

2015 Girl Scout Camp



Day Camp Parent Information Packet



**Girl Scouts of Southeastern
New England**
500 Greenwich Avenue
Warwick, RI 02886
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800-331-0149
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Welcome to Day Camp!

You will be spending one week (or two) from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM daily, swimming, bringing your lunch, singing on the bus! You might practice archery, learn how to row a boat, play games, go on hikes, observe nature and cook over the campfire. You'll be with girls your own age in a living area equipped with a fireplace, tables and a canvas fly for shelter from sun and rain. Girls are grouped together in a "unit" by grade and experience. This may not reflect their current troop status.

All camps have running water for drinking. Sanitary facilities consist of RI Health Department approved pit toilets. Each "unit" is responsible for the daily care of its living area, toilet facility, tent shelter and kitchen. Camps Green Forest has flush toilets.

Campers at Camps Cookie and Green Forest will swim in a natural pond. Camp Promising Acres has a full-size in-ground pool for swim activities.

Camp Promising Acres must comply with the regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and be licensed by the Rehoboth Board of Health and the Swansea Board of Health. Information on 105CMR 430.000 can be obtained by calling (617) 983-6761.

Girl Scouts of Southeastern NE, acknowledges that parents/guardians may request to see copies of staff background checks, health care policies and discipline policies as well as procedures for filing grievances.

Girl Scouts of southeastern NE. directs discipline for the goal of maximizing the growth and development of the children and for protecting the group and individuals within it. GSSNE prohibits:

- a) Corporal punishment, including spanking
- b) No camper shall be subjected to cruel or severe punishment, humiliation, or verbal abuse
- c) No camper shall be denied food or shelter as a form of punishment
- d) No camper shall be punished for soiling, wetting, or not using the toilet

AMERICAN CAMP ASSOCIATION ACCREDITED -

The American Camp Association is the only independent accrediting organization reviewing camp operations in the United States. Its nationally-recognized standards program focuses primarily on the program quality, health and safety aspects of a camp's operation.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY -

The Council does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, ethnicity, sex, creed, national origin, age, disability, citizenship, ancestry, or marital status. There shall be no discrimination on the basis of veteran or socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or other characteristics protected by federal, state or local law.

DAY CAMP EQUIPMENT LIST

The following list of equipment is given as a guide to parents and campers. This equipment need not be new. The day camp trading post carries some items as well as camp memorabilia.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Day pack (size appropriate) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bandana |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch (milk is provided) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cup, canteen or water bottle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shirt | <input type="checkbox"/> Hat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Bathing suit & towel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Jeans or long pants (as needed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tie shoes or sneakers | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweater or coat (as needed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-aerosol insect repellent
(less than 20% DEET) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweatshirt (as needed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Gear (as needed) |

Additional Equipment for Cookout Day (Thursday of each session)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dunk Bag (drawstring mesh bag) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cutlery Kit (knife, fork & spoon) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mess Kit or non-breakable, boilable cup, plate & bowl | |

NOTE: Please do not bring the following items to camp: radios, iPods, pagers, cell phones, weapons, electronic games, hair dryers. If these items are brought to camp, please expect that they will remain in the camp office until the end of the day. Illegal drugs including alcohol and tobacco products are not allowed. Immediate dismissal from camp will result.

Girl Scout Shop Hours

500 Greenwich Avenue Warwick, RI 02886
(401) 331-4500 (800) 331-0149, Ext. 1201
Fax (401) 421-2937

Regular Hours: Through June 2015
Monday through Friday Saturday
9:00 AM - 5:30 PM 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Summer Hours: July 1-August 16, 2015
9:00 AM—5:30 PM

Friendship Shop

2850 Ministerial Road
West Kingston, RI 02892
(401)783-2367

Regular Hours: Through June 2015
Saturdays
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Please note that GSSNE's offices and the Girl Scout Shop have moved to our new location at 500 Greenwich Avenue in Warwick, RI.

ABC'S FOR DAY CAMP

ATTENDANCE AND PLACEMENT-Since day camp is a continuous and progressive program rather than a series of one-day activities, attendance is important. The Camp Director will place children in the proper program group based on the camper's grade in school, and program choice.

