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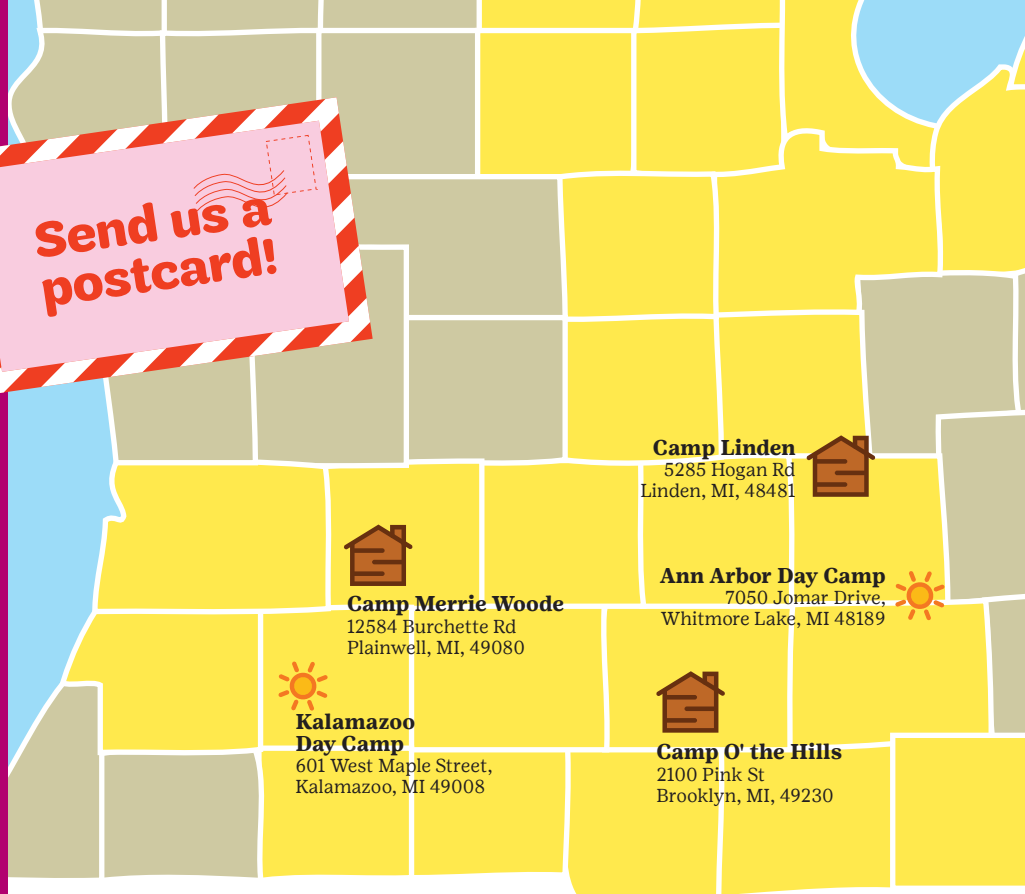
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Dear Girl Scout family,

One belief we take seriously in Girl Scouts is that when you go outside, you'll come back better. In fact, it's what sets us apart from other youth-serving organizations. We prioritize girl-led experiences in the great outdoors, where girls can run, jump, play, sing, learn, challenge themselves, and try new things. All the while, girls are making life-long memories and friendships while they unplug from the technology that is omnipresent in our lives.

Throughout this guide, you'll find information about Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan's Outdoor Programs and the properties that you get to call "yours." We hope that you will prioritize time in the great outdoors this year at Girl Scout Camp – a wonderful place for every girl!

The research is clear: Being in the great outdoors builds calm, creativity, and critical thinking skills. Join us outdoors this year. Your girl will feel the difference!

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Jan Barker

CEO Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan



Welcome to Your Girl Scout Camps!

*At Girl Scout Camp, girls will find adventure,
make lifelong friendships, and develop the
confidence they'll need to take on the world.
We can't wait to see everyone at camp!*



**Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan's Camp
Linden and Camp Merrie Woode are
accredited by the American Camp
Association (ACA).**

Our camps are also licensed through the state of Michigan and adhere to Girl Scout Safety Activity Checkpoints. We comply with industry standards in health, safety, and program quality; and our camps are inspected by the state of Michigan and are reviewed by the ACA every year.

Staff Training

At Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan (GSHOM), we believe staff training is of utmost importance. Our summer camp staff participate in more staff training than what is required by the state of Michigan, to ensure your camper receives the best experience possible. Staff are given advanced training and certifications in First Aid and CPR, youth development theory, group management and coaching, high adventure activity facilitation, and emergency procedures. All camp staff undergo a thorough application process, including background checks, reference checks, and interviews. Many campers love their experience so much that they return as Program Aides, Counselors in Training, and Junior Counselors before moving on to become camp staff!

(See pgs. 14-15 for more information on these opportunities!)

Safety

At Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, the safety of our campers is our top priority. Safe fun and achievement are an essential part of camp. We take the care of your camper very seriously, while challenging her to reach her full potential. Every activity is planned well in advance, and staff are trained to safely facilitate all adventures. If minor injuries do occur, staff are trained in adult and pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED. Our overnight camps also have dedicated Health Officers with advanced First Aid and CPR training, who operate under standing orders from an on-call physician. The Camp Director or Health Officer will contact you in the unlikely event that your camper gets sick or injured.

Equity

Equity is highly valued at Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan. Camp is a remarkable place where campers can gain self-reliance and feel the sense of belonging regardless of where they call home. Through varied activities, they gain independence and courage to tackle new challenges while increasing their social skills with a diverse group of other campers. Girl Scout Camp, by design, encourages campers to build their confidence, creativity, teamwork, and critical thinking skills. Staff at GSHOM camps provide a welcoming and safe place where every person is valued for their uniqueness and extraordinary potential for growth and development.

