

Day Camp Parents Information for Camp



We are so glad that your camper will be joining us this summer! This packet is filled with information to help prepare your family for camp and to make your camper's experience safe, fun and fulfilling! We look forward to providing you and your camper the PREMIER Girl Scout camp experience that will include care from the highest quality staff, leadership and personal development like no other- all located in three of the best locations to instill a great sense of appreciation for the outdoor world!

Camp is just one way for girls to experience the Girl Scout program. Girl Scouts is girl-driven, and girls have the CHOICE of how they want to participate!

In addition to providing the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, we will strive this summer to:

- Promote the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of every girl and adult.
- Develop resourcefulness, initiative, self-reliance and recognition of the worth and dignity of each individual.
- Provide opportunities for practice in democratic living.
- Develop a sense of responsibility, qualities of leadership and an awareness of the capacities of all people.
- Provide an inner satisfaction, a sense of awe and wonder and a deep enjoyment for both girl and staff.
- Provide a sense of accomplishment.
- Develop the individual's sense of responsibility to conserve the natural world.

Even if you have been to one of our camps before, please read this thoroughly as some things may have changed. If you have any questions that are not answered here, do not hesitate to contact the Outdoor Experience Manager (also known as the Camp Director) of the camp your daughter is attending.

Camp Ginger Cascades

Mailing Address/GPS or Online Mapping:

Camper's Name, Program Name

2090 Scout Road

Lenoir, NC 28645

Phone Number: 828-758-5321*

Fax Number: 828-394-5080

Email Address: gingercascades@girlscoutsp2p.org

Camp Pisgah

Mailing Address/GPS or Online Mapping:

Camper's Name, Program Name

570 Girl Scout Camp Road

Brevard, NC 28712

Phone Number: 828-862-4435*

Fax Number: 828-884-9464

Email Address: pisgah@girlscoutsp2p.org

Keyauwee Program Center

Mailing Address/GPS or Online Mapping:

Campers name, Program Name

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Sophia, NC 27350

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****These contact emails and numbers are for business only and not for camper contact lines.***

Camper Timeline

Camp is an opportunity for girls to learn responsibility and independence by living away from the family environment. Children can learn about themselves in a safe, supportive atmosphere. However, some children at camp may experience fear, anxiety and worry. Reasons may be homesickness, a problem at home, or a feeling of not fitting in with other children.

After Registration

- Get your daughter excited about going to camp. We encourage parents/guardians to use the term “going” to camp rather than you “sending” her to camp.

One Month Before Camp:

- Check out the Outdoor Experience blog at www.camplikeagirl.org where we have a number of resources, including a letter from a first time camper who is returning for their second summer this year.

Just Before Camp:

- Transportation can be added until 1 week prior to camp session.
- Final payment for camp is due June 3, 2019. Your final balance will be automatically charged on this date.
- Check to see if your camper requires a physical and, if so, have the physical completed.
- Attend Family Fun Day on June 9, 2019 at all three of our camps. This is the perfect day for both you and your camper to meet the staff and see camp before summer starts! You will be able to interact with the staff, play, and see the units around camp. **No visitors are allowed while camp is in session this summer.**
- If your child has special dietary or other needs, please note this on their registration. If your camper has a severe allergy, contact the Camp Director of your camp **at least two weeks prior to your arrival.**

**** If you have specific concerns or if there is something we should know (a recent move, serious illness, death, divorce, etc.), call the Camp Director directly. ****

Arriving To Camp

The time for camp has finally come! Both you and your camper are excited and a little nervous. Have no fear! You will find all the information you need below to have a successful check-in at camp!

Check-in for Day Camp:

- If you are dropping your camper off at camp, plan to arrive between **8:45-9 a.m.** each day. Please do not arrive earlier as there will not be staff available to assist you. Proceed to the front of camp where the Day Camp Director will be waiting to greet you.
- If you have opted for transportation for your camper, camp will be in contact with you to confirm drop off times prior to the start of camp.
- All medications must be in its **original packaging**. This includes all over-the-counter medications, vitamins and topical creams. We also can only dispense it according to the labeled directions unless we receive a note from your physician.

Remember all check-in procedures differ at each of our locations due to their layout and staffing, so respect each camp’s rules.

For check-in, please keep these general camp rules in mind.

- No drugs or alcoholic beverages are allowed on the site. Any participant or guest under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be asked to leave immediately. Local law enforcement will be contacted, if necessary.
- All our properties are tobacco and smoke-free. This includes cigarettes, vaping, chewing, etc. No exceptions.
- Firearms and ammunition are not allowed on the site except for on duty law enforcement officers or other officials as authorized by the council.
- Pets are not allowed on site (unless they are a certified service animal).

