

Camp Greene Wood Day Camp Informational Packet 2019

S'more than a Moment





We are so excited to have your camper join us for a fun-filled week of day camp. To ensure that your camper has a fun and safe experience with us, please read all of the important information outlined in this packet.

This packet includes the following:

- Camp address, directions, & contact information
- Packing list
- Daily reminders
- **FAOs**
- Transportation information
- Arrival/departure specifics
- Overnight information for Juniors+.
- Camp map
- Retail shop/trading post information





Day camp is an incredible experience and is unique to every girl who tries it. Day camp is a week-long program with an optional Thursday overnight opportunity for Juniors and up. Camp is a place where girls can feel free to be themselves, try new things, and make new friends. At Girl Scout day camp, we encourage girls to step out of their comfort zone, build their self-confidence, share their ideas, and explore the natural world. Just as we state in our mission, we care about building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who will make the world a better place. Day camp is just one stepping stone on your camper's road to success. Your camper will return from camp with a smile on her face, memories to cherish, and skills she will use for the rest of her life. We are so glad that she will be joining us for a fun-filled week of day camp this summer!



Ouestions?

If you still have questions after reading this packet please email us at



customercare@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

Camp Address

Camp Greene Wood 3125 71st Street Woodridge, IL 60517

For more information about arrivals and departures please see pages 6, 9, and 10.

Contact Information

We want your camper to have a great day camp experience.

If you have concerns during the summer camp season (6/10 - 8/2) feel free to contact us.

Camp Greene Wood Director: Lauren "Sprout" Somogyi
Camp Phone: (630) 241-9025 or (312) 465-3051
Director's Email: lsomogyi@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

Directions to Camp Greene Wood From Chicago

Either I-88 or I-55 to I-355. If coming from I-88 (north of property) proceed south to Hobson Road. Turn south on DuPage Drive, go about a mile until it runs into 71st Street. Turn left into the camp entrance. If taking I-55 (south of property) take I-355 north to 75th Street exit. Turn right (west) on 75th to Route 53; turn right (north) and proceed to 71st Street. Turn right (east). Camp is on the right. Make sure to enter through Gate 2 and look for a sign that says "Day Camp Entrance."

Camp Greene Wood Open House

Register for our FREE open house to talk to the Director, explore camp, and get your questions answered all before camp starts.

May 11, 2019 1-4 pm Register at <u>https://register.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/</u> with code 5871719

Social Media

Want more information about camp? Visit our website or find us on social media!

Website: https://www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/camp

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/campgreenewood
Pinterest: https://www.pinterest.com/gsgcnwi/campgreenewood



Though girls are only coming to camp for the day, it is important that they come prepared. Below is a list of items that campers should bring with them every day they come to camp.

Sack Lunch – Refrigeration is not provided; icepacks are recommended.

Backpack – To carry all of her belongings. Be sure to check your camper's backpack each day when she gets home for any important handouts.

Unbreakable Drinking Cup – Juice or other drinks will be provided each day.

Reusable Water Bottle – The well water at Camp Palos is plentiful and safe to drink, but some campers are not fond of the taste. Be sure to bring a filled water bottle so that you can stay hydrated throughout the day.

Tips for Success: If you fill a water bottle halfway full, freeze it overnight, and fill the remaining space with fresh water in the morning the water should stay cold for the majority of the day. Bring flavor packets to add to well water to help mask the taste.

Sit-Upon – This cushion is a Girl Scout tradition which will keep your camper relatively clean and dry whenever she sits on the ground. (Google "Girl Scout Sit-Upon" for instructions on how to make your own.)

Insect Repellent/Sunscreen – It is recommended that you apply this before your camper leaves home in the morning and encourage her to reapply it throughout the day. (Counselors will remind campers frequently to reapply these as well.) A concentration of less than 20% DEET is recommended for campers. Non-aerosol containers or disposable wipes are preferred.

Bandana or Hat – Pack one, or both of these, to help protect your camper from the sun.

Hair Tie, "Scrunchie," etc. – To keep hair off of the neck and out of the way on hot days, and to hold hair back safely when cooking around a fire or participating in archery.

Apparel – Comfortable, everyday "play" clothes should be worn for daily camp activities. Socks and sturdy shoes should be worn at all times. It is a good idea to pack an extra shirt for hot days where we may play water games. A sweatshirt is always a good idea to have in preparation for any cool changes in weather. Please – NO tank tops, sandals, flip-flops, or other open-toed shoes; they are not safe in the camp environment.