Camp Food

Great camp food starts with great ingredients. Meals at camp are kid-friendly and healthy. Our kitchens are nut-free, and our certified Kitchen Directors can work to accommodate dietary needs. If your camper has any food allergies or dietary restrictions, be sure to list them in detail on the health form at registration. This allows us to plan ahead to ensure that everyone has food that accommodates their needs while they are at camp. For more information, and/or if your camper has specific needs, visit girlscoutcamp.org, and talk to the Camp Director.

Camp Scholarships

Outdoor camping experiences are essential to the growth of all girls. Camp scholarships are available to families in need. Scholarships can be used for all summer camp programs. See our website (girlscoutcamp.org) for more information, or call us at 800-497-2688.

(More information can be found on pgs. 27-28)

Why camp?

When you come to camp, you leave with...



New Friends

You'll learn what it takes to be a great friend through intentional activities and lessons that promote cooperative learning. Living together and experiencing the magic of camp together, without distractions, creates the perfect setting to form lifelong memories and friendships.

An Appreciation of Nature

Those who spend time outside learn to handle stress better, perform better in school, and have more positive relationships. At camp, the distraction of technology is eliminated, allowing you to unplug and connect with your fellow campers and the indescribable beauty around you. You'll make memories while you sing songs at a campfire, hike the trails, throw a hatchet, learn about invasive species, tell stories under the stars, and make new friends.

Resilience

Camp is a great place to learn to overcome challenges and grow strong. Here, you will learn to solve problems, be persistent when faced with challenges, and make tremendous progress towards being the confident, successful person we know you can be! Camp is always a safe place to try new things and take on new challenges, even if they don't go right the first (or second or third!) time.

Decision Making Skills

Summer camp is the perfect place to learn independence. At Girl Scout camp, everything is girl-led, meaning you get to choose your path and your activities for your time at camp. By making these decisions for yourself, you will build a camp experience that is focused on the skills and activities that matter to you while also practicing making decisions for yourself!

Courage

Coming to camp for the first time might be scary at first, but you'll get comfortable quickly. At camp, you'll learn just how capable you are. From new foods at mealtime to climbing the rock wall to cooking over a fire, you'll have countless opportunities to try new things. And you won't be doing it alone! Our highly-trained camp counselors will be by your side to guide you and help you reach your goals as you grow your strength and courage.

According to the Girl Scout Research Institute 2019 Outdoor Badge Study, because of Girl Scouts:

72% of girls improved an outdoor skill.

71% of girls tried an outdoor activity for the first time.



The Seasons of Camp

Camp isn't just for summer!

Adventure awaits all year long at Camp Merrie Woode, Camp Linden, and Camp O' the Hills! Whether you're planning a trip with your troop, planning a family getaway, or joining one of our awesome programs, there's always a reason to head to camp for a day or a weekend overnight!

Spots fill up fast, so plan ahead!

Summer



Camp Linden: overnight camp, troop camp opportunities, weekend programs, day programs, horse programs, sunsets over the lake.

Camp Merrie Woode: overnight camp, troop camp opportunities, weekend programs, day programs, sunsets, and stargazing.

Camp O'the Hills: troop camp opportunities, weekend programs, day programs, Save the Turtles programs, fireflies light up the night sky.

Fall



Camp Linden: troop camping, hike through fall colors, archery, weddings, Harvest Festival.

Camp Merrie Woode: troop camping (create your own adventures together), weddings, encampments.

Camp O'the Hills: troop camping (hike through fall colors), archery, weddings, encampments, camp adventures.

Winter



Camp Linden: winter events, troop camp opportunities (sledding, snowshoeing, "cozy by the fire" vibes).

Camp Merrie Woode: troop camp opportunities (sledding, snowshoeing, build a snowgrrl!).

Camp O'the Hills: troop camping, winter adventure days, sledding, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, ice skating and ice fishing, s'mores and hot cocoa by the campfire.

Spring



Camp Linden: Linden Lock-In, troop camp opportunities (boating, climbing wall) Camp Open House, flowers starting to bloom, encampments, school groups.

Camp Merrie Woode: troop camp opportunities, Camp Open House, flowers starting to bloom, encampments, get ready for summer fun!

Camp O'the Hills: Camp Open House, troop camp opportunities, encampments, boating, camp adventures.

Overnight Camp

Overnight camp is a chance to experience the great outdoors on your own for a 4-, 6-, or 13-day session. You'll sleep in a unit, like a lodge or tent, with other campers similar in age, and camp counselors nearby to guide you through your journey at camp. You can try out a traditional camp experience with our "All Around" programs, or choose from a variety of specialty, horse, and leadership sessions designed to let you focus on skills and experiences that matter to you.

A Day at Camp: Sample Schedule

8:15 AM	Morning Flag Ceremony
8:30-9:30 AM	Breakfast
9:30-10:30 AM	Free Play Time
10:30-11:45 AM	Activity Block 1
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00-2:00 PM	Turtle Time (rest hour)
2:00-3:45 PM	Activity Block 2
3:45 PM	Snack Time
4:00-5:45 PM	Activity Block 3
6:00-7:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Evening Flag Ceremony
7:15-8:30 PM	All Camp Program (campfire, game, karaoke night, etc.)

Are you ready for
overnight camp?
Scan here to find out!