BALANCE OF CAMP FEE must be *paid in full by MAY 31st, 2015*. GSSNE reserves the right to cancel the reservation if full payment is not received by that date. Check, money order, Master Card, Visa and American Express may be used to pay camp balance. (Cash is only accepted at the council via walk-in. Do not mail.) Send Camp Fee Payment Form (enclosed) with payment. If using sister's Cookie Credit to help pay the fee balance, record on the lower right corner of final payment form the sister's name, her troop #, and the amount of Cookie credit earned.

NOTE: Balance due as shown already includes various deductions, deposit, own cookie credit, sisters cookie credit, transfer cookie credit, financial assistance. Please pay the amount shown as balance.

CHANGES IN CONTACT INFORMATION: Please notify the GSSNE office immediately at (401) 331-4500 or (800) 331-0149 if there are any changes in the home or emergency phone numbers or contact names before camp begins.

CLOTHING - It is important to dress appropriately for a day in the out-of-doors. Socks *must* be worn with *tie/Velcro shoes* to protect against scratches (no crocs or tevas). Shorts and short sleeved (*no tank top or halter*) blouse or T-shirt and hat should be worn to protect against sunburn. Camp uniforms are not required. Bring raincoat, waterproof head covering and boots on rainy days. Please mark all articles with your camper's name. If it is necessary for you to purchase new equipment or uniforms, the shop at the Council Office and the Friendship Shop at Camp Hoffman, stock all sizes and items. See page 3 for shop locations and hours.

EARLY DISMISSAL - Adults picking up campers must be listed as an authorized adult for pick up. The adult must also present a photo ID.

FORMS - In order for your Girl Scout to attend day camp, the following forms must be completed and returned by May 29, 2015.

- **Camp Fee Final Payment**
- **Girl Health History Record & Immunization Record**

If these forms, along with the complete payment, are not returned by May 29th, Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England reserves the right to cancel the registration.

HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

Medications - Prescribed medications must be kept in original container bearing pharmacy label, prescription number, date filled, physician's name, directions for use and patient's name; prescribed medicines must be given to the health care supervisor on arrival in camp.

Precautions- If your camper is sensitive to sun, please send her with sunscreen. Like any other outdoor setting, camp has insects. To protect your child from mosquitoes, ticks, etc., a non-aerosol insect repellent product with less than 20% DEET is recommended. Please check your child daily for insects when she returns home from camp. See clothing information.

Health Care Visits - If your child is seen by the health care supervisor and she feels parent notification is warranted, she will send a note home at the end of the day. Parents/guardians will only be called if camper need to leave camp. Please check with camper each day to see if she has such a note.

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LOST AND FOUND

Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England is not responsible for lost & found. Lost & found will be held at the camp for one week after the session ends. At the end of the summer camp season all lost & found will be disposed of. Please mark all articles with your camper's name to help eliminate your campers loss.

LUNCHES AND COOKOUTS - Campers bring lunch every day (except cookout day) and it should be packed in a reusable container or in an easily disposable (paper) container. Girls will be told in advance which days are to be cookouts. Each camper should bring her own unbreakable reusable cup or water bottle, *clearly identified with her name*. It can get very hot in July/August and we want each child to be able to drink plenty of water. Since milk is provided daily to campers, sodas or glass bottles are not welcomed at camp.

QUESTIONS?

Payments, registration, bus and health form questions:

Rebecca Reynolds, at rreynolds@gssne.org ext 1205
Pauline Gendron, at pgendron@gssne.org ext. 1202
401-331-4500 or 800-331-0149

All other questions:

Pat Smith, Day Camp Coordinator,
at psmith@gssne.org
or 401-331-4500 ext. 1405

SWIMMING - On the first or second day of camp each camper will receive a special color-coded wrist band indicating swimming classification recognition. Each camper should bring a bathing suit, towel and bathing shoes or old canvas type sneakers to camp daily.

TRADING POST - Campers may purchase a camp tee shirt, camp patch, camp bandana, camp animals and their accessories and other assorted memorabilia. Your child will be notified when the trading post is open.

