

# Camp Palos Day Camp

## Informational Packet 2021

### S'more than a Moment



## Welcome!



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 the important information outlined in this packet.

This packet includes the following:

- ✓ Camp address, directions, & contact information
- ✓ Packing list
- ✓ Daily reminders
- ✓ FAQs
- ✓ Transportation information
- ✓ Arrival/departure specifics
- ✓ Camp map
- ✓ Overnight information for Juniors+.
- ✓ COVID-19 and Girl Scout Insurance



## What is Day Camp All About?



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 extended day opportunity for Juniors and up. Camp is a place where girls can 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!

For additional information on what we are doing regarding the COVID-19 pandemic refer to the **GSGCNWI Summer Camp 2021 and COVID-19 Resource** on our website ([www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/camp](http://www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/camp)). This document is subject to change and may be updated multiple times in the coming months.

## Questions?



If you still have questions after reading this packet, please email us at [customer care@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:customer care@girlscoutsgcnwi.org) or call 855-ILOVEGS (456-8347)



## Camp Address

Camp Palos  
11736 Will-Cook Road  
Palos Park, IL 60439

For more information about arrivals and departures please see pages 7, 8, 9, & 10.

## Contact Information

If you have questions during the **summer camp season (6/14 – 7/30)** feel free to contact us.

**Camp Palos Director:** Kary “Kanga” Roorda  
**Summer Camp Phone\*:** (815) 545-7818  
**Director’s Email:** kroorda@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

\*Summer phone will be answered starting June 1. If you have questions before that, feel free to email the director or call or email Customer Care (contact information is listed at the bottom of each page)

## Directions to Camp Palos

### From Chicago

Take I-55 south to Route 83 south. Proceed south on Route 83, veer right onto Route 171 southwest for ¼ mile. Turn left on Bell Road. Turn left on McCarthy Road for about 1 mile, then left on Will-Cook Road for about ¾ mile. Camp will be on your left.

**OR:** Take Route 171 to Route 45 south. Turn right onto McCarthy Road (123<sup>rd</sup>), then right on Will-Cook Road. Camp will be on your left.

## Camp Palos Open House

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

★ **Sunday, April 25**    **2-5 p.m.**    **Code: 5870181**

Register at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/girlscoutsgcnwi/Home>

## 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/Camp-Palos-207606212610010>

**Pinterest:** <https://www.pinterest.com/gsgcnwi/camp>

**Instagram:** [@girlscoutsgcnwi](https://www.instagram.com/girlscoutsgcnwi)

## Items to Bring to Camp EVERY DAY

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

-  **Sack Lunch & Drink** – 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.
-  **Reusable Water Bottle** – Camp Palos has plentiful and safe to drink well water for refills. Pack a filled water bottle so that your camper(s) 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-Up-on** – This cushion is a Girl Scout tradition that can be used when sitting on the ground. Campers will carry their sit-upons around camp, so we encourage small, light-weight options. (Google “Girl Scout Sit-Up-on” or reference our Pinterest page 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 as well.) A concentration of less than 20% DEET is recommended. Non-aerosol containers or disposable wipes are preferred.
-  **2-3 Masks PER DAY** – Pack 2-3 reusable or disposable masks for your camper to wear each day. New or freshly washed masks should be brought to camp every day.
-  **Personal Hand Sanitizer** – (Optional) For extra hand sanitizing throughout the day in addition to the increased hand washing and sanitizing that will occur.
-  **Bandana or Hat** – Pack one, or both, to help protect your camper from the sun.
-  **Hair Tie, “Scrunchie,” etc.** – To hold hair back safely when cooking around a fire or participating in archery and to keep hair off the neck and out of the way on hot days.
-  **Apparel** – Comfortable, everyday “play” clothes should be worn for daily camp activities. Socks and sturdy shoes must be worn at all times. It is a good idea to pack an extra shirt for days where we may play water games. A sweatshirt is always encouraged 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. Crocs with adventure straps, water shoes, or other close-toed aquatic footwear are only acceptable for water activities during the camp day.
-  **Rain Gear** – Raincoat or poncho. Umbrellas are not allowed at camp; they pose a safety hazard.

