops have so much fun they come back a second or third time. At Troop Trek, a core staff of program aides and adult volunteers are on hand to assist troops with camping skills and lead a variety of theme-based program activities.

This year's theme—Camp Olympics—will focus on games and activities from around the world. Girls will be able to experience a new twist on egg races, dog-sledding, and team spirit. So round up your troop and grab your sleeping bag and sunscreen because Troop Trek 2012 is where you want to be!

**Who:** Girl Scout Brownie and Junior troops. (See specific location for assigned levels.) Limited to girls currently in second through fifth grade. (No first-grade Girl Scout Daisies bridging to Brownies in Spring 2012.)

**Fee:** \$40 per Girl / \$40 per Adult

**Includes:** Camp activities (program supplies and staff), dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday, Troop Trek patch, and T-shirt.

**Registration:** Begins March 1, 2012, and ends May 14, 2012.  
Mail-in registration only. Registration form available online and in service centers.

## Locations and Dates:

**MaryAnn Beebe Center**  
Harvard, Illinois  
(GS Brownies Only)  
June 22-24

**Chapman Hills**  
East Troy, Wisconsin  
(GS Juniors Only)  
July 20-22

**Camp Far Horizons**  
Hanover, Illinois  
(GS Brownies & GS Juniors)  
July 6-8

**Chapman Hills**  
East Troy, Wisconsin  
(GS Juniors Only)  
August 3-5

**Time:** Check in on Friday between 1 and 2:30 P.M.  
Check out by 12 noon on Sunday

## What Troop Trek Provides:

For girls, it provides the opportunity to experience a council camping event with the security of having their leaders and troop friends with them. While at camp, girls will have the opportunity to meet girls from other troops in Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois and to interact with Girl Scout Cadette, Senior and Ambassador program aides. They will also take part in a variety of activities planned by the camp staff, as well as activities troops plan and do on their own.

For leaders, the Troop Trek program provides extra assistance in planning and carrying out a camping trip including some meals. The camp staff offers guidance prior to camp at an optional Leader's Roundtable, through a Troop Trek informational handout and during camp through consultants and leaders' meetings.

The Troop Trek staff consists of a director, a first-aid supervisor and camp consultants/program aides who provide program opportunities and guidance. (NOTE: The staff is not in the units with the troops overnight; however, they will check on how things are going periodically and are trained to give assistance when needed.)

## Troops Attending Troop Trek Must:

- Meet the appropriate girl/adult ratio. (If space allows, additional adults may be allowed; however, if registration warrants, troops may be limited on the number of adults attending.)
- Be accompanied by at least one trained leader.
- Be accompanied by at least one adult who completed Outdoor Overnight Training.
- Be accompanied by at least one leader or adult who has current certification in first aid and CPR.
- Provide their own transportation to and from camp.

## What to Expect at Troop Trek:

- Your troop will share a unit, and possibly a tent, with troops/groups from other areas of Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois.
- At Camp Far Horizon, you will sleep in wooden-roofed platform tents with canvas sides and cots with mattresses—each tent sleeps four. (Mosquito nets are NOT provided.)
- At Chapman Hills, you will sleep in wooden-roofed platform tents with canvas sides and strings to hang mosquito nets—each tent sleeps four. (Mosquito nets and mattresses are NOT provided.)
- At Mary Ann Beebe Center, you will either sleep in the Adirondacks (wooden -roofed platform tents with three wooden sides and canvas front), covered wagons, or yurts. The Adirondacks and covered wagons sleep four and the yurts sleep six. (Mosquito nets and mattresses are NOT provided.)
- Each unit has a latrine and a washstand. NO showers or flush toilets are available.
- Meals will be prepared by your troop, with assistance from program aides and adult volunteers, and eaten out-of-doors. (Food will only be provided for Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast.)

## Pre-Camp Leaders' Roundtable:

Attendance, by an adult representative, at a pre-camp Leaders' Roundtable is **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** for each troop attending Troop Trek. At this meeting, information will be given concerning the facility, camp procedures, what you need to bring, menu planning, the program schedule, how to involve girls in planning for Troop Trek and we will answer any questions you may have. Mark your calendar for **Thursday, May 31, 7-9 P.M.** at the Elgin Service Center. (Too far to drive? Don't worry. Participate via conference call!)

## Questions:

For questions regarding this event, the Leaders' Roundtable or conference call, contact Felecia Dupczak at the Sugar Grove Service Center (fdupczak@girlscoutsni.org or Ext. 7161).



### TROOP TREK REGISTRATION FORM

Registration begins March 1, 2012, and ends May 14, 2012.

Please mail or deliver registration, with payment, to the Elgin Service Center at 12N124 Coombs Road., Elgin, Illinois, 60124.

Please check session you wish to attend:

\_\_\_\_\_ Mary Ann Beebe Center, June 22-24  
\_\_\_\_\_ Camp Far Horizons, July 6-8

\_\_\_\_\_ Chapman Hills, July 20-22  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chapman Hills, August 3-5

Troop/Group Number \_\_\_\_\_ Leader's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Second Adult's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of adult with current first-aid/CPR certification (required) \_\_\_\_\_  
*(If a copy of their first-aid and CPR certifications are not on file with Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois, please include.)*

Number of times your troop has attended Troop Trek? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of times your troop has attended Troop Camping Made Easy? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of girls at each level (the grade girls are presently in, Spring 2012). Please list girls' names on the reverse side.

\_\_\_\_\_ Second Grade      \_\_\_\_\_ Third Grade      \_\_\_\_\_ Fourth Grade      \_\_\_\_\_ Fifth Grade

Total Number of Girls \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Due \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment:** Please pay total amount at the time of registration. (Please indicate the amount of each.)

Cash/Check \_\_\_\_\_ "Cookie Dough"/"S'More Dough" \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Information (Please Circle One):      Visa      MasterCard      Discover

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Validation Code (Three-digit number on the back side of your card, in the signature box) \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirts and patches are available for all participants—girls and adults. T-shirts and patches will be ordered May 16, 2012. Any registrations taken after May 16, 2012, will not be guaranteed a T-shirt or patch.

**T-shirt Order:** Youth Sizes: \_\_\_\_\_ M      \_\_\_\_\_ L  
Adult Sizes: \_\_\_\_\_ S      \_\_\_\_\_ M      \_\_\_\_\_ L      \_\_\_\_\_ XL      \_\_\_\_\_ XXL

**Special Needs and/or Food Allergies** (Please Explain):  
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#### Roundtable Registration:

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, our troop will have adult representation at the optional Leaders' Roundtable on **May 31, 2012, 7 to 9 P.M.** at the Elgin Service Center, 12N124 Coombs Rd., Elgin, IL.

\_\_\_\_\_ Our troop will have adult participation in the Leaders' Roundtable conference call on **May 31, 2012, 7 to 9 P.M.**

