

general camp FAQs

DO I HAVE TO BE A GIRL SCOUT TO ATTEND CAMP?

No, but if a camper is not currently a Girl Scout, a one-time \$25 annual membership fee will be applied in addition to your total camp fees. As members, girls can participate in an array of council-sponsored programs located across Greater Los Angeles during the current program year, as well as join a troop. Adults attending family weekends must also be registered.

IS FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE?

Yes, financial aid “Camperships” are available for campers whose family financial circumstances might otherwise prevent them from attending camp. Interested applicants must submit the Campership Application with their family contribution by April 24, 2021.

WILL MY CAMPER NEED A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION TO ATTEND CAMP?

For Lakota overnight camp, yes. Each camper is required to have a physical examination within 12 months of the starting day of their scheduled camp session. A Health History Form is required for all campers and must be completed no more than two months prior to the camper’s session.

WHAT IF MY CHILD NEEDS MEDICAL OR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS WHILE AT CAMP?

Overnight camp has a health supervisor onsite. All camps have first-aid-certified adults onsite at all times who administer routine health care and any medications. An emergency contact plan is in place should any medical emergencies occur. Parents are notified as soon as possible in the event of any special medical or emergency situation. If your camper has any special

needs (physical, behavioral, etc.), every effort will be made to accommodate her. Please include any past or potential concerns on the Health History Form on CampDoc.com. The camp director will contact you prior to your daughter’s session.

CAN SPECIAL FOODS BE PROVIDED?

Most special dietary needs can be met if camp directors are notified in advance. At Lakota overnight camp, meal options due to medical, religious, or other reasons may be available. Please indicate these requirements on your camper’s Health History Form. Vegetarian alternatives are offered at every meal.

CAN MY CAMPER BE IN THE SAME UNIT AS HER FRIEND?

Girl Scout camp is a wonderful way to meet new people. A camper may request one “buddy” when registering for camp. Both campers must register for the same program and week at camp. Make sure you and your child’s buddy and her parents are planning this together. Bunk buddy placement is not guaranteed.

WHO ARE THE CAMP STAFF?

Camp staff are enthusiastic, fun, caring, energetic, well-trained, and experienced individuals who are hired based on their ability to work with children in a learning and nurturing environment. All hired staff are required to complete a background check, health screening, and 10–40 hours of training, depending on their respective position.

We follow American Camp Association accreditation standards for overnight camp which require training for all camp staff on topics including youth supervision, child development, program planning, conflict resolution, first aid, CPR, and additional certification for specialized program delivery. The resident camp ratio of staff to campers in fourth grade and above is 1:8; and, for second and third grade, it’s 1:6 with a ratio of 1:6 for high-adventure programs. The day camp ratio is 1:10 and for aquatic activities, it is 1:8.

WHAT CAMP HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS ARE MAINTAINED?

All GSGLA camps meet the health and safety standards and guidelines established by Girl Scouts of the USA and the State of California.