### ! Important Note:

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

### ! Important Note:

No sharing of:  
-Bug spray  
-Sun screen  
-Food  
-Hats/Bandanas  
-Masks  
-Personal items

\*\*\*Reference the “Extended Day Packing List & Additional Info.” on page 12 for campers participating in the extended day on Thursday.



## **Daily Reminders**

### **Monday – First Day of Camp!**

- ▲ This is the first day of camp and we are SO excited that your camper will be joining us!
- ▲ **Make sure your camper has her online forms filled out by May 1.**
  - You can find the link to these forms in your email from Camp Doc once you register for a camp program. If you do not see them in your email check back weekly as emails with links are not sent out daily.
- ▲ If your camper has any medications, please **send them in their original, labeled container(s) with her name printed clearly on the outside.**
  - After May 1, if any health information has changed please send updates with your camper on her first day of camp and email [kroorda@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:kroorda@girlscoutsgcnwi.org).
- ▲ Make sure to check your email (and junk folders) for any additional important information before coming to camp.
- ▲ Before you drop her off, make sure that your camper knows which program she registered for (and bus route information if applicable).
- ▲ Pack a sack lunch and 2-3 clean masks to wear throughout the camp day.
- ▲ Check her bag and/or your email for any notes or other important information!
- ▲ Finally, last but not least, make sure she doesn't forget to pack a positive attitude! ☺

### **Tuesday – Tie Dye Tuesday!**

- ▲ Please have your camper bring a white, or light-colored, t-shirt (or other garment) to tie dye.
  - 100% cotton items absorb the dye best.
  - Wash new items before dying.
  - Bring a plastic bag clearly labeled with the camper's name so that she can easily transport her wet creation home.
- ▲ Pack a sack lunch and 2-3 clean masks to wear throughout the camp day.
- ▲ Check her bag and/or your email for any notes or other important information.
- ▲ Instructions for tie dye items:
  - 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.)
  - After 24 hours, squeeze the t-shirt under cold water until the water runs clear.
  - Remove the rubber bands.
  - Wash and dry the item 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 – Daisy and Brownie Cookout Day!

- ▲ Pack 2-3 clean masks to wear throughout the camp day.
- ▲ Helpful tips for cookout day! (for Daisies and Brownies)
  - **Junior and Cadette units will need to bring a sack lunch this day.**
  - Girls will get the opportunity to plan their menu and work collaboratively to cook their lunch.
  - Mess kits and dunk bags may be available for purchase through our online shop.

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

- ▲ Check her bag and/or your email for any notes or other important information.

## Thursday – Optional Overnight for Juniors and Up!

- ▲ Camp t-shirt will be coming home today for non-overnighting programs.
- ▲ Pack a sack lunch and 2-3 clean masks to wear throughout the camp day (4-5 if staying for the extended day).
- ▲ Optional extended day for Juniors and up! Refer to the “Extended Day Packing List & Additional Info.” section on page 12.
- ▲ Older campers staying for the extended day will be cooking their dinner Thursday evening. Reference the above “Helpful Tips for Cookout Day!” bullets under “Wednesday”.

## Friday – Camp Shirt Day!

- ▲ Pack a sack lunch and 2-3 clean masks to wear throughout the camp day.
  - ▲ Don't forget to wear this year's camp t-shirt! (Campers will receive this during their week at camp.)
  - ▲ Overnighters will prepare their breakfast and lunch.
  - ▲ Kapers (see page 6 for more information)
- ★ **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](mailto:customercare@girlscoutsgcnwi.org).**



## Additional Important Information



### Absences

Please be sure to call to inform us of your camper's absence at (815) 545-7818. Make sure to leave a message telling us your camper's full name and program.



### 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 will not be available to answer phone calls during this time. Phone lines need to remain open. Please do not come to camp to pick up your camper, campers will not 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. However, please understand that this is not always possible. Unclaimed items are brought to our Gathering Places at the end of the season. Please contact us to arrange transport of your items to your closest Gathering Place if needed. Items are kept until October 1, 2021 and will be donated after that time. Lost masks will not be returned for the health and safety of all.



### Cell Phones

Though we do allow cell phones to be brought to 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 to 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 at the end of the day. Additionally, do not 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 by paying the minimum \$25 deposit. 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. If your financial aid request is accepted, the aid amount will be removed from your remaining balance for one camp program.

### 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 Kary Roorda at [kroorda@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:kroorda@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, gathering firewood, picking up litter, cooking at cookouts, 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 utmost importance when completing tasks.