Grade Level Key

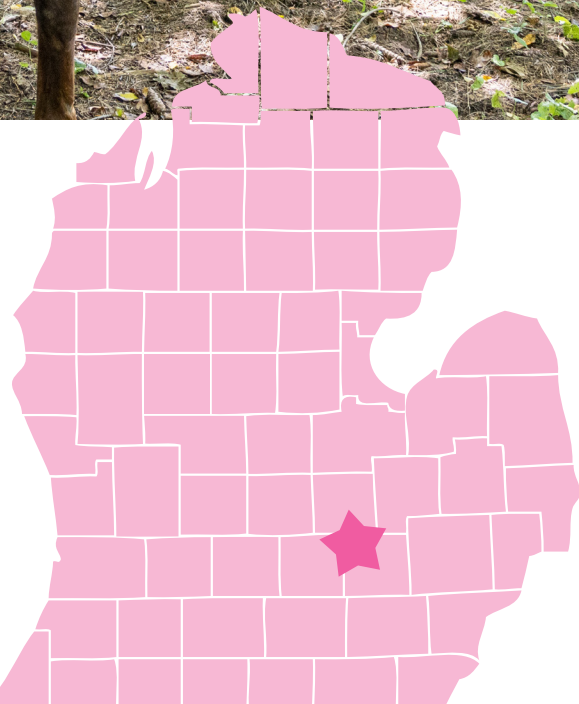
Camp sessions are organized by grade level; level refers to the grade a camper will be entering in the fall of 2026. *Look for your grade level's color in the following camp listings!*

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

Camp Linden



Have you been to Linden's camp? Approximately 45 miles north of Ann Arbor, Camp Linden offers over 400 acres of hills, valleys, woods, and wetlands. Campers can explore a series of beautiful lakes and forest trails. Camp Linden features an accessible luxury pool, climbing wall, lakefront, fairy village, horseback riding, and target sports. Throughout the year, Linden hosts events, rentals, school groups, women's retreats, encampments, and weddings. For summer 2026, Camp Linden will be offering overnight camp programs, weekend programs, and day programs.



Pool

Horses



Overnight Camp Theme Weeks

Each week of summer overnight camp will have an overarching theme. That means that campers of all sessions will have the opportunity to participate in theme activities throughout their time at camp. For example, if you signed up for a horse session during week six, you'll still have the opportunity to attend shipwreck dinner, search for stolen treasure with your friends, and make your own pirate hook when you're not at the barn.

Week 1: June 28-July 1 Camp Linden's Got Talent

Lights, camera, action! Kick off the summer camp season with a riveting showcase of talents of all kinds. Throughout the week, you'll have the opportunity to practice and hone your talents, while discovering new ones. You'll get to rock out during karaoke night, learn new dance moves from our talented counselors, be immersed in dinner theater, and show off your talent in our camp variety show.

Sessions offered this week	Entering grades	Price
All Around Mini	1-8	\$430
Introduction to Horses	2-8	\$480
I heART Camping	4-8	\$430
Leader in Training (LIT)	8-10	\$430
Junior Counselor Training (JC)	12	Free

Week 2: July 5-10 Once Upon a Time

You are cordially invited to join us in a land far, far away. This week, you'll meet mythical creatures, partake in wizard soirees, dance with powerful princesses, hunt for wolves during the game "Alpha Wolf," and discover the true meaning of camp magic.

Sessions offered this week	Entering grades	Price
All Around	2-12	\$550
All Around Mini	1-8	\$430
Horse Beginner	2-8	\$680
Horse Advanced Beginner	4-10	\$680
Backpack Excursion	6-12	\$550
H2Oh Yeah!	2-5	\$550
2 Week Session beginning this week	Entering grades	Price
Horse Advanced Intermediate	8-12	\$1,360
Counselor in Training II (CIT II)	11-12	\$765

Week 3: July 12-17 Outta This World

Houston, we have an awesome week at camp! This week, you'll blast off into the far reaches of the galaxy and discover the wonders of space. You'll have the opportunity to search for alien life, build your very own bottle rockets, and learn about the clouds and volcanoes on Venus with hands-on STEM activities. Throughout the week, we'll be looking to the night sky in search of our favorite constellations and July meteor showers.

Sessions offered this week	Entering grades	Price
All Around	2-12	\$550
All Around Mini	1-8	\$430
Horse Beginner	2-8	\$680
Horse Intermediate	6-12	\$680
Night Owls	4-8	\$550
I Will Try-Athlon	6-12	\$550
You Can't Do That at Camp!	4-8	\$550
2 Week Session continuing this week	Entering grades	Price
Horse Advanced Intermediate	8-12	\$1,360
Counselor in Training II (CIT II)	11-12	\$765

Week 4: July 19-24 SummerWeen

Halloween is a holiday so nice, we just need to celebrate it twice! Join us for SummerWeen where you'll get to trick or treat through the forest, enter a Jack-o-melon carving contest, enjoy a spooky movie night with friends, and dress up throughout the week. See you there... if you dare...

Sessions offered this week	Entering grades	Price
All Around	2-12	\$550
All Around Mini	1-8	\$430
Horse Beginner	2-8	\$680
Horse Advanced Beginner	4-10	\$680
Camp Linden Bake-Off	4-8	\$550
Paddle Excursion	6-12	\$550
You Can't Do That at Camp!	4-8	\$550
2 Week Session beginning this week	Entering grades	Price
Horse Advanced	9-12	\$1,360
Counselor in Training I (CIT I)	10-12	\$765

All Around Camps

All Around Camp is a great way to experience the magic of Camp Linden! You will explore traditional camp activities, gain new skills, and build friendships that last a lifetime. Campers who select an All Around Camp experience will get to help build their own schedule based on their interests by signing up for activities with our camp team. In addition to picking out activities, each all-around camper in a 6-day session will be able to select a pathway. You'll spend one activity block each day at your pathway, which will help you hone your skills for years to come. Some of our favorite pathways include target sports, boating, ecology, art, fishing, sports, theater, and astronomy! Pathways offered will vary from week to week.

Pathways are only selected for campers who stay for a 6-day All Around Session. All Around Mini Campers will not select a pathway.

