



# **SUMMER 2026**

## **Camp Guide**

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# Welcome to Camp!

## **Dear Parents & Caregivers,**

We are ready for a summer full of adventure here at Camp Firefly! We're excited to be bringing a full week of sleepaway camp to GSVSC & to be hosting it at our very own Camp Sacajewea.

There's so much fun and excitement in store for our 2026 season, and our trained and caring volunteers are looking forward to welcoming your Girl Scout. Staff are prepared to support all campers through new discoveries, helping them engage in activities designed with their interests and abilities in mind.

While for some families, preparing for camp and spending the summer outdoors is a family tradition, for others, this will be a "first" and there may be some anxious moments. No matter what your family's experience has been, we aim to make it a smooth, happy time, from registration to pick-up. We have put together this guide to help prepare your family for camp and make your camper's experience safe, fun, and fulfilling. We encourage you to read through and share the information in this guide with your Girl Scout before camp begins. It has answers to many of your questions — and maybe even some you didn't think to ask! If you have any further concerns when you are through, please do not hesitate to reach out to us using the contact information below.

## **Welcome to Girl Scout Camp!**

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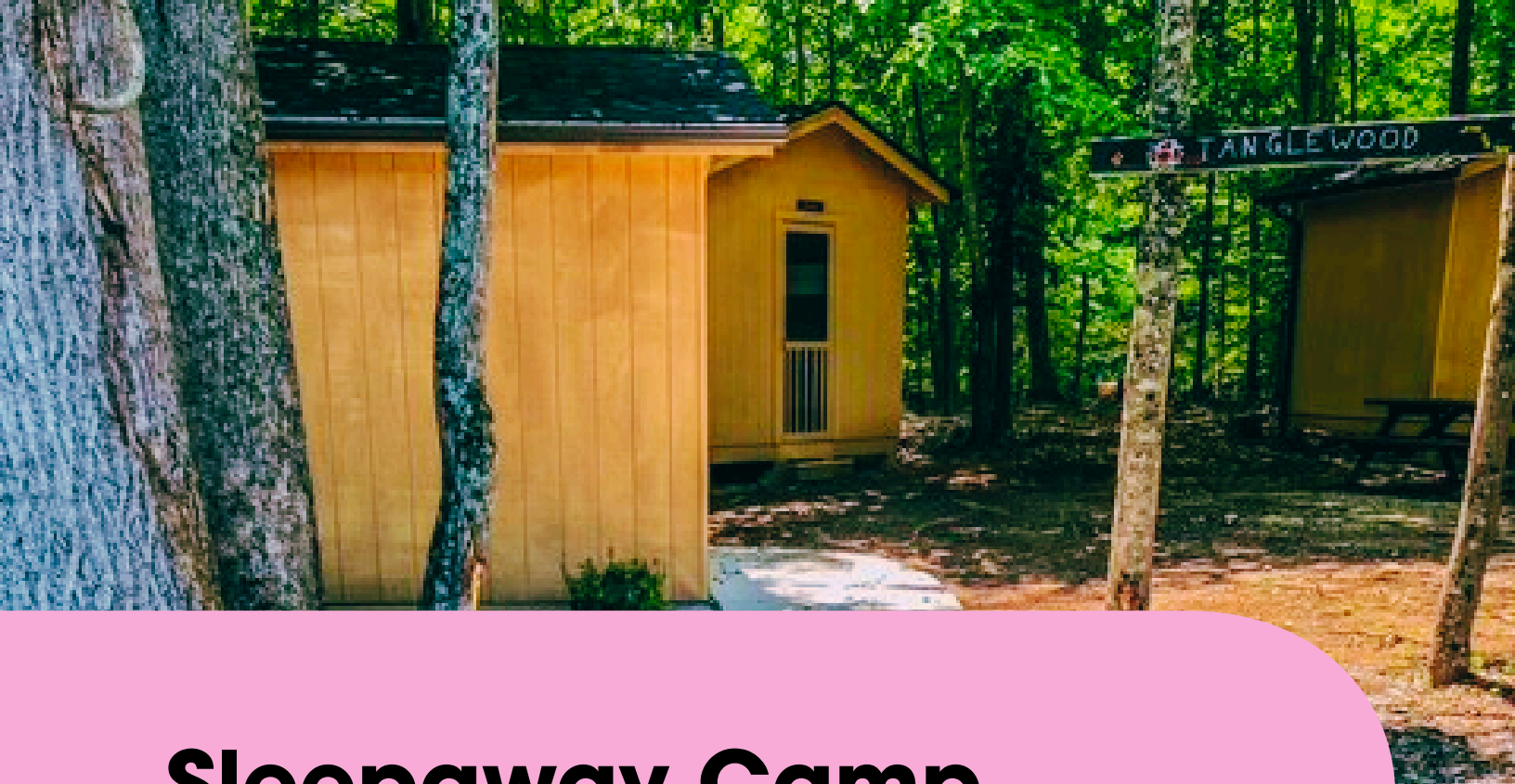