TRANSPORTATION - Bus -

Camp buses will provide daily round-trip transportation, from safe central pick up points. Please note that while it is possible for parents to decide to drop off and pick up their child at camp instead of taking the bus, this option is NOT AVAILABLE at Camp Cookie due to space limitations at the property. Camp Cookie campers MUST take the bus. At Camp Promising Acres (due to congestion) **Parent pick-up time has been adjusted**. Camper drop off time is 8:15AM and camper pick up time is 4:15PM.

Final information on bus stop and time of departure and return will be available on our web site within one week before each session begins.

It is expressly understood that the parent or guardian assumes responsibility for the safety of the camper before boarding the bus and after leaving the bus at end of camp day.

Parent/Guardian of campers should be at the bus stop **10 minutes** prior to times indicated for a.m. and p.m. When campers are dropped off at the afternoon bus stop, it is imperative for the parent/guardian to be at the bus stop on time to meet the child. The bus **will only remain at the stop for 5 minutes** before proceeding to the next stop.

Proper behavior is required at all times while riding the bus.

If a camper will not ride the bus on a given day, the Camp Director must be notified at least one day in advance.

Staff will be available at the camp and at the GSSNE council office to answer calls if the bus is running more than 20 minutes late due to unforeseen circumstances.

Safety Guidelines related to bus safety can be found on the National Safety Council website:

DIRECTIONS TO CAMPS

Camp Cookie (401-949-2400)

From Providence: Follow Rte. 44 west through Greenville to Harmony. Approximately ¼ mile beyond the golf course, turn right onto Cooper Road (immediately before Harmony Library). Continue for approximately 3 miles. Turn right onto Long Entry Road. Go approximately ½ mile- main gate is on left opposite Jim Evans Road.

From the south: Rte. 95 North to 295 north. Follow 295 north to Rte 44 west- Greenville exit. Follow Rte 44 west through Greenville to Harmony. Approximately ¼ mile beyond the golf course, turn right onto Cooper Road (immediately before Harmony Library). Continue for approximately 3 miles. Turn right onto Long Entry Road. Go approximately ½ mile- main gate is on left opposite Jim Evans Road.

From the north: Pick up Rte. 102 in Slatersville and follow to Mapleville (past Rtes. 107 & 7). Turn left onto Central Avenue in Mapleville and follow through village. Turn left at the fork in road onto Main Street and bear right onto Cooper Road. Continue for approximately 3 miles. Turn right onto Long Entry Road. Go approximately ½ mile- main gate is on left opposite Jim Evans Road.

Camp Green Forest (401-782-0345)

From the north: Take Rte. 95 south to Exit 9 (Rte. 4). Continue south on Rte. 4 to Exit 5-B (Rte. 102 North-Exeter) Continue on Rte. 102 to the traffic light at the intersection of Rte. 2 and 102. Turn left onto Rte. 2 south. Follow Rte. 2 to the traffic light at the intersection of Rte. 2 & Rte. 138. Turn left at this light onto Rte. 138 East. Continue on Rte. 138 to traffic light at Rte. 110 (Ministerial Road). Turn right at the light and follow for approximately 1 mile. Camp entrance is on the right.

From the south: Take Rte. 1 North to Rte. 110 North . Follow for approximately 5 miles. The camp entrance is on the left just past the pond.

From the east: Follow Rte. 138 west through Kingston Village and URI as far as the traffic light at Rte. 110 (Ministerial Road). Turn left at the light onto Rte 110. Camp entrance is 1 mile down on the right.

From the west: Take Rte. 138 East through West Kingston Village. At the traffic light intersection of Rte. 110 & Rte. 138, turn right onto Rte. 110 (Ministerial Road). Camp entrance is 1 mile down on the right.

Camp Promising Acres (508-673-8276)

From the west: Take Rte. 195 east into Massachusetts. Take MASS Exit 3 (Rte. 6 & 118). At end of ramp, turn right onto Rte. 6. Stay in left lane and turn left at first traffic light, which is the intersection of Rte. 6 & 118. Turn right immediately onto Milford Road and proceed to the stop sign. Turn left at the stop sign onto Hortonville Road. Bear right at the fork onto Hailes Hill Road. Follow Hailes Hill Road approximately 1 mile to Dillon Lane. Turn left onto Dillon Lane and follow to camp entrance. (Note: Dillon Lane takes a few sharp turns before the camp entrance) Please enter the lodge through the back door.