Rain Gear – Raincoat or poncho. Umbrellas are not allowed at camp; they pose a safety hazard.

<u>Important Note:</u>

Please make sure to label **everything** with the camper's first and last name.

<u>Important Note:</u>

Campers are **NOT** allowed to share:

- -Bug spray
- -Sun screen
- -Food
- -Hats/Bandanas

***For information about what to bring for Thursday night camp sleepovers reference the "What to Bring to the Overnight" section of this packet on page 11.



Monday - First Day of Camp!

 \triangle This is the first day of camp and we are <u>SO</u> excited that your camper will be joining us!

A Make sure your camper has her online forms filled out 2 weeks prior to her camp program. You can find the links to these forms at https://www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/camp

If your camper has allergies, asthma, or other medications, please **send all medications in their original**, **labeled container with her name printed clearly on the outside**.

Send an <u>updated</u> Health History Form with your camper <u>if</u> any information has changed since registration.

A Before you drop her off, make sure that your camper knows which program she signed up for (and bus color if applicable).

▲ Make sure to be checking your email (and junk folders) for any additional important information before coming to camp.

A Please have your camper bring a white, or other light colored, t-shirt (or other garment) to prepare for tiedying on Tuesday.

- o 100% cotton items absorb the dye best.
- Wash new items before dying.
- o Bring a plastic bag clearly labeled with the camper's name so that she can easily transport her wet creation home.
- A Sack lunch
- A Check her bag for any notes or other important information! Be on the lookout for trading post information. Reference page 14 of this packet as well.
- 🛕 Finally, last but not least, make sure she doesn't forget to pack a positive attitude! ©

Tuesday - Tie Dye Tuesday!

▲ Make sure she has her white or light colored t-shirt (or other garment) and a plastic bag. (See above for more details)

- A Sack lunch
- A Check her bag for any notes or other important information.
- ▲ Instructions for Tuesday night:
 - Leave the rubber bands on the t-shirt for 24 hours. (You may want to take the creation out of the bag during this time.)
 - o After 24 hours, squeeze the t-shirt under cold water until the water runs clear.
 - o Remove the rubber bands.
 - o Wash and dry the t-shirt/garment by itself in cold water. You may have to do this several times before the dye is set otherwise it may stain other clothes.
 - ***If you forget to check your camper's t-shirt on Tuesday night don't fret. Any night following Tuesday you can simply start with the second step.

Wednesday - Wacky Wednesday!

A Girls and staff dress wacky for the day! Choose to dress in mixed-up/clashing clothing, or create outrageous hair styles to look as wacky as possible. Keep in mind that safety in the outdoors and good taste still apply.

A Cookout day! (for Daisies and Brownies)

- o Junior and Cadette units will need a sack lunch this day.
- o Girls will get the opportunity to plan their menu and work collaboratively to cook their lunch.
- o Mess kits and dunk bags are available for purchase at the Girl Scout Shop
- o Do's and don'ts for cookout day:

	<u>Do</u>		<u>Don't</u>
V	Send a mess kit – any plastic/metal plate, bowl, cup, and silverware.	×	Send paper plates or other disposables.
$\overline{\checkmark}$	Send a dunk bag – a "drip-dry" type bag (i.e. mesh laundry bag with a drawstring).	×	Send a plastic bag
V	Help us out by letting us know of any allergies, dietary restrictions, religious restrictions, and picky eaters before coming to camp.	×	Send extra food. We can accommodate allergies, dietary restrictions, religious restrictions, and picky eaters.

▲ Check her bag for any notes or other important information.

Thursday - Theme Thursday!

Each Thursday will have a specific theme. Be on the lookout for information about what the theme for your camp week is by checking your email prior to camp and/or your camper's backpack on Monday.

A Sack lunch

A Optional overnight for Juniors and up! Refer to the "What to Bring to the Overnight" section on page 11.

• Overnighters will be cooking their dinner Thursday evening. Reference the above "Cookout Day!" bullet point and the "Do's and Don'ts" chart under "Wednesday".

Friday - Friday Fun Fair/Camp Shirt Day!

▲ Sack lunch (for non-overnighters).

▲ Don't forget to wear this year's day camp t-shirt!

A Overnighters will prepare their breakfast and lunch.

Details listed here are subject to change based on the camp program, weather issues, or other outside factors. If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or want more details on the program your camper has signed up for, please feel free to email

customercare@girlscoutsgcnwi.org.