# Your Week at Camp

**When:** June 14<sup>th</sup> - June 19<sup>th</sup> Sleepaway Camp  
June 15<sup>th</sup> - June 19<sup>th</sup> Day Camp

**Where:** Girl Scout Camp Sacajawea  
2124 Fox Hill Rd, Lynchburg, VA 24503

**Who:** Rising 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders can attend sleepaway camp  
Rising 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders can attend day camp  
Rising 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders can serve as PA's or CIT's



# Sleepaway Camp

Sleepaway camp is for Girl Scouts entering 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the Fall 2026 semester. Campers stay overnight at camp from Sunday afternoon through Friday afternoon.

Camp is set up like a village especially for campers. This village has a series of neighborhoods, referred to as units. The unit that campers sleep in depends on their age. Everyone lives in platform tents or cabins with counselors nearby.

While at camp you'll get to explore the outdoors, make new friends, and experience all the magic camp has to offer. From canoeing and hiking to arts & crafts and campfire songs, every day is packed with fun and discovery.

## Sample Sleepaway Camp Schedule:

Wake Up  
Flag Ceremony  
Breakfast  
Activity 1  
Morning Snack  
Activity 2

Lunch  
Siesta  
Activity 3  
Afternoon Snack  
Activity 4  
Flag Ceremony

Dinner  
Kapers  
Evening Activity  
Unit Time  
Lights Out





# Day Camp

Day camp is for Girl Scouts entering 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for the fall 2026 school year. Day campers get dropped off each morning and picked up each afternoon, Monday-Friday. *Lunch and snacks are provided while at camp.*

Day campers get a taste of camp while still sleeping in their own beds at home. Campers will choose and earn a Daisy badge with their unit throughout the week.

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## Sample Day Camp Schedule:

Drop-Off  
Flag Ceremony  
Activity 1  
Morning Snack  
Activity 2

Activity 2  
Lunch  
Siesta  
Activity 3  
Afternoon Snack  
Pick-Up

# Program Aides & Counselors-in-Training

Older Girl Scouts can choose to earn a leadership award at camp by working with a younger unit. These programs are designed to foster leadership skills for Girl Scouts in grades 7-12!

## **Program Aide (Grades 7-8)**

Build your leadership skills by working with the Daisy Day-Camp Unit! Help plan an end-of-week activity for the entire camp to enjoy.

## **Counselor-in-Training I (Grades 9-12)**

In this first level of the Counselor-In-Training program, you will focus your skills on what is needed to work with younger campers and continue to develop your leadership style and teamwork skills. Help plan a free choice activity for Tuesday evening. CITs work with Brownie and Junior Units.

## **Counselor-in-Training II (Grades 11-12)**

In the second level of the Counselor-In-Training program, you will spend time shadowing staff in units as well as program areas. You will also continue to work with campers while building upon your leadership skills. As a prerequisite, campers must have completed CIT I. CITs work with Brownie and Junior Units.

PAs and CITs are expected to complete a day of training in the spring to be prepared for their positions. This training, combined with the week at camp, satisfies the requirements for the PA and CIT awards.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Registration Information**

Registration will be available online in January, and will close May 1.

## **How can I register for camp?**

Online at: [GSVSC.org](https://www.gsvsc.org)

## **Levels**

Register your Girl Scout for the grade she will be entering in the Fall of 2026, not the grade she is in at the time of registration. Example: A current 1<sup>st</sup> grader should be registered for the Brownie unit, as she will be in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for the 2026-2027 school year.

