

girl scouts
north carolina
coastal pines



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & READINESS QUIZ

SUMMER CAMP



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q: Who can attend Girl Scout camp?**

A: Camp is open to all Girl Scouts and girls ages 5-17. Some programs have Entering Grade requirements or prerequisites that must be met to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of all campers.

Q: My camper is not a Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines member but would like to attend camp. Can they attend? Are there additional fees?

A: Girl Scout camps are open to all campers. An additional fee of \$75 for camp is applied to each session for non-GSNCCP Girl Scout Members, and for non-Girl Scout members, this fee is \$100 per session.

Q: Where will campers sleep?

A: Campers are grouped in units. Depending on the camp and their program choice, campers may sleep in cabins, treehouses, or platform tents. Each unit has trained counselors housed in separate quarters within the living unit but close enough to supervise campers. In select sessions at each camp, counselors sleep in the same cabin as campers. Unless noted in session charts, lodging assignments will not be given prior to check-in at camp.

Q: Who are the camp staff?

A: Camp staff are enthusiastic, talented, and caring individuals. They are selected based on maturity, program experience, and genuine passion for working with campers.

Q: What type of training does camp staff receive?

A: Before camp begins, staff attend an intensive on-site training, which includes activity programming, outdoor skills, songs, games, first aid and mental health safety, emergency procedures, communications, program age level characteristics, working through homesickness, and more.

Q: My child has specific needs. Can they attend camp?

A: Every year, our camp welcomes many campers with unique needs. Participants should be able to thrive in a 6:1 camper-to-adult ratio and must be capable of showering independently. These needs can vary widely, encompassing physical, medical, developmental, dietary, behavioral, or communication challenges. We aim to accommodate all youth who wish to join us, prioritizing a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone. However, we reserve the right to assess each camper's needs and our capacity to support them in the camp environment, along with other relevant considerations. For any questions about the camp program or your camper's specific requirements, feel free to contact the camp director at 800-284-4475.

Q: My camper has specific dietary needs or restrictions. How are menus managed at camp?

A: Menus are planned with the general camp population and economy of associated costs in mind. We will try to provide for special dietary needs within the scope of our regular menus. We cannot guarantee the complete absence of a particular allergen on camp property. Please get in touch with the camp director at 800-284-4475 for more information.

Q: What happens if my camper has a difficult time adjusting to camp?

A: Camp staff will do everything possible to help campers adjust to camp life. However, our camp directors reserve the right to send home any camper who consistently exhibits inappropriate behavior or endangers themselves or others. A camper's parent/guardian is responsible for picking them up and fees will not be refunded.

Q: When can I expect to receive confirmation information about Summer Camp?

A: Once you have completed your registration for camp, you can log back into your My GS account and have access to the 2025 Summer Camp Confirmation by selecting the camp's name on your My Events page. Confirmation packets will also be emailed to all campers registered on May 1, 2025.

Q: Can my camper attend camp with a buddy/friend?

A: During registration, a buddy's name can be listed. Buddies must be in the same age group and must register for the same session, and both campers will need to request each other. We are not able to honor requests for more than one buddy.

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Q: Can my camper call home during the week?

A: Campers are not permitted to make or receive phone calls. We encourage independence and self-reliance during camp. The camp director will contact adults if a camper has a medical problem, is excessively homesick, or has an emergency. Please let your child know before camp that they will not be able to call home or bring a cell phone with them to camp and that you are comfortable with this arrangement. It is important not to send your child to camp with a cell phone. There is little coverage on our properties, and more importantly, it will send a conflicting message to other campers. We are partners with you in your child's summer experience, and we hope that you will support us with this camp policy.

Q: Can I visit my camper during a camp session?

A: To help maintain program continuity and ensure the safety of campers, visitors are not allowed at camp during our summer camp sessions.

Q: What measures are taken to ensure my child's safety while at camp?

A: We are dedicated to providing safe and secure camps. Each camp follows the guidelines set by the American Camp Association as well as those set by Girl Scouts of the USA through Safety Activity Checkpoints. Staff are housed in close proximity to camper cabins and tents. Camp buildings and grounds are checked nightly. All camp staff and adults spending the night at camp must successfully complete a criminal background check.

Q: What happens when there is bad weather?

A: Our outdoor activities depend on good weather to operate safely. Our staff constantly monitor the weather and give warnings when needed. In the case of bad weather, camper safety is our number one priority. Campers may be moved to a safe location and activities may be rescheduled. All camp staff are trained in best practices in safety regarding weather.

