

Summer Camp FAQ

Does my girl need to be a Girl Scout to register for camp?

No! Our resident and day camps are open to all girls and we encourage them to bring a friend, Girl Scout or not! If your girl would like to become a registered Girl Scout before camp, simply register [here!](#)

Non-members have a \$25 fee added during the camp registration process. Non-members may choose whether they'd like to use this amount toward becoming a registered Girl Scout or not. If you decide to join, the \$25 fee will be used for your 2020 Girl Scout membership!

Do you offer financial aid?

Yes, financial assistance is available for registered Girl Scouts. Please [fill out this request form](#) and submit it online. If you have any further financial assistance questions, please contact executiveoffice@gsnypenn.org.

What training do camp staff and volunteers receive?

All staff receive an extensive training prior to the arrival of all campers. Training includes activity programming and outdoor skills, health and safety, emergency procedures, age level characteristics, meeting camper needs, dealing with homesickness and much more. Staff who supervise and instruct high adventure or specialty activities are required to have additional training and qualifications.

What is the ratio of staff or volunteers to campers?

The ratio is based upon camper age and follows GSUSA Guidelines. There will be at least two staff members present with the girls at all times.

Adult to camper ratios:

Daisies (Grades K-1)	1:6
Brownies (Grades 2-3)	1:6
Juniors (Grades 4-5)	1:8
Cadettes (Grades 6-8)	1:10
Seniors (Grades 9-10)	1:10
Ambassadors (Grades 11-12)	1:10

What safety standards are followed?

Our camps are required to meet established standards set by state and local health departments, GSUSA and where applicable, the American Camp Association (ACA) for health and safety, site, program and personnel.

Each camp is inspected twice a summer by the county health department in which the camp is located.

What if I do not have a computer or internet to complete the health questions?

We encourage parents/guardians to complete their own health profile online through CampDoc. If you are absolutely unable to do so, please contact us at 1.855.213.8555 to mail forms to you. You will need to complete the forms and send them back to the Cicero Service Center at least two weeks prior to your camp session, along with your camper's immunization list and physical form.

What is Mom & Me?

Mom & Me is a program for a Girl Scout and any special adult female in her life! Be led by trained staff as you participate in some of your favorite camp activities like swimming, boating, arts and crafts, and archery. Mom & Me programs are offered at all four of our camp properties throughout June, July and August. Mom & Me is open to all levels, including Daisies! There is a \$25 deposit per person for Mom & Me camps due at time of registration.

What is Troop Core Camp?

Troop Core Camp is the perfect program for a troop that wants to enjoy a camping experience as a group. Camp staff facilitate programming including archery, waterfront, arts and crafts, and more. Additionally, all meals and first aid are provided. Troops don't need to bring a Simply Successful Camping or First Aid training in order to participate, making for a camping experience that is accessible to all! Troop Core Camp is offered throughout June, July and August at all four camp properties and is open to all levels. Cost is \$65 per girl and \$50 per adult. There is a \$25 deposit per person for Troop Core Camps due at time of registration.

What is S.T.A.R. Camp?

S.T.A.R. Camp is open to ALL! Girls and members of the whole family—mom, dad, grandma, brothers or any Special Trusted Adult Relation (S.T.A.R.). Enjoy all of our classic camp activity offerings and receive a special t-shirt and patch. All meals are provided during the program. You can participate in S.T.A.R. Camp at Comstock or Trefoil during the month of June. There is a \$25 deposit per person for S.T.A.R. camps due at time of registration.

What longer trip options are offered?

GSNYPENN is offering some amazing trips this year. This will be our second year heading to Disneyland and Camp Scherman in Southern California, and our first year taking a trip to Sweden and New Hampshire. In Sweden, we will learn about the Sami culture, primitive camp above the Arctic Circle and visit museums. In New Hampshire, we will rock climb and camp at state parks in the White Mountain area.

There's also a My Gal & Me trip for Girl Scouts and any special adult female in their life. We know the "big kids" want to come to camp, too—here's your chance to join your girl on a primitive backpacking trip in the Catskills. Learn the basics of planning and prepping for a primitive trip and then go off camp to paddle for a day and hike about six miles out (visiting a fire tower along the way).

More details on each of these trips can be found in our 2020 Summer Camp Guide. Pack your bags, it's going to be a busy summer!

What is the cancellation policy?

Payments for all council programs and events are non-refundable, unless council cancels the event or the registering person/group cancels PRIOR to the registration deadline. Cancellations made after the registration deadline will not receive a refund. Please note: the \$50 deposit paid for resident/day camp and \$100 deposit paid for trips when registering is non-refundable.

Cancellation notifications will only be accepted in writing (to Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways, ATTN: Summer Camp, 8170 Thompson Rd., Cicero, NY 13039 or via email to summercamp@gsnypenn.org). Refunds for cancellations are made only if the notification is received prior the registration deadline. A cancellation may qualify for a refund (minus the deposit fee) if the cancellation is due to a qualified medical reason. A written refund request along with a doctor's excuse must be received within two weeks of the cancellation.

If a participant uses council Cookie Dough as payment towards a summer camp program and qualifies for a refund, the Cookie Dough amount is refunded only as Cookie Dough. The refunded Cookie Dough will be issued with the same expiration date as the Cookie Dough that was used as payment.

Please note: a minimum number of campers is required to run all programming. If the minimum is not met, camps may be subject to cancellation.

When is payment due? What happens if payment is not made on time?

Last day of standard registration and final payments for all camps are due in full on Friday, June 19. After this date, a \$50 late fee will be added to the balance due. If your balance due is not paid by Friday, July 3, your camp registration will be cancelled.

When should all my health paperwork in CampDoc be completed?

The deadline for CampDoc medical forms is two weeks prior to your actual camp session. The payment deadline is not the same as the CampDoc paperwork deadline.