Additional Important Information

Absences

Please be sure to call to inform us of your camper's absence at (630) 241-9025. Make sure to leave a message telling us your camper's full name and unit.

Severe Weather

Day camp staff monitors the weather. If severe weather develops during the camp day or evening, appropriate measures will be taken. Indoor shelter is available for all campers and staff. Our first priority is the safety of all of our campers, so please be advised that staff <u>will not</u> be available to answer phone calls during this time. Phone lines need to remain open. Please do <u>not</u> come to camp to pick up your camper, campers <u>will not</u> be released until there is an official "all clear."

Lost and Found

Lost and left-behind items are collected each day and staff will do their best to reunite owners with their belongings daily. However, please understand that this is not always possible. Unclaimed items are brought to our Gathering Places at the end of each season, please contact us to arrange transport of your items to your closest Gathering Place. Items are kept until October 1 and will be donated after that time.

Cell Phones

We do not allow cell phones at camp. We want the campers to truly engage in their camp experience and enjoy their time outdoors with their new camp friends! If a camper has a cell phone at camp, they will be reminded it keep it off and in their backpack. However, if it becomes an issue it will be collected and locked in the administration building and returned to the camper's guardian at the end of the session. Additionally, do <u>not</u> send cell phones with your camper for the overnight. Our camp staff are highly trained to meet the needs of your camper. You will be contacted by the camp director if there are any concerns.

Financial Aid

Financial aid is available, but you must first register your camper for camp and pay in full upon registration. After this point you are more than welcome to apply for financial aid. Reference the "Forms" tab under the "Parents and Caregivers" drop down on our website.

Photos and Video

When filling out your camper paperwork you have given the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana permission to take photos and/or videos of your camper(s) while they are at camp. If you would **not** like to allow GSGCNWI to take and use photos and videos of your camper(s) please send an email indicating this at least 1 week out from your camp program to Director Lauren Somogyi at Isomogyi@girlscoutsgcnwi.org or send a written note on the first day of camp.

Kapers

Each staff member will model and teach campers the proper way to care for their environment and their camp surroundings through tasks called Kapers. Kapers at camp are done as a group and composed of unit and all-camp tasks. Unit Kapers include tidying up common areas, cleaning bathrooms, gathering firewood, picking up litter, cooking at cook-outs, and fire building. Kapers are a Girl Scout tradition that helps build responsibility and teamwork skills. During Kapers, the staff assists girls in clean-up, ensuring that health and safety procedures are of the upmost importance when completing tasks.

During Camp Hours...

<u>NEW THIS YEAR!</u> If you need to come to camp for any reason after check-in and before 2 pm, please go to Gate 1 (the Gathering Place). Please park, enter the Gathering Place, and talk to the shop or customer care specialist in the lobby.

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Transportation Information

Transportation procedures at day camp are designed to assure the safety of every camper. Your cooperation in following these procedures is greatly appreciated by both camp staff and the other campers attending camp.

It is important that camp staff knows the transportation plans of <u>every</u> camper. <u>If there are any changes, the director must be notified in writing.</u>



Bus Riders

- Plan to be at your designated bus stop at least 10 minutes early when you drop off and pick up your camper.
 Bus drivers are instructed not to leave a stop before the time listed on the confirmation.
- Be sure to verify that the bus is going to Girl Scout Camp Greene Wood, and <u>please remain with your camper until she boards the bus.</u>
- Review basic bus rules with your camper before she gets on the bus
 - o Always remain seated while the bus is moving.
 - o Keep head, arms, and hands inside the bus at all times.
 - o Use a quiet, respectful, voice when riding the bus.

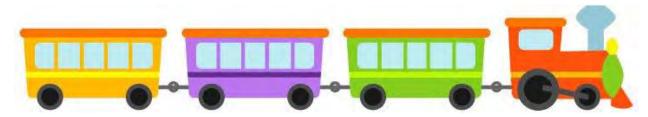
IMPORTANT

- o Listen closely for any instructions given while being transported to or from camp.
- If you miss the bus: you may drive your camper to camp and go through car check in.
- Every attempt is made to stay on schedule. Construction, traffic, weather conditions, or other unforeseen circustances may affect the schedule. If the bus is more than 15 minutes late, please have <u>one</u> parent call camp at (630) 241-9025.
- No bus leaves camp at the end of the day until <u>all</u> campers are present and accounted for.
- Be sure to meet your camper when she arrives in the afternoon. <u>The bus will NOT be able to wait for parents to arrive after drop off time listed.</u> This being said, please be at your appropriate pick up location <u>at least 10 minutes prior to arrivial time listed.</u>

NEW THIS YEAR!