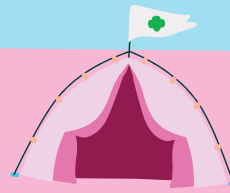
Q: If our plans change, how do I cancel my child's session? Can I get a refund?

A: Please notify our customer care team at helpdesk@nccoastalpines.org as soon as possible if plans change and your camper can no longer attend camp. Once you register for a session, you have made a commitment to that session and are responsible for payment in full. Refunds are available under special circumstances. Please visit our website at gsnccp.org/campregistration to read more about our cancellation policies.

Q: When is the last day to register for camp?

A: Camp registrations will close two weeks prior to the session your camper wishes to attend. Exceptions can be made if space is available. Please contact Customer Care at helpdesk@nccoastalpines.org or 800-284-4475 for assistance if registration has closed.

CAMP READINESS QUIZ



Parents and caregivers, when deciding which camp experience is right for you and your child, please include them in the decision-making process. Have them try a backyard campout sleepover at a friend's, or try a family camping experience to help build their confidence and prepare for overnight camp.

To help you decide how and when to send your Girl Scout to camp, take our camp readiness quiz below! Check the answer that best describes how you feel. Add the value of each checked answer to determine your score.

GIRL SCOUT QUIZ

1. Do you enjoy staying overnight at a friend's house without missing your family or feeling sad and lonely?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

2. Can you wash and brush your own hair?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

3. Can you make your own bed and keep track of your own things?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

4. Would you be okay if you had to walk to a nearby building to use the bathroom at night?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

5. Would you be okay staying in a tent/cabin with other Girl Scouts, knowing your counselors are in a nearby tent/cabin?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

6. Can you see bugs or mice without jumping on a chair and screaming?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

7. Can you survive a few days without a tablet, TV, video games, or cell phone?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

8. Are you willing to help with camp chores such as sweeping, setting tables, and picking up trash?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

9. Will you try new foods different than what you are willing to eat at home?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

10. Do you like to try new things?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

12. Do you easily make new friends and warm up to new environments?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

12. Do you enjoy participating in group activities?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

13. Do you enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking, playing outside, sleeping in a tent, and listening to nature?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

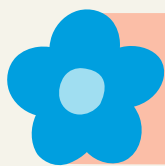
14. Can you live by the Girl Scout Law and Promise?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

15. Are you really excited to go to camp?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

**TOTAL
SCORE:**



ADULT QUIZ

1. Can you relax and enjoy yourself when your child sleeps over at a friend's house?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

2. Would you be okay communicating with your child only by mail?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

3. Are you prepared to be away from your child for several days?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

4. Are you willing to entrust camp staff with the care of your child?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

5. Are you comfortable with your child playing in a rustic outdoor setting where they may get dirty and it may rain?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

6. Would you be willing to work with your child so they will be ready for camp (i.e. coping with being homesick, keeping track of their own things, using their camping gear)?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

Are you confident in your child's ability to...

7. ...wash and brush their own hair?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

8. ...sleep in a tent/cabin with other Girl Scouts, knowing that counselors are in a nearby tent/cabin?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

9. ...eat new foods that they haven't tried before?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

10. ...meet new friends and accept others who are different from them?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

11. ...follow instructions given by counselors?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

12. ...ask for help if they need it?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

13. ...have fun?

1 No way! 2 Maybe 3 Yes!

TOTAL SCORE:

GIRL SCOUT QUIZ RESULTS

15-25

This summer, a day camp, one overnight, or a weekend event would be perfect for you. Get ready for overnight camp next year by experiencing the fun and excitement of day camp or an overnight with your troop or favorite adult.

26-35

You're confident and ready to give camp a try! This summer, try a camp trip of three-nights or less by yourself, or a week-long overnight camp with a buddy.

36-45

If you're not already a camping pro, you are going to be a natural! You love adventure, trying new things, and making new friends. It sounds like you are ready to take one or more week-long overnight camps!

ADULT QUIZ RESULTS

12-19 | Your child and you may not be quite ready for overnight camp. Consider attending a weekend event, day trip, or a one-night camp experience. Consider working with your Girl Scout Troop to plan a troop overnight at one of our camp properties.

20-29 | You're ready to send your child to overnight camp. Start with an overnight or three-day camp if you're still not sure.

30-39 | You've done this before, haven't you? You are confident in your child's abilities and willing to help them prepare for camp. You and your child are ready for them to attend one or more week-long overnight camps!