All Around Camp ●●●●●●

Weeks 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6

Entering Grades 2-12 | 6 Days

Lodge Accommodations | \$550

All Around Camp is about choosing your own adventure! In this program, campers will build their schedules with options from our activity menu and explore things that interest them. This session is perfect if you're a first-time camper who is ready for a full week's experience or if you are a returning camper who already loves everything that camp has to offer.

All Around Mini ●●●●●●

Weeks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6

Entering Grades 1-8 | 4 Days

Lodge Accommodations | \$430

In this four-day session, you'll get a taste of what Camp Linden has to offer. Campers will have the opportunity to try out activities like swimming, boating, arts and crafts, and much more. This is a great opportunity for new campers, returning campers, and those with busy summer schedules!

Did you know that All Around Camp is the perfect opportunity to bring a friend to camp?



Week 5: July 26-31

Messtival

Get ready to be messy! This week at camp is all about embracing the chaos, creativity, and fun that comes with getting messy. Throughout the week, you will dive into a whirlwind of outrageous, hands-on activities. You'll have the opportunity to make slime, play in the mud, and compete in a crazy all camp game called CHAOS, where the operative is to get your camp staff member the messiest! Getting dirty is the name of the game.

Sessions offered this week	Entering grades	Price
All Around	2-12	\$550
All Around Mini	1-8	\$430
Horse Beginner	2-8	\$680
Horse Advanced Beginner	4-10	\$680
Explore-ology	4-8	\$550
Wild About Woodworking	4-8	\$550
2 Week Session continuing this week	Entering grades	Price
Horse Advanced	9-12	\$1,360
Counselor in Training I (CIT I)	10-12	\$765

Week 6: August 2-7

Shipwrecked

CAPTAIN, CAPTAIN, CAPTAIN, the ship... it's approaching land... too quickly! Your ship has crashed on the deserted island that you've come to know as Camp Linden. You and your crew must learn to survive off the resources you find at camp until you can be rescued! Learn key skills like fire building, outdoor cooking, and shelter building. But be on the lookout; pirates are known to walk these parts.

Sessions offered this week	Entering grades	Price
All Around	2-12	\$550
All Around Mini	1-8	\$430
Horse Beginner	2-8	\$680
Horse Advanced Beginner	4-10	\$680
Horse Intermediate	6-12	\$680
On the Loose	6-12	\$550
You Can't Do That at Camp!	4-8	\$550
Leader in Training (LIT)	8-10	\$550

*Go outside and
come back better!*

Specialty Sessions

I HeART Camping ● ●

Week 1

Entering Grades 4-8 | 4 Days

Lodge Accommodations | \$430

Do you love art? Then this camp is for you! During this session, you'll get to unleash your creativity through painting, sketching, photography, pottery, and more. You'll also get to help with a group art project to beautify Camp Linden

Campers in this session will earn and receive an Outdoor Art Badge.

Backpack Excursion ● ● ●

Week 2

Entering Grades 6-12 | 6 Days

Tent Accommodations | \$550

Are you ready to wander into the wilderness? In this program, you will learn the basics of planning and packing for a backcountry trip. You'll learn and practice skills including navigation, hiking safety, environmental ethics, outdoor cooking, packing a backpack, and filtering water. Then, you'll head out on a hike to a primitive campsite for your overnight adventure! Here, you'll pitch tents, build a fire to cook over, and enjoy some stargazing. Campers should be able to carry a 30-lb. pack and bring comfortable, sturdy shoes for hiking.

Campers in this session will earn and receive their grade-level's Outdoor Camper Badge.

H2Oh Yeah ● ●

Week 2

Entering Grades 2-5 | 6 Days

Lodge Accommodations | \$550

Ready...set...SWIM! In this program, you'll get to spend extra time in the pool while you play games, splash around, practice basic strokes, and learn how to stay safe in the water. Campers in this program should be able to tread water and swim 50 yards on their own.

Campers in this session will take the Water Safety for Kids course through the American Red Cross.

I Will Try-athlon ● ● ●

Week 3

Entering Grades 6-12 | 6 Days

Tent Accommodations | \$550

On my honor, I will try-(athlon). In this action-packed session, you train for our first ever Camp Linden Try-athlon. You'll spend time practicing strokes at the pool, cycling and running on the picturesque trails, trying out some classic camp activities, and then setting your own goals and embarking on our Try-athlon! The Try-athlon will consist of a 25 meter swim, 1 mile bike, and 1 mile run. This program is a great way to get familiar with swimming, cycling, and running.

Night Owls ● ●

Week 3

Entering Grades 4-8 | 6 Days

Tent Accommodations | \$550

Explore Camp Linden nightlife! You'll get to experience an epic night hike, discover new things about nocturnal animals, dissect owl pellets, and stay up late! You will stay up later each night and sleep in past breakfast by the end of the week. We'll make sure you have a campfire and a midnight snack to keep you going!

Cadette Girl Scouts in this session will earn and receive the Cadette Night Owls badge.

Paddle Excursion ● ● ●

Week 4

Entering Grades 6-12 | 6 Days

Tent Accommodations | \$550

Paddle your way to your next great adventure! In this program, you will spend your time on the water exploring Lake Louise, Cranberry Creek, the Twin Lakes, and more! You'll learn about boating and aquatic safety and hone your paddling skills in kayaks, canoes, rowboats, and paddle boards. After practicing these skills, weather permitting, you'll paddle out for an overnight at our primitive campsite, Paradise Point. Campers should be comfortable in a boat, able to tread water, and able to swim 50 yards unassisted.

Senior Girls Scouts in this session will earn and receive the Senior Paddling Badge.

Camp Linden Bake-Off ● ●

Week 4

Entering Grades 2-5 | 6 Days

Lodge Accommodations | \$550

Bakers unite! In addition to classic camp activities, you'll have one activity block a day to BAKE all your dreams come true! You'll work with our Camp Kitchen Director to learn all about food safety in our industrial kitchen and bake treats for all of your camp friends. You'll also get to experiment with outdoor cooking. Participate in a judged competition at the end of the week to win a sweet surprise!

