

# ADULT & GIRL CAMP PARENT PACKET

Welcome to the Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa Summer Camps! Camping and outdoor experiences are an important Girl Scout tradition, one which we are proud to carry on at our summer camp locations – Camp Sacajawea and Camp Tanglefoot. Each camp provides a unique summer experience for Girl Scouts from across the state.

We are excited to partner with you to create a memorable experience at camp this summer!

Read more to plan appropriately for your time at camp. This packet contains updated information, so please make sure to review it thoroughly, complete forms for you and your camper online, and review the packing list prior to your session. We can't wait to see you this summer!

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# BEFORE CAMP STARTS

## FORMS

You'll receive an email from CampDoc prior to the start of your camp session. Forms for you and your camper are pre-filled with basic information you provided during registration including your camper's name, date of birth, and camp session. Please complete this information as soon as possible to help us prepare for your stay. You can make edits and updates to this information before attending your camp session.

If you or your camper attended camp last summer, you will need to login, confirm details that have carried over from last year, and update information that may have changed since last summer.

## ALLERGIES & DIETARY CONSIDERATIONS

We recognize the seriousness of allergic reactions brought on by certain foods and substances/materials. Please provide us with as much pertinent information as possible as you fill out the camp forms, so that we are best able to care for you and your camper's needs.

We can accommodate a vegetarian diet and many common food allergies that cause changes in diet, including lactose and gluten. We are not able to guarantee that cross-contamination will not occur. Contact your camp office for information about how we can best accommodate your camper's dietary needs.

## REFUNDS & CANCELLATIONS

Please visit [girlscoutsiowa.org/refunds](http://girlscoutsiowa.org/refunds) for details on our Summer Camp refund policy. Your camp balance is due 14 days before your camper arrives at camp. If you anticipate difficulty in being able to pay the balance, please contact GSGI at 800-342-8389 or [info@gsiowa.org](mailto:info@gsiowa.org) as soon as possible.

## LICE, TICKS, BED BUGS, AND OTHER INSECTS

During check-in, our staff will check all campers for head lice. We ask that you check your camper at home prior to arriving at camp. If your camper shows signs of head lice, they will need a typical at-home lice treatment prior to moving in and beginning camp activities. Head lice are common in environments where people (mostly children) are in close contact with one another. More information can be found at: [cdc.gov/lice](http://cdc.gov/lice).

Ticks look for a place to attach, like the backs of knees, armpits, hair or behind the ears. A tick bite is painless and can go unnoticed. Ticks can spread disease such as Lyme disease, which is often signaled by a red "target-like rash" or flu-like symptoms. While we encourage campers to check themselves for ticks each day while they are at camp, we also encourage families to re-check campers when they return home to make sure no ticks have gone unnoticed. More information can be found at: [cdc.gov/ticks](http://cdc.gov/ticks).

Bed bugs are transferred by luggage in and out of hotels, colleges, camps, buses, offices, schools, and even hospitals. Bed bugs are not known to transmit human diseases. Their bites resemble mosquito bites,

and form in a linear pattern. At our camps, all cabins are checked between groups for insects throughout the summer, and periodically throughout the year. If bed bugs are found, we take action immediately by treating the cabin/location where they are found, as well as heating all laundry and bedding for 45 minutes. You will be notified directly if a cabin your camper is staying in is found to have bed bugs. As a precaution, as you return home, you can place luggage in large black trash bags for the ride home, then place in the sun for a day or two, or steam clean your luggage. You can also leave luggage outside and immediately dry all clothes and items on high for at least 45 minutes. Then go ahead and wash and dry items as you normally would. More information can be found at: [cdc.gov/bedbugs](http://cdc.gov/bedbugs).

Mosquitoes are present at camp. Our staff will do their best to remind campers to apply bug spray often and will assist them as needed. Help your camper practice applying her own bug spray at home so they are ready when they arrive at camp. We also encourage you to send long pants and light weight long sleeve shirts to have available to wear in the evenings, which will help prevent mosquito bites. More information can be found at: [cdc.gov/mosquitoes](http://cdc.gov/mosquitoes).

## **LOST AND FOUND POLICY**

Lost items left at camp will be retained for 6 months, then thrown away, used as camp supplies, or donated. Socks, underwear, and used toiletries are not retained for any length of time and are thrown away at the end of the camp session.

Labeling items with you or your camper's name can help get the item back to you while you are still at camp.

## **FOOD, CANDY, GUM, PHONE, TABLET, OR OTHER DEVICES AT CAMP**

Please do not bring any food, candy, or gum with you. These items attract wildlife into our living area. Please leave new or expensive clothing, jewelry, or accessories at home. We encourage campers to wear older clothes that can get dirty!

Bringing high-price items to camp is done at your own risk. The best way to prevent the loss of property is to leave valuables at home. The council assumes no liability and is not responsible for a camper's possessions that are lost or stolen.

## **WHILE AT CAMP**

### **MONEY & THE TRADING POST**

If you want to purchase camp apparel or souvenirs from the Trading Post, please bring along money to purchase these items. Snacks are also available for purchase.

The Trading Post can accept cash, check, credit/debit cards (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover) and Cookie Dough. Make sure you check your camper's Cookie Dough balance prior to the start of camp.

### **SEVERE WEATHER**

We closely monitor the weather and suspend any activities if the weather causes a safety concern for our campers and staff. All camps have inclement weather procedures and staff are trained in how to handle weather emergencies. We will make every effort to make up missed activity time due to weather, however we can make no guarantees and refunds will not be issued for missed activity time.

