Standards and Rules Governing Use of Council Sites

Health and safety are of the highest concern for all outdoor activities. Groups are required to adhere to all *Safety Activity Checkpoints* and Council policies. Groups renting any site or facility for any length of time must adhere to the following at all times while on the site.

Use of GSHOM Campsites

1. Access to all GSHOM facilities is by pre-arranged reservation only.
2. We ask that reservations be made a minimum of two weeks in advance.
3. The facility, including sleeping areas, shall be used for no more than the capacity shown, except with specific written permission from GSHOM.
4. Check in begins at 5p.m. Check out is 3p.m.
5. All groups are required to check in at the camp office/check-in location upon arrival, prior to proceeding to their site.
6. The responsible adult for each group completes the checkout process, including a personal inspection of the site by the property staff on duty prior to departure, unless otherwise arranged.
7. Pets are not allowed at GSHOM facilities.

Health, First Aid and Emergency Procedures

1. An RN, LPN, physician or adult possessing a current American Red Cross Community First Aid and CPR (or equivalent) certification must be present with each group.
2. All groups must bring with them a completed health history form (including signed permission to treat) for every minor participant.
3. Groups are responsible for providing and maintaining a stocked first aid kit.
4. Each group must have one vehicle available and designated for emergency transportation.
5. Emergency procedures, including specific directions to obtain medical assistance, will be provided in the camp confirmation materials.
6. The Camp Ranger must be immediately informed of all emergencies.
7. Adequate provisions must be made for maintaining potentially hazardous foods at safe temperatures. Refrigeration is provided in lodges only.

Supervision

1. Each group must be accompanied by a minimum of two adults, aged 18 or older. A minimum adult-to-child ratio must be maintained as follows;
   1:4 Daisies (grades K-1)
   1:6 Brownies (grades 2-3)
   1:8 Juniors (grades 4-5)
   1:10 Cadettes (grades 6-8)
   1:12 Seniors (grades 9-10)
   1:12 Ambassadors (grades 11-12).

2. Leaders are responsible for the supervision and behavior of their group. All children must be supervised at all times.

Safety

1. Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, controlled substances, firearms, ammunition, explosives, and illegal activities are not allowed on the site.
2. Smoking is permitted at designated campfire areas only. Smoking is not permitted in any tent, building, or food preparation area.
3. Fire safety precautions must be observed at all times. All fires must be built only in existing and designated fire circles and fireplaces.
4. All fires must be extinguished "dead out." No burning or smoldering fire should be left unattended. Ashes must be dowsed with water and left in the fire circle or fireplace. Groups should clean out the fire circles and scatter ashes in the forest upon arrival on site.
5. Portable cook stoves and lanterns using butane, propane, kerosene, ethyl alcohol, sterno, and gasoline are permitted under close adult supervision by persons trained in their use, within manufacturer's guidelines. They must be stored in a safe place away from any heat source. At no time should any liquid accelerant be applied to any burning material.
6. Candles, kerosene lanterns or heaters, portable cook stoves, or anything with an open flame must never be used inside of tents or cabins. Items with open flames must be used under supervision.
7. The use of power tools is prohibited unless under the Camp Ranger's direct supervision. Hand tools must be used only by persons trained in their use and must be stored in a manner that restricts their access only to those trained persons.

Grounds

1. Each group must respect the space and privacy of others in camp.
2. Camp quiet hours will be from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
3. The facility, including sleeping areas, shall be used for no more than the capacity shown, except with specific written permission from the Program Director.
5. Motorbikes, ATVs and snowmobiles are not allowed on the campsite.
6. Transportation of persons in vehicles not designated for passengers (i.e. sitting in the back of a pick-up truck) is not permitted. An exception may be made for approved hayrides.
7. The speed limit on all camp roads is five miles per hour.
8. All vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas and must not block roadways. A maximum of one vehicle is allowed to park at each unit. All other vehicles must park in the main parking lot.
9. Any damage or needed repair must be reported to the Camp Ranger immediately. Do not attempt to make repairs yourself.
10. Groups must not alter any of the facilities or equipment within the facilities. No trees, shrubs or flowers may be cut, damaged or destroyed.
11. A courtesy woodpile is to be maintained and replenished at each fire location.

12. Each group is responsible for maintaining a clean and litter-free camping area.
13. Garbage should be disposed of inside of plastic bags in garbage cans provided. Lids must be secured to the garbage cans when not in use. Dumpsters are provided.
14. Recyclables should be removed from the site for disposal in your local municipality.

Miscellaneous

1. All camp equipment and supplies borrowed, rented or used by the group must be returned to the appropriate location, clean and in good repair, prior to checkout.
2. The pool and waterfront at all GSHOM facilities are closed and off-limits unless prior arrangements have been made in advance with the camp staff.

Message to Our GSHOM Members

We will keep all of our camps viable as long as the adult membership continues to actively encourage troops and families to take advantage of the opportunities GSHOM can offer them.

You can help by:

- Attending outdoor programs with your troop.
- Taking training and going troop camping at GSHOM sites.
- Adopting a cabin or site at your regional camp to help with expenses and improvements.
- Encouraging Girl Scout families to take advantage of the deals we offer them for fun, economical family events and camping.

Family camping

- Family camping is open to registered Girl Scouts and their families. Availability is dependent on troop and council use. Adults must have criminal background checks if camping when troops are present.
- Cabins that sleep from 4 to 36 are available.
- Platform tents and primitive sites also available.
- Families may request program services, such as swimming, archery, and boating,
- Work weekends are a great time for families to check out our camps at little or no cost.

Core Camp/Troop Resident Camp

- Core Camp/Troop Resident Camp is open to troops and Juliettes accompanied by a registered adult.
- Lodging, program instruction, materials, and staff are provided.
- Core Camp is available with and without meal plans.
- Troop camping and first aid certified adults are provided for you.
- Themed core camps are available throughout the year

Troop Camping

- Troop Camping is available at all of our sites at the member rate to GSHOM troops and groups.
- Program services are provided upon request. Call your regional center or check the website for rates and availability.
- Troops may rent campsites during resident camp at all of our facilities, in order to take advantage of the services offered by resident camp staff. A menu of program services is offered at each camp.