### Trading Post

Our trading post will be located online this year. Visit: <https://shop.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/>





## Additional Important Information Continued



### Late Arrivals/Early Departures



Camp gates will close at approximately 9:20 a.m. and remain closed until campers leave in the afternoon. Gates will open at around 2:45 pm to prepare for dismissal, allowing buses to enter the camp first. Every effort is made to ensure campers leave as quickly and efficiently as possible. In order to maintain the safe and positive day camp experience we ask that every effort be made to schedule non-camp activities during non-camp hours. If there is an essential activity that is unavoidable, you must notify the director, **in writing**, on **Monday** of the camp week. We can accommodate these as long as we are aware of them.



### During Camp Hours...

**If you need to come to camp for any reason after 9:20 am and before 2 pm, please park outside Troop House and call the camp phone at (815) 545-7818.**



**Remain in your car. A staff member will come to assist you as soon as possible. (Please be patient as camp staff may not be nearby when you arrive.) We ask that every effort be made to share late arrival/early dismissal information prior to the day.**



**Early departures will happen only at noon with no exceptions.**



### Health & Safety

At Girl Scout camp we take health and safety very seriously and will do everything in our power to keep campers and staff as safe and healthy as possible. That being said, this year we will be implementing additional health and safety procedures for all staff and campers to follow. This includes, but is not limited to, daily temperature checks, mask wearing, additional hand washing, increased cleaning and sanitizing of supplies and camp areas, and social distancing whenever possible. In addition to these procedures, we will also be constantly monitoring and following the policies informed by the Centers for Disease Control, state and local guidelines, and the American Camp Association. We also ask that all campers and staff do a self-check each morning before coming to camp and advise you to stay home if your camper, or anyone they have come into contact with, is showing signs of any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19.

### Pre-Camp COVID-19 Self-Assessment

Before arriving at Girl Scout camp, everyone must complete a COVID-19 self-assessment. This self-assessment includes checking for signs and symptoms associated with COVID-19 including, but not limited to, fever, chills, cough, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, fatigue, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, muscle or body aches, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, bluish lips or face, or any other signs and symptoms associated with COVID-19. If a camper, staff member, volunteer, or anyone they have come into contact with in the last 14 days is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 they **MUST STAY HOME**.

### Check-In & Check-Out Additional Procedures

Any person who is not a staff member, approved volunteer, or camper must stay in their vehicle at all times during check-in and check-out. All persons above the age of two years old must wear a face mask covering their nose and mouth for the entirety of check-in and check-out including parents and family members not attending a camp program. All staff, approved volunteers, and campers will be required to participate in a health screening each day including a temperature check that must be lower than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit. Anyone who does not pass the daily health screening will not be able to participate in camp programming for the day (or longer).



## 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 every camper. ***If there are any changes, the director must be notified in writing.***



### 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.
- Approximate bus times will be emailed to you 1-2 weeks before your camp program. If there are any changes to your bus stop location or cancellations you will also be notified by this time.
  - **Please note: bus pick up and drop off times are estimated times of arrival and departure and may not always be 100% accurate due to factors outside of our control. We appreciate your patience during camper pick up and drop off.**
- Every attempt is made to stay on schedule. Construction, traffic, weather conditions, or other unforeseen circumstances may affect the schedule. If the bus is more than 15 minutes late, please have one parent at your stop call camp at (815) 545-7818.
- Be sure to verify that the bus is going to Girl Scout Camp Palos, and please remain with your camper until she boards the bus.
- Review basic bus rules with your camper before she gets on the bus
  - Always remain seated while the bus is moving.
  - Keep head, arms, and hands inside the bus at all times.
  - Use a quiet, respectful, voice when riding the bus.
  - 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.
- No bus leaves camp at the end of the day until all campers are present and accounted for.
- Be sure to meet your camper when she arrives in the afternoon. **The bus will NOT be able to wait for parents to arrive after drop off time listed.** This being said, please be at your appropriate pick up location **at least 10 minutes prior to the approximate arrival time listed.**

**IMPORTANT**

Make sure to check your email (and junk folders) before your camper's week at camp. Important bus transportation information will be shared that you do not want to miss. If you have not received bus stop information within 4 days of the start of your camper's program, please email [kroorda@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:kroorda@girlscoutsgcnwi.org).