Explore-ology ● ●

Week 5

Entering Grades 4-8 | 6 Days

Tent Accommodations | \$550

Jump feet first into hands-on learning! In this ecology-based program, you will catch and release camp critters like bugs, frogs, and fish. You'll learn about our local ecosystems and food webs, then take a closer look using nets and microscopes. You'll even get to wade in the water with waders and fishing rods.

Campers in this session will earn and receive the Junior or Cadette Eco Trekker Badge.

Specialty Sessions

Wild About Woodworking ●●●

Week 5

Entering Grades 4-8 | 6 Days

Tent Accommodations | \$550

Whittle me this... Are you curious about the wonderful world of woodworking? In this program, you will learn all about the basics of woodworking and how to stay safe in a workshop environment. You'll build your own bird house, design and race pinewood derby cars down our camp track, work with our Camp Ranger to build a picnic table, and whittle something of your own design. When you're not working on these exciting projects, you'll get to try out some camper choice activities!

Campers in this session will earn and receive the Cadette Woodworking Badge.

On the Loose ●●●●

Week 6

Entering Grades 6-12 | 6 Days

Lodge Accommodations | \$550

We've only got a moment, and all of Camp Linden to see. During this exciting new program, you will scratch off some big Camp Linden bucket list items. You'll paddle to Paradise Point, hike the Hogback Trail to the Meadows, sleep under the stars in Egypt, and round out the week with our very last campfire of the summer. Are you ready to explore life on the loose?

You Can't Do That at Camp! ●●●

Weeks 3, 4, & 6

Entering Grades 4-8 | 6 Days

Lodge Accommodations | \$550

Breaking the rules has never been so fun! This zany and shenanigan-filled session is perfect for anyone who wants to break the rules. In addition to camper choice activities, you'll get to pull pranks, stay up past lights out, participate in a flashmob, enjoy a movie night with midnight snacks, and even have a pizza party!



Horse Sessions

Whether you've been riding for years or have never ridden a horse before, we have a horseback riding program for you! Our horse camps are the perfect opportunity to explore Camp Linden and spend time with our amazing horses! Each full day of camp, you'll get to spend one of your activity blocks at the barn growing your equestrian and riding skills, and the other two activity blocks participating in exciting camp activities! Weather permitting, Introduction to Horses includes two two-hour lessons, all six-day horseback riding sessions include four two-hour lessons, and all thirteen-day horseback riding sessions include ten lessons! Riders are encouraged to repeat sessions as necessary. It's totally normal to repeat a session, and you'll pick up and refine new skills each time.

Introduction to Horses ●●●

Week 1

Entering Grades 2-8 | 4 Days

3-Season Lodge Accommodations | \$480

Introduction to horses allows equestrian lovers to learn about the everyday care that goes into horses. This session allows campers who have never been around horses, or are still uneasy around them, to get to know the basics. This includes how to act around the horse, groom, barn work, anatomy, and tack care.

This session was formerly called Horse Camp Mini.

Horse Beginner ●●●

Weeks 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6

Entering Grades 2-8 | 6 Days

3-Season Lodge Accommodations | \$680

This session is for beginner riders. You will learn grooming, tacking, walking without being led by the instructor, proper riding form, how to turn your horse, emergency dismounting, and how to stop your horse. There will be morning feeding and mucking. This course covers the basics of riding and horse care.

This session was formerly called Horseback Riding Level 1.

Horse Advanced Beginner ●●●●

Weeks 3, 4, 5, & 6

Entering Grades 4-10 | 6 Days

3-Season Lodge Accommodations | \$680

This session is for the advanced beginner rider. You will learn to trot without being led by the instructor, proper riding form, how to turn your horse at a trot, and stop and back up your horse. This session will include a trail ride through Camp Linden. There will be morning feeding and mucking. This session covers the basics for walking and trotting, as well as horse care, and can be repeated as necessary to guarantee campers feel comfortable moving to faster gaits.

This session was formerly called Horseback Riding Level 2.

Pre-requisite: Completion of Horseback Riding Level 1 or Camp Director approval.

Horse Intermediate ●●●

Weeks 3 & 6

Entering Grades 6-12 | 6 Days

3-Season Lodge Accommodations (Week 3)

Tent Accommodations (Week 6) | \$680

This session is for the intermediate rider. You will learn to canter and improve your control at the trot. This session will include a trail ride through Camp Linden, bareback riding, and beginner medical care. There will be morning feedings and mucking. This session provides the basics for horseback riding at a canter.

This session was formerly called Horseback Riding Level 3.

Pre-requisite: Completion of Horseback Riding Level 2 or Camp Director approval.

Horse Advanced Intermediate ●●●

Weeks 2-3

Entering Grades 8-12 | 13 Days

Tent Accommodations | \$1,360

This session is for the equestrian lover who is looking to advance their skills. You will learn proper riding form for cantering, how to turn your horse at a canter, barrel patterns, and stopping and backing your horse. This program will include a trail ride through Camp Linden. This session is designed to help teach riders how to properly prepare for owning a horse with an introduction on budgeting along with beginner medical care. There will be morning feedings and mucking. Throughout this two-week program, you will continue to develop your riding skills, learn show patterns, perform daily care for the horses (grooming, washing, mucking, etc.), trail riding, and perform in a fun horse show at the end to show off your learning!

This session was formerly called Horseback Riding Level 4.

Pre-requisite: Completion of Horseback Riding Level 3 or Camp Director approval.