All adults picking campers up from the bus must have the appropriate "Transportation Release Flyer" which will be sent to you to fill out 2 weeks prior to your camp program.

Please read all instructions that will be attached with the flyer.



Train Riders

- Be at the train stop at least 10 minutes before the train is scheduled to leave.
- The time scheduled is the time the train is scheduled to leave from your stop. Reference the BNSF Metra train schedule, M-F, #1225 departing Chicago Union Station at 7:56 am and #1270 departing Aurora at 3:40 pm.
- Remain with your camper(s) until the train arrivies and they board. A day camp adult volunteer and/or a staff
 member will be riding the train and will take attendance and supervise campers as they travel to and from
 camp.
- Train chaperones are not able to exit the train to pick up or drop off campers. Please make sure that you are ready to send your camper off and pick them up when the train is scheduled to be at your designated train station.
- Campers will ride the train to the Lisle train station in the morning where they will exit and load a bus that will transport them the rest of the way to camp. The reverse will occur in the afternoon.
- If you miss the train: you may drive your camper to camp and go through car check in.
- All train riders should meet at the Girl Scout designated meeting place at their train station. This meeting area will be recognizable by a sign with the following symbol:



We are guests on the BNSF Metra train line. That being said, there will be other non-Girl Scout commuters riding the train. All Girl Scouts will gather in the front car(s) of the train in the morning and afternoon with a Girl Scout approved adult chaperone.



Arrival:

- Enter at Gate 2 which is marked with a "DAY CAMP TODAY" sign and exit at Gate 3.
- Check-in will not start until 8:45 am. Staff are not availble to chaperone campers until that time.
- If you arrive before the gates are open, please do not idle outside of the gate. You <u>may not</u> park on any part of 71st Street that does not have a curb.
- Starting this year, we are no longer allowed to park at Castaldo Park. Please respect the wishes of the Woodridge Park District and do not park or idle in their parking lot. If these wishes are not met, they hold the right to call for police reinforcement.
- Please note that the Camp Greene Wood road is a <u>one-way</u> path and the speed limit is <u>5 mph</u>.
- Please drive carefully and attentively as campers, staff, and volunteers may be walking through camp. The health and safety of every camper is important to us.
- Parking is for staff and volunteers only.
- When checking-in, please <u>stay in your car</u>. A staff member will come to your vehicle to check your camper in and get them to their unit safely. After this, please proceed out Gate 3.
- We thank you for your patience.

Departure:

- This process may take a little longer on the first day. Every effort is made to ensure campers leave as quickly and efficiently as possible. We thank you for your patience.
- Check-out will not start until 3:00 pm.
- If you arrive before gates are open, please follow the same guidelines that are outlined under "Arrival."
- When checking-out, <u>please stay in your car</u>. A staff member will come to your car and will ask which camper(s) you are here to pick up. You will also be asked to provide a photo ID. <u>No camper will be released if a photo ID is not presented.</u>
- We will be utalizing the "Transportation Release Form" that you filled out when completing your camper paperwork on the Formsite and asked for your signature. Make sure to include anyone that will be allowed to pick up your camper from camp on this document. Campers will not be released to anyone not listed on their "Transportation Release Form."
- Once buses have departed, you will be directed to the pick-up area.



Before and After Camp Care

- Pick up and drop off for before and after camp care will take place at Gate 1 (the Gathering Place).
- Drop off will be between 7:00 am 8:30 am.
- Pick up will be between 4:00 pm 6:00 pm.
- Please park in the Gathering Place parking lot and walk up to the back side of the building (follow the signs). There you will proceed with the check-in or check-out process. You must provide a photo ID and be listed on the "Transportation Release Form" for each camper you are picking up or dropping off.



