

Every girl should have the chance to camp...



Dear Girl Scout Family,

I am thrilled to share with you our 2009 *Summer Resident Camp Guide*, filled with activities and events that have been designed just for girls!

As you may know, the Girl Scout councils in southern and central Missouri, southeast Kansas and northeast Oklahoma recently merged to form Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland, Inc. This exciting development is accompanied by many increased opportunities for all girls, including the option to explore our beautiful Girl Scout properties.

Every girl should have the chance to camp! And in Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland, girls will be able to pick from a wide variety of camp opportunities throughout the entire region. Girl Scout camp is a great way to discover new skills, develop a sense of community, and build a deep appreciation for nature. Whether they go for two weeks or two days, Girl Scout camp encourages girls to grow, explore, and have fun - all while under the guidance of caring, trained adults.

As you read over this exciting publication, which includes both brand-new camp programs and old favorites, I hope that you'll agree - it's a great time to be a Girl Scout!

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Jennifer M. Orban
Chief Executive Officer

Dear Girl Scout Family,

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland, Inc. is gearing up for a fantastic summer of camp! I am so excited to be able to offer girls a wide variety of camping opportunities throughout the council.

Girl Scout camp provides girls with a unique opportunity to *discover* the world around them, to *connect* with others who share their interests and passions, and to *take action* in a safe and supervised setting. Resident camp is a place where the value of living in a community is every bit as important as learning new skills. Whether a first time camper or a camping veteran, girls will learn independence and courage and return home stronger young women! We are ready to help them make their camp experience the best yet.



I invite your camper to join us this summer to experience the fun, laughter, adventure and beauty that await her at camp. Camp is a unique environment where girls will create memories that can last a lifetime!

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Carolyn Imhoff
Senior Manager, Leadership Program

Girls...return home stronger young women

Parent FAQs

I live in Dexter. Which camp may my child attend? Girls may attend resident camp at ANY of four locations: Camp Cherokee Ridge in Wayne County, Camp Finbrooke in Christian County, Camp Latonka in Wayne County, and Camp Mintahama in Newton County.

How long do we have to register for a camp session? The registration deadline for all summer resident camp programs listed in this book, regardless of the program date, is June 1, 2009. Registrations must be received by this date, and are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Remember to include your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for camp sessions.

My daughter was a third grade Brownie Girl Scout this year, and will be a Junior Girl Scout next year. Should she register for Brownie or Junior programs? Girls should register for programs based on the grade in which they will be enrolled for the 2009-2010 school year. If your daughter just completed third grade, then she should look at the Junior-level programs. Girl Scout program age levels are as follows:

Daisy	Kindergarten-Grade 1
Brownie	Grades 2-3
Junior	Grades 4-5
Cadette	Grades 6-8
Senior	Grades 9-10
Ambassador	Grades 11-12

I'm not sure that I can afford camp on my own. Are there scholarships available? Girls may pay for camp with Cookie Credit from the 2009 cookie program (procedures for using cookie credit will be included in the confirmation packet). That's a great way for them to learn about paying their own way! A limited amount of financial assistance is available as well. See pages 21-22 for guidelines and application forms.

Is there a bus to camp? Each family is responsible for getting their camper to the camp location on the first day of camp, and for picking up their camper on the last day. We do not offer bus transportation to camps.

What should my daughter bring to camp? Confirmation packets will be mailed to each girl after the June 1, 2009 registration deadline. These packets will include a packing list, health history form, and directions to camp.

Can I call or email my daughter while she is at camp? While campers are not allowed to have cell phones or receive calls or emails during their time at camp, you are encouraged to send letters to your camper (please do not send packages with food).

What if I have to cancel or change my daughter's camp session? In order to request a program session change, parents or guardians should contact the Program Registrar toll-free at 1-877-312-4764 to see if a change is possible. All program session changes must be made by June 1, 2009. Changes made after the registration deadline will be made on a case-by-case basis. The balance of camp registration fees is refunded only when written notice of cancellation is received three weeks before the camp program session starts, or when the camper is ill and a written notice of cancellation is accompanied by a statement from the camper's attending physician. NO refunds will be given after the registration deadline except in the following cases:

- ◆ Death or emergency in the family
- ◆ Camper's injury or illness (doctor's statement required)
- ◆ Camper cannot be placed in her 1st, 2nd, or 3rd choice of program session
- ◆ Camper does not receive requested financial assistance
- ◆ Program session is cancelled by the Council
- ◆ Camper fails health screening upon arrival at camp *and* she cannot be placed in a similar program at a later date

Refunds will NOT be made if a camper leaves camp due to homesickness, illness, behavioral issues or parent request. However, every effort will be made to place a camper who misses her choice of program session due to illness, injury, or family emergency in another program session.

Camper Quiz

Are You Ready for Camp?

Read each question in the *Camper Quiz* and give your honest answer (check the box next to your choice).

	No Way	Maybe	Yes
1. Can you stay overnight at a friend's house without missing your family or feeling lonely or sad?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Can you shampoo your own hair and keep it brushed and neat?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Are you willing to try new foods that you haven't eaten before?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Do you enjoy outdoor activities such as swimming, hiking, camping skills and sleeping in a tent?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Can you survive without a radio, TV, air conditioning, and a phone?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Can you pack your own suitcase with things you need?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Can you make your bed and keep track of your own belongings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Do you like to meet new people and do things with other girls - not just your best friend?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Are you brave during thunderstorms, when you see a Granddaddy long legs, or when you hear strange noises at night?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Do you want to go to camp?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Now figure out your score. Give yourself 1 point for each "No Way," 2 points for each "Maybe," and 3 points for each "Yes."

Less than 18 points

18 - 25 points

Over 25 points

Try troop camping or family activities.

You're ready for an adventure at Girl Scout Camp!

You must be an experienced camper!



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