Horse Advanced ●●●

Weeks 4-5

Entering Grades 9-12 | 13 Days

Tent Accommodations | \$1,360

This session is for the equestrian lover who is looking to advance their skills and learn about horse training and instructing. Throughout this two week program, you will continue to develop your riding skills at the halt, walk, trot, and canter, learn about careers, lunge, learn & practice show patterns, perform daily care for the horses (grooming, washing, mucking, etc.), learn more about different styles of riding, and hold a horse show at the end to show off your learning! This course will also have a two-week budgeting game where students will learn how to budget for their horse.

This session was formerly called Horseback Riding Level 5.

Pre-requisite: Completion of Horseback Riding Level 4 or Camp Director approval.

Weekend & Day Programs

Weekend Programs

Weekend and day programs are designed for troops and families and serve as a great camping option for first-time campers and seasoned campers alike. Adults are required to accompany youth participants. Refer to the Safety Activity Checkpoints on our website to find the minimum adult to youth ratio. Juliettes are welcome to attend with an accompanying adult!

Accommodation	Description	Member Price	Non-Member Price
Lodge	A year-round building with bunkbeds, electricity, a bathroom, and a kitchen. All meals are provided.	\$125	\$140
3-Season Cabin	A mini cabin without electricity that sleeps 4 people. There is a nearby shower house with bathrooms, showers, and electrical outlets. All meals are provided.	\$120	\$135
Platform Tent	A canvas tent without electricity with 4 cots inside that is covered by a rain fly. There is a nearby shower house with bathrooms, showers, and electrical outlets. All meals are provided.	\$110	\$125
Pitch Your Own Tent	Bring your own tent from home or contact us to borrow one from camp! You'll be able to pitch your tents on our Sports Field. There are bathrooms and showers nearby. All meals are provided.	\$105	\$120
Day Only	Come out to camp for the day. We will provide lunch and dinner on Saturday.	\$60	\$65

Jamboree ●●●●●●

June 26-28

Grade level: DBJCSA & Adults

Day option: Check-in 9:00 AM - Check-out 9:00 PM

Full Weekend: Check-in 7:00 PM - Check-out 10:00 AM

Lodging types available: Lodge, 3-Season Cabin, Platform Tent, Pitch Your Own Tent, Day Only

The name Jamboree is derived from the Swahili word "jambo" meaning "hello" and at this classic and exciting event, you'll get the chance to say hello to your Girl Scout friends and family from across the state! Meet friends from other troops, bring and create S.W.A.P.S. to share with your fellow Girl Scouts, and celebrate Girl Scout traditions all weekend long with camp activities from boating to tie dye to archery and so much more! Stay for the whole weekend of fun, or come out for the day on Saturday to enjoy a day of adventure! This is a great program for new and seasoned troops alike!

Note: Add on a trail ride for a fee of \$30 per rider. Add a climbing wall session for a fee of \$10 per climber.

Meals provided for full weekend: Friday snack; Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner; and Sunday continental breakfast.

Meals provided for Day Only: Saturday lunch & dinner

Register by April 30 and add-on a Jamboree t-shirt to tie dye at a discounted rate!

Me & My Gal:

Wilderness Warriors ●●●●●●

August 14-16

Grade level: DBJCSA & Adults

Day option: Check-in 9:00 AM - Check-out 9:00 PM

Full Weekend: Check-in 7:00 PM - Check-out 10:00 AM

Lodging types available: Lodge, 3-Season Cabin, Platform Tent, Pitch Your Own Tent, Day Only

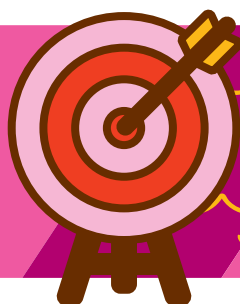
Ready to take your outdoor skills to the next level? You'll spend Saturday honing skills like fire building, outdoor cooking, navigation, and shelter building before you compete in our Outdoor Skills Challenge that evening! You'll also get the chance to try out classic camp activities like boating, riflery, tie dye, and archery. All experience levels are welcome. You can bring any adult woman over the age of 18 for this adventure packed weekend.

Note: Add on a trail ride for a fee of \$30 per rider. Add a climbing wall session for a fee of \$10 per climber.

Meals provided for full weekend: Friday snack; Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner; and Sunday continental breakfast.

Meals provided for Day Only: Saturday lunch & dinner

Register by April 30 and add-on a Me & My Gal t-shirt to tie dye at a discounted rate!



Camp Your Way! ●●●●●●●●

August 11, 12, 13, 19, 20

Have you ever wanted to build your dream day at camp? This is your opportunity! Pick from a la carte activities according to what your troop or family wants to experience at camp. Whether you want to do one activity, or four, Camp Linden is ready for you!



Activity	Description	Price per Participant
Archery	Join one of our camp archery instructors for a 90-minute archery lesson. You'll learn archery basics, techniques, and have lots of time to shoot your shot! Available for participants entering 2nd grade and up. Closed toe shoes are required.	\$10
Climbing Wall	Reach new heights at the climbing wall. In this 90-minute session, you'll have plenty of time to scale our 30-ft outdoor climbing wall. Available for participants entering 2nd grade and up. Closed toe shoes are required.	\$10
Open Swim	Looking to splash around in the pool? Join us for a 2-hour open swim session. Our lifeguards will be on the lookout to guarantee you have fun in the sun! Available for participants entering Kindergarten and up.	\$10
Trail Ride	Enjoy a 1-hour trail ride on our scenic horse trails with our equestrian team. Available for participants entering 2nd grade and up. Closed toe shoes with a heel and long pants are required.	\$30



Leadership Sessions

Girl Scouts is the premier leadership organization for girls, and camp provides unlimited options to hone leadership skills. Start your path to becoming a leader at camp, at school, and beyond!