# CHECK-IN

## PRIOR TO CAMP

If you or camper is feeling sick, do not come to camp—contact the camp to make other arrangements. Camp may ask you to test for COVID prior to your arrival. If you or your camper tested positive for COVID-19, please contact the camp your camper is scheduled to attend. It is a good idea to check your camper's temperature and head for lice prior to your arrival at camp, and self-monitor your camper's health in the days leading up to their arrival.

## IMPORTANT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO NOTE

- ↪ All camp property is non-smoking, including parking lots.
- ↪ Please do not bring pets to check-in or check-out. If you do bring pets, you will be asked to keep them in the car.
- ↪ Alcohol, drugs, and weapons are not permitted on camp property.

## WHEN YOU ARRIVE

When you arrive, a staff member will greet you and direct you where to go.

### CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT TIMES

#### **CAMP SACAJAWEA**

##### **My Guy & I**

Check-in: 9:30 a.m.

Check-out: 4:00 p.m.

##### **Mom & Me Overnight**

Check-In: 10:30 a.m.

Check-Out: 9:30 a.m.

#### **CAMP TANGLEFOOT**

##### **Mom & Me Overnight Camp**

Check-In: 9:30 a.m.

Check-out: 11:00 a.m.

##### **Mom & Me Day Camp**

Check-in: 9:00 a.m.

Check-out: 5:00 p.m.

## HEALTH CHECKS

Our health staff will collect all medications and review health information. Campers can expect to have their temperature taken and their hair checked for lice before moving into their living unit.

Our policy is not to admit any camper who is not feeling well or has a fever of 100.4°F or above. Campers must be fever-free for at least 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication prior to their arrival at camp. If you're unable to attend your scheduled camp session due to illness, we'll help you reschedule for a later date.

## NO-SHOW POLICY

In the event of a “no-show”, camp policy requires the administrative staff to call the home of any camper who has not arrived. If no one can be reached, the emergency contact person is called. No refunds will be issued for “no-show” campers.

If you forgot that it was check-in day, call us and let us know you'll be late—you can still come to camp!

If you need to change the session your camper is registered for, you may do so if space is available. You are encouraged to contact GSGI at 800-342-8389 or [info@gsiowa.org](mailto:info@gsiowa.org).

## PACKING LIST - OVERNIGHT CAMP

### REQUIRED CLOTHING & PERSONAL ITEMS

- Shorts
- Shirts (no halter/strapless tops please)
- Jeans/long pants (required for adults & campers entering 7th grade and above)
- Sweatshirt/jacket
- Close-toed shoes
- Socks
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Rain poncho and boots
- Underwear
- Swimsuit
- Aqua socks/strap-on sandals to wear in the water
- Toiletry articles
- Flashlight & extra batteries
- Shower flip-flops
- Pajamas
- Towels
- Sleeping bag & pillow
- Single-size sheet to cover mattress
- Water bottle
- A BIG smile!

### OPTIONAL ITEMS (NICE TO HAVE!)

- Laundry bag
- Hat/bandana
- Sunglasses
- Small backpack/day pack
- Stationery
- Disposable camera
- Notebook, pen, or pencil
- Box or crate for bedside table
- Small throw rug
- Tissues
- Book for reading



## PACKING LIST - DAY CAMP

- Dress for the weather (t-shirt, shorts, sweatshirt/jacket)
- Close-toed shoes (required in camp)
- Jeans/long pants (required for climbing)
- Aqua socks/strap-on sandals to wear in the water
- Insect repellent & sunscreen
- Camera
- Hat/bandana
- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Water bottle
- Small backpack/day pack
- A BIG smile!
- Change of clothes (optional)



# CampDoc

Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa partners with CampDoc to better serve our campers and their families. CampDoc offers an electronic health record system for camps, and you can now complete your health information electronically.

The security and privacy of your health information is important to us. The CampDoc site is secure, encrypted, and password protected. You can find additional information about CampDoc privacy and security information at [docnetwork.org/security](https://docnetwork.org/security).

After signing up for your session, you will receive an invitation email from CampDoc.

- ↪ Click on the green “Accept Invite” link within the email to create your CampDoc account.
- ↪ In the Confirm Email box, type your email address to confirm.
- ↪ In the Password box, type the password that you want to use.
- ↪ Click the CONTINUE button.

After you log in, select your camper’s name and click on the health profile link to complete your camper’s information. Required questions will be marked with an \* and outlined in red.

Keep in mind that you can return to [app.campdoc.com](https://app.campdoc.com) at any time to make updates to your camper’s health information before your camp session begins. You can log in using the email address and password you previously created.

We’re excited to let you know that your camper’s health information will save from year to year, so once you complete it in CampDoc this season, you won’t have to start from scratch next year.

Additionally, CampDoc sends out periodic reminder emails for incomplete health information. These notifications come from [campdoc.com](https://campdoc.com), so please add this to your safe sender list to avoid accidental delivery to junk and spam folders. We don’t want you to miss important notices about camp!

Please note that CampDoc supports the current and previous major releases of Chrome, Firefox, Microsoft Edge, and Safari, which provide improved security and performance for health information.

For additional assistance, you can navigate to [support.campdoc.com](https://support.campdoc.com) or contact the Support Team at [support@campdoc.com](mailto:support@campdoc.com) or 734-636-1000.

We are excited to continually improve, building safer, more productive and more efficient systems to create the best experience for you and your family!

We can’t wait to see you this summer,

*Abbie Smith & Julia Mannes*  
*Your Camp Directors*