For older campers (Juniors+) participating in the optional extended day on Thursday, evening bus transportation will be available. Information about Thursday evening bus routes will be shared by email 1-2 weeks before the program alongside daily bus route details. Any evening bus route adjustments will be noted by the Wednesday of the camp week.





## Car Drivers

### **Arrival:**

- **Before arriving, everyone must do a COVID-19 self-assessment. If your camper(s) or anyone they have come into contact with are experiencing signs or symptoms of COVID-19 they MUST stay home.**
- Enter camp through the main gate. The entrance gate is marked with a “CAMP PALOS” sign right out front.
- Check-in will not start until 8:45 am. Staff are not available to chaperone campers until that time.
- If you arrive before the gates are open, please do not idle outside of the gate. You are welcome to wait on the shoulder of Will-Cook Road. Please be respectful of those that live in the area while waiting for camper pick up or drop off.
- Do not come onto camp property until directed to do so. It is important to leave the camp road open.
- Please note that the Camp Palos road is a one-way path flowing counter-clockwise from the main entrance. **The camp speed limit is 5 mph.**
- Drive carefully and attentively as campers, staff, and volunteers may be walking through camp. The health and safety of everyone is important to us.
- Parking is for staff and volunteers only.
- When checking-in, please **stay in your car.** A staff member will come to your vehicle to check your camper in and get them to their program safely. After this, continue on the same road to exit camp as directed.
- During check-in, **everyone above the age of 2 years old in the car must wear a face mask over their nose and mouth.** Only campers attending a program that week may exit the vehicle after they have been checked in. Additional **daily health screening** will include temperature checks that must be 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or lower and a prescreening. **Anyone with a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or experiencing any other signs or symptoms of COVID-19 will not be able to participate in camp programming for the day (or longer).**
- 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.”
- The camp gate will be opened to let the buses in first. Cars will then be allowed to line up behind the buses. Please wait on the shoulder until you are given the appropriate signal.
- Once buses have departed, you will be directed to the pick-up area.
- When checking-out, **please stay in your car.** **Everyone in the car above the age of 2 must wear a face mask over their nose and mouth.** A staff member will come to your car and will ask which camper(s) you are here to pick up. You will be asked to provide a photo ID. **No camper will be released if a photo ID is not presented.**
- We will be utilizing the “Transportation Release Form” that you filled out when completing your camper paperwork on Camp Doc. 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.”**



## **Before and After Camp Care**

- Pick up and drop off for before and after camp care will take place at Troop House.
- Drop off will only be between 7:30 am – 8:30 am.
- Pick up will only be between 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm.
- Campers must be registered for this add-on program at least 1-week before camp starts.
- Camp will provide a morning and late afternoon snack.
- Please indicate on your online forms the approximate time you will be dropping your camper off and picking them up.
- Park outside of Troop House and wait for someone to come out and assist you with the check-in or check-out process. After a few minutes, if no one has come out please call the camp number. Please stay in your car unless you are instructed otherwise. **You must provide a photo ID and be listed on the “Transportation Release Form” for each camper you are picking up or dropping off.**