Late Arrival, Early Dismissal, and Dropping Off Items

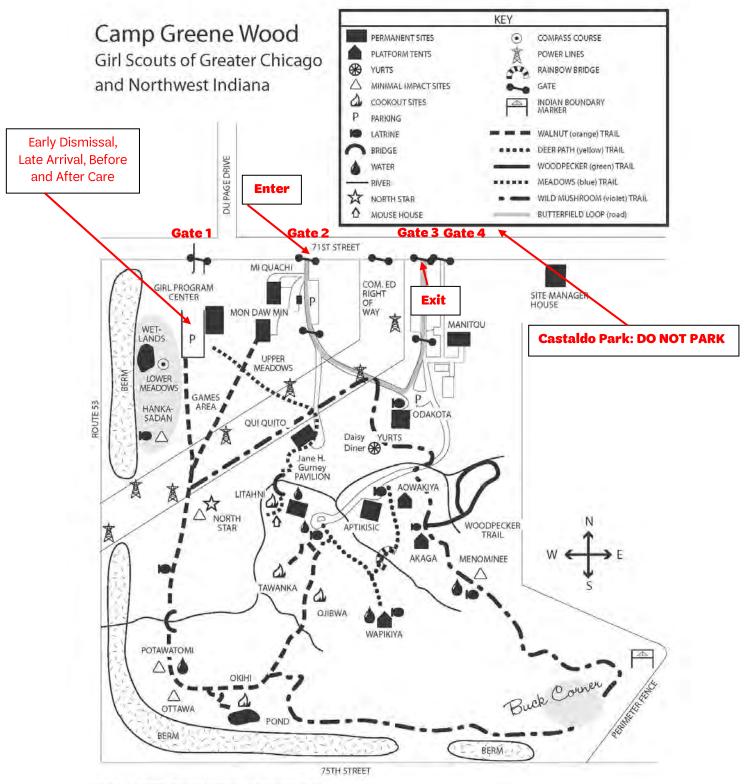
- Please let the Greene Wood Director, Lauren Somogyi, know as soon as possible if you need to drop your camper off late or pick them up early by emailing her at Isomogyi@girlscoutsgcnwi.org or calling the camp phone at (312) 465-3051.
- Please send your camper with a written note the day of if your camper needs to leave camp early in addition to contacting the director.
- Please let us know the date and time of the early dismissal or late arrival along with the camper's name and unit.
- If you need to drop something off for your camper please bring it to the Greene Wood Gathering Place at Gate 1 and the receptionist will let camp know. Make sure all items are labeled with the camper's first and last name, along with their unit.

NEW THIS YEAR!

IMPORTANT For pick up and drop off of campers or forgotten items any time after check-in and before 2:00 pm, please go to Gate 1 (the Gathering Place). Park in the parking lot, enter the Gathering Place, and proceed through the check-in or check-out process with a photo ID.



Camp Greene Wood Map



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Why Does My Camper Have to be a Registered Girl Scout/

What is Girl Scout Insurance?

Though campers do not have to actively participate in Girl Scouting year-round. Every camper

attending a Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana camp must be, or become, a

registered Girl Scout.

Every registered Girl Scout and registered adult member in the Girl Scout movement is

automatically covered under the basic insurance plan upon registration. The entire premium cost

for this protection is borne by Girl Scouts of the USA. The basic plan is effective during the regular

fiscal year (October to the following October). Up to 14 months of insurance coverage is provided

for new members who register in the month of August.

This insurance provides up to a specified maximum for medical expenses incurred as a result of

an accident while a member is participating in an approved, supervised Girl Scout activity, after

the individual's primary insurance pays out. This is one reason that all adults and girls should be

registered members. Non-registered parents, tagalongs (brothers, sisters, friends), and other

persons are not covered by basic coverage.

This insurance coverage is not intended to diminish the need for, or replace, family health

insurance. When \$130 in benefits has been paid for covered accident, medical, or dental expense,

any subsequent benefits will be payable only for expenses incurred that aren't compensable under

another insurance policy. If there is no family insurance or healthcare program, a specified

maximum of medical benefits is available.

We can't wait to see you at camp! If you have any questions make sure you

email <u>customercare@girlscoutsgcnwi.org</u> or your camp director.

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana 1 (855) 456-8347; www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/camp

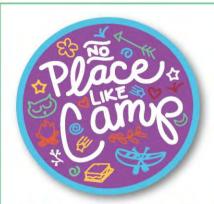
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Find time to stop by the Trading Post when you are at camp!

From patches to activity books to t-shirts and more.





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CAMP FAVORITE!

MESS KIT I \$8

The colorful and sturdy mess kit includes a mesh tote with caribiner, plate, bowl, cup and utensils.

\$15 value. - SKU: 1503954

EVERYTHING YOUR CAMPER NEEDS!

DAY CAMP CARE PACKAGE I \$20 Includes everything in the mess kit plus a bandana, waterbottle and luggage tag.

\$35 value. - SKU: 1503890