"I love camp because of the connections it promotes with nature and other people who love camp. The entire camp staff are incredible people who work hard to create camp magic and instill campers with a love of Girl Scouting and the outdoors." -Myth

Leader in
Training

Counselor
in Training I

Counselor
in Training II

Junior
Counselor

Our leadership program is steeped in tradition. Here's a look at some of our favorites:

Clipboards: Once a camper completes CIT I, they are gifted their own personalized clipboard. This clipboard has their camp name and is a great tool for keeping organized and fanning campfires.

Blue Bottles: Once a camper completes CIT II, they are gifted their own blue bottle. This blue bottle represents summer camp and references a song of the same name.

Special Songs/Closing Ceremony: Each CIT class has a special closing ceremony, with a staff serenade.

Service Project: CITs make their mark on camp in more ways than one. Past CIT classes have completed service projects at camp that ensure future campers continue to have amazing experiences in the outdoors.

Camp Names: LITs and CITs get to pick their camp name if they don't have one already. Camp names are a tradition started by Juliette Gordon Low, who went by "Daisy."



Leader in Training (LIT) ●●

Weeks 1 & 6 at Camp Linden

Week 4 at Camp Merrie Woode

Entering grades: 8-10 | 4 or 6 Days

Tent Accommodations | \$430 or \$550

Ready to start learning leadership skills and working with younger campers? This program is perfect for older campers who are ready to transition from camper to Counselor in Training. You'll learn how to facilitate songs and games, plan and lead art activities, and help support younger campers during their time at camp. You'll even get to help plan an activity! Campers will still participate in at least one camper choice activity per day.

Campers in this program will complete all requirements of Program Aide Training and receive their Program Aide pin.

Counselor in Training I (CIT I) ●●

Weeks 4-5 at Camp Linden

Entering grades: 10-12 | 13 Days

Tent Accommodations | \$765

The Counselor in Training (CIT) program provides a hands-on experience that puts you on the path to becoming a Camp Counselor. In this two-week program, you'll be trained by seasoned camp staff and learn about leadership techniques and styles, group dynamics, outdoor skills, age characteristics, and more! The CIT Program is designed so that high-school aged Girl Scouts can participate in leadership training, then apply those skills with campers in the same session. CITs will have the opportunity to shadow counselors and work directly with campers!

CITs who complete the program will earn and receive the Counselor in Training pin.

"The CIT program taught me leadership skills and helped me to build my confidence in leading"-Crocigator

Counselor in Training II (CIT II) ●

Weeks 2-3 at Camp Linden

Entering grades: 11-12 | 13 Days

Tent Accommodations | \$765

Once you've completed Counselor in Training I, head back to camp to build upon the skills you've learned. During this two-week program, you will explore the program areas at camp and the basics of developing and delivering a camp program. CIT IIs will shadow the leadership team and work alongside them to facilitate programs. This session includes GSHOM archery training and slingshot range training.

Prerequisite: Completion of Counselor in Training I

CIT IIs who complete the program will earn and receive the Counselor in Training II pin.

Junior Counselor (JC) ●

Week 1 Training; Choose to volunteer for overnight camp sessions (weeks 2-6)*, weekend programs, and day programs at Camp Linden

Entering grade: 12 | 4-Day Training

Tent Accommodations during Training | Free

This volunteer program is an amazing opportunity to get hands-on experience! Junior Counselors are volunteers who have the option of assisting in a unit with campers and program spaces such as the equestrian or aquatic areas. You may choose sessions that you would like to volunteer for during the summer, so program dates may vary. All Junior Counselors are required to apply and interview for the position.

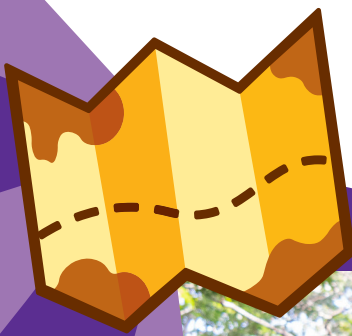
Prerequisite: Completion of Counselor in Training II

Junior Counselors will complete the American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED certification.

Applicants for the Junior Counselor program will be notified regarding interviews beginning in February.

***Length of stay, dates, and accommodations depend on chosen volunteer dates.**

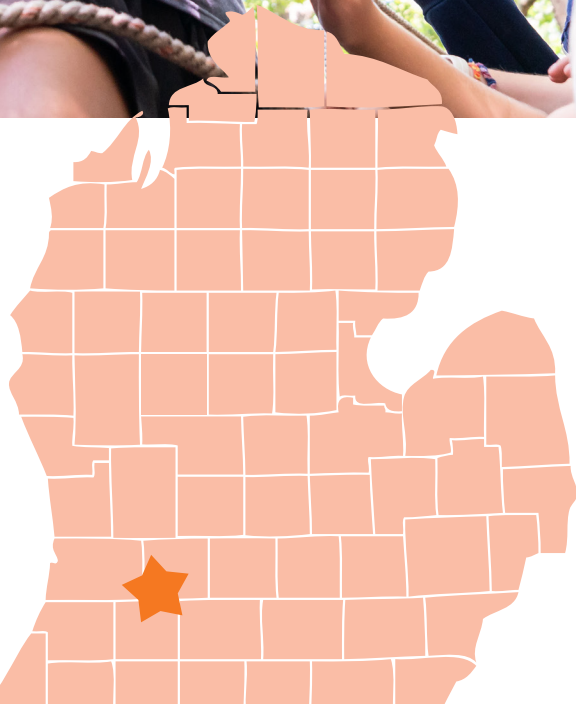
Applicants will be notified regarding interviews beginning in February.



Camp Merrie Woode



Camp Merrie Woode is located in Plainwell (just north of Kalamazoo), and is the oldest continuously licensed summer camp in the state of Michigan. Located on Lake Warner, this camp is 200 acres full of fun and exciting adventures for your camper. Camp Merrie Woode features target sports, swimming, boating, indoor and outdoor climbing walls, and more!



