

TROOP CAMPING STARTER GUIDE

the "must-know" info for camping within Girl Scouts Nation's Capital

Required Camping Certifications

To have a campfire for s'mores ONLY (no cooking or overnight camping):

 ONE adult must complete GSCNC's "Girl Led Fire & S'more Safety" course (entirely on gsLearn) OR either of the trainings listed below.

For outdoor cooking (no overnight camping):

 ONE adult must complete GSCNC's Basic Cookout training OR the training listed below.

If you are camping overnight:

 ONE adult must complete GSCNC's Cookout & Campout training (hybrid or traditional).

ALL require a SECOND adult certified in first aid/CPR.

Where to find/how to register for training:

Find available trainings on our <u>Upcoming Courses</u> list (<u>gscnc.org</u> → Volunteer → Required Training).

Registration for trainings is through <u>gsEvents</u> – access through your <u>myGS portal</u>.

- gsLearn Campfire only = Girl Led Fire & Smore Safety
- gsLearn Basic Cookout = 204 Basic Cookout
- gsLearn Cookout/Campout = 204 Cookout & Campout
- gsLearn First aid course = 204 First Aid

Keep a record of training dates – you'll need them to make reservations. Proof of completion must be submitted to gsLearn.

Making Reservations

A tutorial for how to make a reservation can be found at gscnc.org/campproperties (under "Know Before You Go"). **Reservation Website:** Access our camping reservation website (DoubleKnot) through gscnc.org/campproperties ($gscnc.org \rightarrow Camp \rightarrow Our Camp Properties$).

- This webpage details our 8 camp properties.
- Reservation links are under each camp. Read the tutorial listed above for more information.
- Reservations open exactly 3 months in advance at the exact time the reservation begins. Overnight reservations begin at 3 PM. EX: overnight reservations starting on April 1 open on January 1 at 3 PM.
- DoubleKnot is NOT connected to your myGS account.
 You will need to create an account the first time you make a camping reservation.
- There is a small fee for overnight reservations (see <u>Facilities Charts</u> for prices).
- Day use reservations are FREE.

IMPORTANT: Your campsite reservation confirmation email from noreply@doubleknot.com includes a downloadable confirmation packet under the receipt – **READ IT IN ITS ENTIRETY**.

Explore Camp Patch Program

Get your Girl Scouts ready for camping through the Explore Camp Patch Program. This program encourages Girl Scouts to explore the outdoors, take part in Girl Scout traditions, and discover the unique features of each of our eight camp properties. Girl Scouts completing this patch program will hone their eight basic outdoor skills, which help improve outdoor literacy and support positive, environmentally friendly outdoor experiences.

For more information, visit gscnc.org/explorecamp.

Camping Information Resources

- gscnc.org/camp explore our various camping web pages. Information abounds!
- Volunteer Essentials see pages about camping, camping rules and resources, camp maps and facilities charts.
- <u>Safety Activity Checkpoints</u> general safety rules (in introduction) and activity-specific guidelines.
- Camp Facilities Charts and Maps information about each campsite's amenities and per-night prices.
 Located in the "Map and Facilities" dropdown under each camp's listing or at the end of Vol. Essentials.
- <u>Camping FAQs*</u> Everything you need to know about camping.
- <u>Campsite Photos*</u> See what our campsites look like.
- <u>Camp Availability</u>* Check campsite availability prior to reservations opening.
- Outdoor and High Adventure Rally Weekly posts and updates from the Camping Department; great place to ask other volunteers camping/outdoor questions.
- <u>Camping and Outdoor Readiness</u> (linked on main camping webpage) – Find out if you're ready to go camping & resources for first-time campers.
- Council Map See where our camps are on a map.

*Found on the <u>Ways to Camp</u> page of our website (plenty of other great resources on this page, too).

gscnc.org/camp | contact the Camping Services team: camp@gscnc.org

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In order of appearance in document:

- GSCNC Upcoming Courses document: <u>bit.ly/gsupcomingcourses</u>
- gsLearn: https://www.gscnc.org/en/for-volunteers/ways-to-volunteer1/gsLearn.html
- gsEvents: https://mygs.girlscouts.org/search;type=EVENTS
- My GS Sign In Portal: https://mygs.girlscouts.org/
- Camp Properties Page: https://www.gscnc.org/campproperties
- Facilities Charts (found on the Camp Properties Page): https://www.gscnc.org/campproperties
- Explore Camp Patch Program: https://www.gscnc.org/explorecamp

URLs in the Resources section:

- Camp Landing Page: http://www.gscnc.org/camp
- Volunteer Essentials: https://www.gscnc.org/en/for-volunteers/Publications.html
- Safety Activity Checkpoints: https://www.gscnc.org/en/for-volunteers/Publications.html
- Camp Facilities Charts and Maps: https://www.gscnc.org/campproperties
- Camping FAQs: http://bit.ly/GSCNCCampFAQ
- Camp Photos: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RxtkljWVCnVXFzsaClGDxgneVMfXxz1w?usp=sharing
- Camp Availability: http://bit.ly/CampAvailability
- Outdoor and High Adventure Rally: https://rallyhood.com/rallies/14350
- Camping and Outdoor Readiness: https://www.gscnc.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gscnc/documents/Camp/Camping and Outdoor Readiness.pdf
- Council Map: https://www.gscnc.org/en/council/about-us/map.html
- Ways to Camp Page: https://www.gscnc.org/en/camp/ways-to-camp.html