- Personal sports gear (climbing harness, archery equipment, etc.) should not be used without staff inspection and approval.
- Vehicles are not allowed past the camp check-in location without permission from the camp staff. A parking lot is available at the entrance of camp for all guests. Absolutely no transportation of persons in non-passenger vehicles is allowed (truck beds, golf carts, etc.).
- You will be contacted via phone in the event of an emergency that would affect the above listed arrangements.

Transportation

If you have signed up for transportation for one of our day camps, please be aware of the following necessary information:

- Arrive at your chosen pick-up time 15 minutes early on the first day of camp with the completed health history/permission form (if not already online) and any medications in their original packaging.
- If your daughter is younger than 8 years old or weighs less than 80 pounds, she will need to come prepared to the van pick-up time with a child restraint/booster seat. It must meet Federal standards in effect at time of manufacture. If she shows up without this and needs it, she will not be able to travel on the van.
- Transportation can be added for Day Campers up to 1 week before your camp session through your online camp account. The transportation fee for the week is \$60.
- Transportation guidelines will be sent to you via e-mail the week prior to your camper arrival.

Please review the following van rules with your camper:

- All passengers must sit on the seats (no sitting on the floor).
- Seatbelts must be worn by all passengers at all times.
- Whenever the vehicle is in motion, all passengers are to remain seated.
- There should be no horseplay and/or loud noise which might distract the driver.
- There should be no hanging or throwing things out of the windows.
- Campers may not ride in the back of pick-up trucks or any other vehicles not designated for passengers.
- Passengers that are younger than 8 years or weigh less than 80 pounds will be required to ride in a child restraint/booster seat.

Telephone and Electronics Policy:

Cell phones and other communication devices are not allowed at camp. Having these devices on camp can create homesickness and issues in the units amongst the girls. Camp is an opportunity for girls to be unplugged and become an active member of our camp community. Additionally, the environments at camp are not suitable for the safe storage of these devices.

While Your Camper Is At Camp

Below are policies and procedures that are to be followed while your Girl Scout attends camp. We have also included some information below on how to help your camper have the best week!

- If your daughter has a high fever, gets an injury that requires advanced treatment, or if the health supervisor has concerns about her condition, you will be contacted immediately.
- Campers are covered by supplemental insurance for accidents and sickness that may occur while participating in activities. Pre-existing conditions are not covered.
- Please note that campers cannot receive phone calls while at camp.
- Here is what a typical day of Day Camp will look like:

8:45 a.m.	Arrive to Camp
9 a.m.	Activity Sessions
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Activity Session
4 p.m.	Pick Up begins

Picking Up Your Camper From Camp

The time has come to pick up your camper from camp. They have had a great time, and we have all the information below that you will need to pick up your camper.

Checkout Time for Day Camp:

- Please plan to arrive at camp to pick up your camper between 4-4:30 p.m. each day. Proceed to the main parking lot. For the safety of all children, in order to pick up your camper, you must either be the child's parent/guardian or a person authorized to pick up the child listed on the Health Information Form.
- No camper will be released until photo identification is presented and the camper is signed out by an authorized staff member.
- If you have concerns with check-in and checkout times, please contact your camp directly.
- *EARLY PICK-UP:* If you need to pick-up your camper early, this is not a problem. Please let camp staff know during check-in.
- Pets are not allowed on site (unless they are a certified service animal).
- You will be contacted via phone in the event of an emergency that would affect the above listed arrangements.

Packing List For Day Campers

Please make sure your child is appropriately dressed for active play each day. This includes having socks and shoes with a closed toe. Weather can change very quickly at camp, so make sure your child has all of the following EACH DAY in a Day Pack.

Important Notes:

Campers are responsible for all items brought to camp. Label everything! We recommend that you leave at home any items you consider irreplaceable or valuable. Girl Scouts Carolina Peaks to Piedmont Council, Inc. is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items.

Please Bring:

- Rain coat or poncho
- Long pants (at least one pair) **for horse day camp only*
- Hat or visor
- Sweater, sweatshirt, or jacket
- Reusable Water Bottle (labeled with camper's name)
- Water shoes (or old tennis shoes/sport sandals)
- Swimsuit (and plastic bag for returning wet suit)
- One towel
- Sunscreen AND lip balm – SPF 15 or higher

Please DO NOT Bring:

- Radios, MP3 players, iPods, etc.
- Cell phones
- Video games, Tablets/iPads, E-Readers
- Video cameras
- Gum or candy
- Expensive, name-brand items