

Camping Readiness Assessment

Compare the score your gave your troop and youth to the guide chart below.

Please note, your youth might fall in between categories. Please use best judgement when picking activities.

20-33: High Support Camping

Your troop is likely new to camping and possibly the outdoors. It is recommended that you start your journey into the outdoors in steps, allowing youth to become familiar and comfortable.

Some good options and resources to help your youth get outside may include:

- Spend a day at camp participating in weekend camping programs.
- Attending a core camp as a troop
- Collaborating with a more experienced troop to plan an overnight.
- Spend an overnight in a heated lodge.
- Attend a summer day or evening camp.

34-46: Medium Support Camping

Your troop most likely has some experience in camping and are ready for more adventure in the outdoors. Your youth are ready to take on more of the responsibilities of planning and running your outdoor experiences.

Some good options and resources your youth might like may include:

- A single or multi-night campout in a glen shelter or platform tent.
- Participate in weekend programs to advance your skills.
- Participate in a 3-day or weeklong summer sleep away camp.

47-60: Low Support Camping

Your troop and youth are experienced campers, ready to take on all the adventure and opportunities our council has to offer. Not only is your troop ready to take on harder outdoor experiences but they are also ready to share their experiences with younger youth.

Some good options and resources your youth might like may include:

- A single or multi-night campout in one of our hammock or primitive sites.
- Plan a single or multi-day backpacking trip.
- Provide support for a younger troops camping experience.
- Lead a core camp to make money for other activities.
- Attend one of our high adventure based summer sleep away camps.

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With so many ways for Girl Scouts to camp it can be hard to know what to choose. Use this to help you decide.

Emotional Readiness:	No (1 point)	Maybe	Yes (3 points)
Is unafraid of being away from home or parents overnight			
Wants to go camping			
Is willing to sleep, eat and play with all youth not just best friends			
Can cope with unknowns including: strange places, the dark, woods and night noises			
Can cope with little to no privacy			
Can function as a member of a cohesive group			
Can compromise and give in graciously.			
Can recognize when help is needed and ask.			
Physical Readiness:	No (1 point)	Sometimes (2 points)	Yes (3 points)
Can run, jump, bend down and move body with purpose			
Can draw or write sufficiently for planned activities			
Can complete personal care tasks such as toileting and bathing with no assistance			
Coordinated enough to carry own suitcase, bedroll, bucket of water, etc.			
Capable of establishing and maintaining personal physical boundaries.			
Willing to try and eat foods that may be unfamiliar			
Skills and Knowledge: (How much adult help is needed)	Full Assistance (1 point)	Some Assistance (2 points)	No Assistance (3 points)
Can plan an overnight camping trip			
Can read and/or follow a kaper chart			
Can prepare a meal for the group and clean up afterwards			
Can clean a lodge or glen shelter including bathrooms, cooking spaces and sleeping areas.			
Can collect wood, build a fire and practice fire safety.			
Can teach/lead other youth in camping related activities.			

Add up the total number of points from all the questions: _____