

# Camping Department Updates

## Need Help on Your First Trip to the Woods? Camp Qualified Volunteers!

If your troop hasn't gone camping before, the thought can be a bit overwhelming. Camp training is available through GSCNC, but if you'd like someone with experience working with girls at our camps, we can help!

GSCNC has a resource list of camp qualified adults willing to help troops without one. They can meet with you and your troop step by step leading up to your trip!

For more information, to

find an adult for your troop, or to join our resource list, contact Susan Kabat, Camping Specialist.



## B220 Forms

Submitting this form makes your troop eligible to use the camping reservation system for GSCNC Campsites for October 1, 2011 thru September 30, 2012. Forms can be submitted electronically at [http://www.gscnc.org/troop\\_leader\\_forms.html](http://www.gscnc.org/troop_leader_forms.html)

## Fall Core Camp

Core Camps are fun weekend programming opportunities at our camps. Designed and organized by volunteers and teens, Core Camps give troops the opportunity to go camping and not need to worry about food or what to do when they get there!

We still have openings in FALL Core Camps- Register today at: <http://register.gscnc.org/program>.



## Ideas to celebrate 100 years of Girl Scouting At Camp

- Prepare your meals using Dutch Ovens (available for rental thru Dorr Ave) Recipe website: <http://www.legendsofamerica.com/we-dorecipes.html>
- Pitch tents at one of GSCNC Primitive campsites
- Reserve a [Early Girl Scout Skills Kit](#) thru Dorr Ave and take on your camping trip <http://www.gscnc.org/files/pdf/program/kits/EarlyGirlScoutSkillsLeaderGuide.pdf>
- Develop a wide game around the 8 basic camping skills

### Dry Wood Sheds:

Each camp now has a Dry Firewood Shed located on the camp property. When camping, if more wood is needed, troops are encouraged to refill and replenish wood racks at the site where they are camping. Caretakers will work hard to keep the "Dry Firewood Sheds" full of dry firewood year round.





## A Detailed Look at Our Camp Properties

When planning a camping trip please refer to the camping **web pages featuring information about our camps!** Meet the caretaker, learn more about each site, and find activities your group can participate in on camp and nearby.

**Have suggestions of great activities near our camps?** Contact Jacque Walsh, Camping Specialist.

[http://www.gscnc.org/camp\\_properties.html](http://www.gscnc.org/camp_properties.html)

## High Adventure Activities at Our Camps

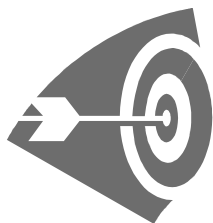
Did you know our camps have amazing high adventure activities you can participate in, such as **canoeing, kayaking, archery, and low ropes?**

Learn more about the opportunities offered and how to reserve our courses, ranges, and boats at

[http://www.gscnc.org/camp\\_activities.html](http://www.gscnc.org/camp_activities.html)

Each of these activities require a certified adult, but **training is offered through GSCNC each fall and spring.** Check out the Outdoor section of our online training registration site at <http://register.gscnc.org>. Fall dates will be posted soon!

If you're unable to make one of our trainings, you can also try our list of **resource volunteers!** These are certified volunteers in the area that are willing to help lead these activities with troops and groups. For more information or to join, contact Susan Kabat, Camping Specialist.



## Meet the Staff of GSCNC's Camping Department!

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## How Can You Use Our Camps?

Did you know **day usage at our campsites is FREE?!**

Lodges, hiking trails, and other programming is available at your fingertips for your troop to have meetings or participate in day activities!

Contact Gustavo Martinez to reserve a day site



## FUN FACTS

May Flather is GSCNC's oldest camp, built in 1929

GSCNC offers camping opportunities on 8 developed campsites.

Sleep Away Camp Information for the Summer of 2012 will be available in January-Celebrate 100 of Girl Scouting at SUMMER CAMP!



## Non-Council Campsite Directory

GSCNC would like to continue to build our non-Council campsite directory, **a list of area camps great for troop use.** You can view the current list at [www.gscnc.org/Non\\_council\\_camp\\_directory.html](http://www.gscnc.org/Non_council_camp_directory.html).

It is not required a non-Council campsite be approved, this list is simply a suggestion to aid troops in their search.

Pass along any great campgrounds to Susan Kabat, Camping Specialist.

## Potomac Woods River Walk

The Potomac Woods River Walk is an **environmental learning trail and patch program** designed to educate girls on the importance of preserving and managing natural resources while inspiring them to spend time outdoors.

**Activity kits** and learning trail stations engage girls along the trail. There are even fishing poles! The series of activities are easy-to-use and always available, first come, first served, at the River Walk.

For more information about the trail and activities, visit [www.gscnc.org/riverwalk.html](http://www.gscnc.org/riverwalk.html).