## **Space**

Each age level has a maximum amount of Girl Scouts we can host at camp. Levels are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis, so sign up early!

## **Girl Scout Membership**

All girls are welcome at camp. All non-Girl Scouts will pay an additional fee to become registered Girl Scouts.

## **Shirts & Patches**

Each camper will receive a camp fun patch, Juneteenth patch, outdoor progression patch, badge & camp t-shirt.

## **Badges at Camp**

Each unit will vote at the beginning of the week on what badge to earn while at camp. This badge will be presented at our closing ceremony, along with the earned camp skills progression patch from the week.

## **Where will my child sleep?**

Sleeping arrangements will vary by unit. Some campers will be in “summer cabins” (small cabins with screen doors and windows), and others will be in platform tents.

## **What are the meals like?**

There is nothing like activity and fresh air to make a camper HUNGRY! Camp meals and snacks are healthy and are foods kids like. Our meals are prepared in a commercial kitchen under a registered dietician’s supervision. We will serve meals family style with two adults at each table. Campers help by washing their own mess kits after meals and taking turns with serving meals. Mealtimes are also times to socialize with siblings or friends in other units!

Campers have the opportunity to cook at least twice with their unit (weather permitting). Most diets (gluten-free, diabetic, kosher, vegetarian, vegan, allergies, etc.) can be accommodated by contacting [campfireflygsvsc@gmail.com](mailto:campfireflygsvsc@gmail.com) at least three weeks before camp session.

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**Do campers get to choose their activities?**

Yes, each unit will vote on what badge they would like to earn while at camp. Campers will take part in planning their badgework, which will give them an opportunity to pick some of the additional areas of focus and activities during their session.

**Can my camper attend with a buddy / friend?**

During registration, one buddy's name can be listed. Buddies must be entering the same grade in the fall.

**Can my camper call home during the week?**

No. We encourage independence and self-reliance during camp. The camp director will contact caregivers if a camper has a medical problem, is excessively homesick or if there is an emergency. Please discuss this with your child prior to camp.

**What does the camp do in case of emergency?**

We're in touch with local first responders who are aware of the camp location & logistics. Our goal is to keep everyone safe and caregivers are contacted at the earliest opportunity in the event of an emergency. Our staff has protocols for what to do in a number of different emergency situations such as severe weather.

**How does the camp handle health care?**

There is a health coordinator on site 24-7, who is certified in first aid and CPR. Caregivers are always contacted at the earliest opportunity in the event of serious injury or illness during camp. The health coordinator is also responsible for managing and administering any prescription or over the counter medications your camper needs while at camp.

**Can I bring mail to camp or do I mail it?**

We recommend you hand-carry mail and leave it at check-in. Don't forget to put your camper's name and what day you would like the mail delivered. Alternatively, you can email letters to [campfireflygsvsc@gmail.com](mailto:campfireflygsvsc@gmail.com) with you camper's name and "Camp Mail" in the subject line.

Emails will be checked once a day, printed and given to your camper during mail call at lunch. We request that you limit emails to one per day. Please do not include photos in your emails as we cannot accommodate printing them.

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### **What are Kapers?**

Kapers are chores; it is important in Girl Scouting to learn that everyone must do their share. Sharing the kapers helps to keep the camp program site tidy and safe. Responsibilities are rotated among the campers and could include picking up litter, collecting firewood, lending a hand preparing meals and cleaning up, and cleaning bathrooms. This takes place in small groups and camp staff also participate in each of these activities.

### **Are electronics allowed at camp?**

No. At Girl Scout camp, we believe we are visitors in the great outdoors. We live side-by-side with bugs, animals and nature in simple living accommodations. While campers are enjoying their day or overnight camp session, we require all campers to leave electronics, including smart watches, at home. We do not have phones or computers for the campers to use, as we want them to enjoy their experience while not being distracted.

### **What about storms?**

Safety of our campers is our top priority so outdoor activities are dependent on the weather. Should we need to adjust activities due to unsafe weather conditions, your camper will instead enjoy other activities that can be done indoors. We do proceed with most activities during gloomy/wet weather, so rain gear is essential!

### **Camp Staff Training**

All staff complete training related to their position, including first aid, CPR, camp craft skills, child development, waterfront skills, and conflict management.



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