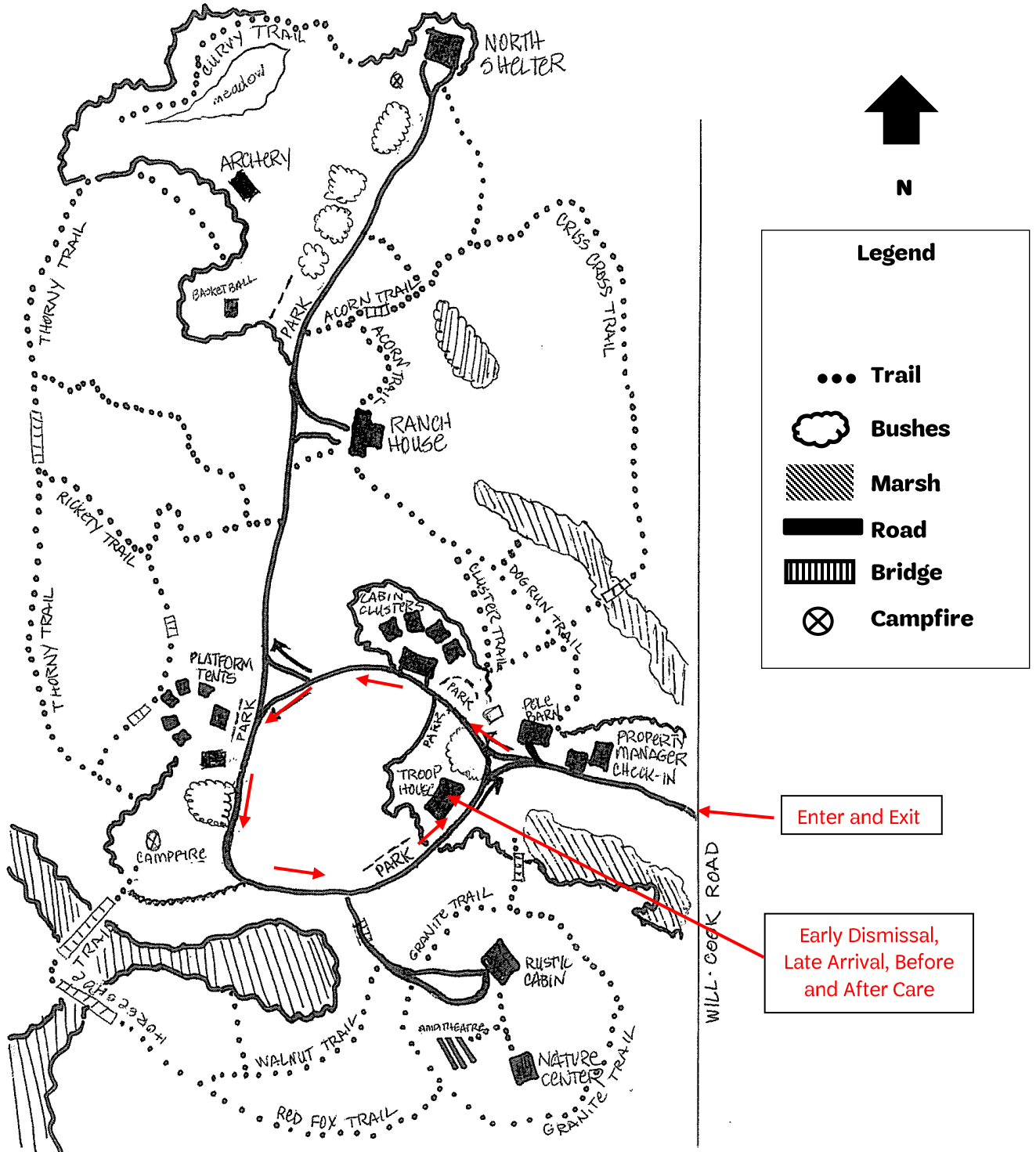
## **Late Arrival, Early Dismissal, and Dropping Off Items**

- Please let the Palos Director, Kary Roorda, know as soon as possible if you need to drop your camper off late or pick them up early by emailing her at [kroorda@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:kroorda@girlscoutsgcnwi.org) or calling the camp phone at (815) 545-7818.
- Please send your camper with a written note the day your camper needs to leave camp early in addition to contacting the director.
- We will need to know the following information for any late arrivals and early dismissals:
  - Date and time
  - Camper’s name
  - Program unit
- If you need to drop something off for your camper please bring it to the Troop House. Park outside and wait for someone to assist you. After a few minutes, if nobody has come to assist you call the camp phone. Please stay in your car. Make sure all items are labeled with the camper’s first and last name, along with their unit.

**IMPORTANT**

The safety of our campers, staff, and volunteers is our number one priority. Please make sure you are being vigilant, following road signs, and adhering to the 5 mph speed limit whenever you are driving around camp.

# Camp Palos Map



## Extended Day Packing List & Additional Info.

This year, to allow for as many campers to experience day camp and outdoor experiences as possible while increasing health and safety measures, we have made the decision to replace the Thursday overnight option offered to Junior+ campers with an extended day program instead. Campers who choose to participate in the extended day program will have the opportunity to still experience beloved Thursday evening activities such as cooking dinner over a fire, singing around a campfire, joining in on unique programming, and spending more time at camp.

### Additional items to pack for the extended day:

- Flashlight with New Batteries** – campers will be walking around camp in the evening and early night. A handheld flashlight or headlamp will help her get around safely in the dark.
- Mess Kit** – any plastic/metal plate, bowl, cup, and silverware. Please don't send anything disposable.
- Dunk Bag** – a mesh bag that allows dishes to air dry once washed. A lingerie washing bag works well.
- Sweatshirt or Light Jacket and Long Pants** – warm clothes are recommended for wearing around the campfire and at night.
- Medications** – any medications that your camper may need for the extended day in the original labeled container and marked with the camper's name. Medications must be turned in to the unit leader upon arrival at camp for the extended day.
- Day Camp Supplies** – sit upon, bug spray, sunscreen, water bottle, hat or bandana, etc. (see “Items to Bring to Camp EVERY DAY” section on page 3 for more details.)
- 1-2 Additional Clean Masks** – these masks are in addition to the masks brought and used Thursday and will be used during Thursday evening.

### Additional information to know about the extended day:

- Extended day program will end at 8:00 p.m.**

#### Car Riders

- Car riders should follow the same pick-up process in the evening as they do each day. Check-out will begin at 8:00 pm.

#### Bus Riders

- Evening bus transportation will be offered for campers who are ride the bus throughout the week.
- Information about evening bus routes will be emailed 1-2 weeks before the camp program alongside daily bus route details.
- Any adjustments that may need to be made to evening bus routes will be shared by the Wednesday of the camp week.
- Families that have registered for bus transportation may choose to pick up their camper from camp by car Thursday evening instead of taking evening bus transportation. If your camper is changing transportation options for the Thursday extended day, we ask that families email the Camp Director or send a note at the beginning of the program week.

## How Will Summer Day Camp be Different Due to COVID-19?

It is no surprise that summer 2021 will look different from past summers. Our team is working hard to prepare an enjoyable summer camp experience full of camp traditions and new friendships while we implement strategies to reduce the risk of COVID-19.

Our camps and properties follow standards and practices as set forth by the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A (GSUSA), the American Camp Association (ACA), and state and local health codes and authorities. Camp operations for 2021 will also follow additional recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

With your help, patience, and understanding we have no doubt that we can provide incredibly magical camp adventures. For the most detailed and up to date information refer to the **GSGCNWI Summer Camp 2021 and COVID-19 Resource** on our website. Here is a snapshot of the biggest strategies and processes that we are implementing for summer 2021 (subject to change):

- Wearing of face masks throughout most of the summer camp program; masks may be taken off for safety management during specific situations (i.e. eating, sleeping, or planned mask breaks)
- Physical (social) distancing and keeping campers in small groups based on their registered program
- Utilizing the outdoors; increased size of activity spaces and physical distancing, and plenty of fresh air
- Additional cleaning and sanitizing processes and increased emphasis on washing and sanitizing hands

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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 [customer@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:customer@girlscoutsgcnwi.org) or your camp director at [kroorda@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:kroorda@girlscoutsgcnwi.org)**

# PAMPER YOUR CAMPER!

With a Day or Resident Camp Care Package.



### CAMP FAVORITE MESS KIT | \$8\*\*

Great for ALL camp adventures.

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

**\$15 value**

### SUMMER ESSENTIAL BASIC CARE PACKAGE | \$25\*

Includes backpack, waterbottle, water game, postcard and stamp, eco notebook, hair accessories & fun patch.

**\$35 value**

### EVERYTHING YOUR CAMPER NEEDS DAY CAMP CARE PACKAGE | \$20\*\*

Includes everything in the mess kit plus a nylon backpack, bandana and waterbottle.

**\$25 value**

### SUMMER ESSENTIAL AND BEYOND ULTIMATE CARE PACKAGE | \$50\*

Includes everything from the basic care package plus a plush unicorn, pillowcase, dry bag and more.

**\$70 value**

\*After June 1, Basic and Ultimate Care Packages will increase by \$5 ● \*\*Mess Kit & Day Camp Care Packages not available for delivery to Day Camp

## ORDERING INFORMATION. ADD TO YOUR CAMP REGISTRATION.

1. Select the camp your camper will be attending and when you check out - just add to your order!
2. All Kits will be shipped directly to camp and will be delivered to your camper.
3. Kits **MUST** be ordered at least 5 days before camp arrival.
4. You can still order online at **shopgirlscouts.com** too!

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