Lake

Archery



Overnight Camp Theme Weeks

Overnight camp is a chance to experience the great outdoors on your own for a 4 or 6-day session. You'll sleep in a unit, like a lodge or tent, with other campers similar in age, with Camp Counselors nearby to guide you through your journey at camp. During the day, you'll do all kinds of fun activities like swimming, hiking, crafting, playing games, and trying new things. At night, you'll enjoy things like campfire stories and songs, stargazing, and nighttime games before heading to bed.

Week 1: July 5-8 ●●●●

You Can't Do That At Camp!

Entering Grades 1-6 | 4 days
Lodge Accommodations | \$430

Breaking the rules has never been so fun! This zany and shenanigan-filled session is perfect for anyone who wants to break the rules. In addition to camper-choice activities, you'll get to pull pranks, stay up past lights out, participate in a flashmob, enjoy a movie night with midnight snacks, and even have a pizza party!

Week 2: July 12-15 ●●●●

Camp Merrie Woode Cupcake Wars

Entering Grades 1-6 | 4 days
Lodge Accommodations | \$430

In this sweet and exciting camp session, you'll team up with your fellow bakers to dream up delicious cupcakes, create eye-catching designs, and take on fun baking challenges. You'll learn basic kitchen skills, try new flavors, and show off your creativity in friendly competitions. Whether you're a frosting pro or brand new to baking, this is your chance to shine, one cupcake at a time!

Discover Camp Days

July 18, July 25, August 1 ●●●●●
\$75 per participant
(Weekend rentals available during these weekend programs)

Get ready for a fun-filled day outside just for you and your troop or your family! At our Discover Camp program, you'll explore nature, play awesome games, try your hand at archery, climb to new heights on our climbing wall, and show your grown-ups what makes Camp Merrie Woode so special.

From nature hikes and scavenger hunts to creative crafts and team challenges, there's something for every explorer. You'll lead the way as you and your family discover new things, meet other campers, and enjoy a day full of laughter, learning, and adventure.

So pack your backpack, bring your favorite adults, bring a friend, and come ready to explore. We can't wait to see what you discover!

Week 3: July 19-22 ●●●●

Beyond the Stars

Entering Grades 1-6 | 4 days
Lodge Accommodations | \$430

Explore the mysteries of space, from planets and constellations to moons and galaxies far, far away! You'll create your own space-themed crafts, play out-of-this-world games, and discover how real scientists study the skies. Whether you dream of being an astronaut, an alien explorer, or a stargazer, this week at camp is your launchpad to fun.

Week 4: July 26-31 ●●●●

Science Squad

Entering Grades 1-6 | 6 days
Lodge Accommodations | \$550

In this wild and wonderful week at camp, you'll mix, fizz, ooze, and explode your way through hands-on science fun! From slimy creations to bubbly reactions and fizzy explosions, you'll dive into messy experiments that make you say "whoa!" and "eww!" at the same time. You'll ask big questions, try crazy challenges, and discover just how awesome science can be!

Week 4: July 26-31 ●●

Leader in Training (LIT)

Entering Grades 8-10 | 6 days
Lodge Accommodations | \$550

Ready to start learning leadership skills and working with younger campers? This program is perfect for older campers who are ready to transition from camper to Counselor in Training. You'll learn how to facilitate songs and games, plan and lead art activities, and help support younger campers during their time at camp. You'll even get to help plan an activity! Campers will still participate in at least one camper choice activity per day.

Campers in this program will complete all requirements of Program Aide Training and receive their Program Aide pin.

Available weekend rental spots

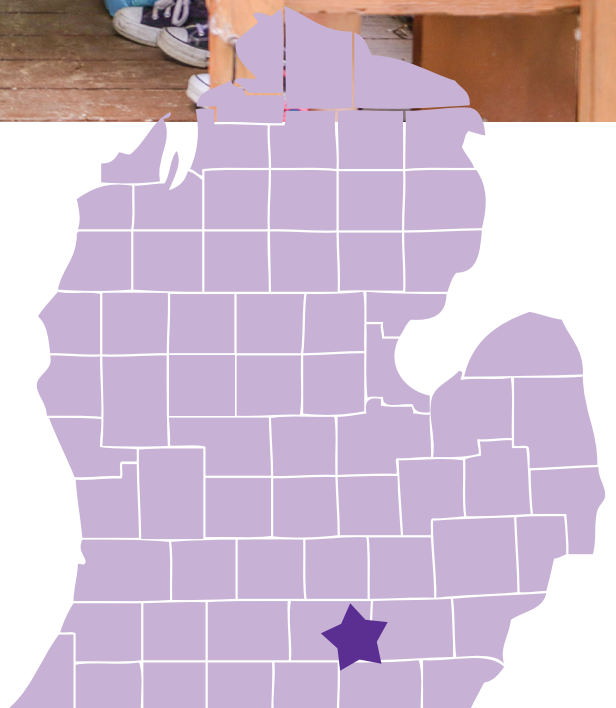
July 10-12
July 17-19
July 24-26
July 31-Aug 2
Aug 7-9
Aug 15-16



Camp O' the Hills



Located between Lenawee and Jackson Counties in the Irish Hills area, Camp O' the Hills is situated on 109 beautiful acres of rolling hills, valleys, and woods. There are three lakes bordering the camp with a beach on Wamplers Lake. Camp O' the Hills is popular for troop camping, summer troop samplers, and community encampments. Camp O' the Hills offers wonderful day and weekend programs. Adventures include archery, crate stacking, canoeing, kayaking, BB guns, slingshots, hatchets, geocaching, letterboxing, and a nature center.



Kayaks

Turtles



Troop Adventure Camp

High Adventure Weekend ●●●●●

May 29-31

Check-in: Friday 7:00 PM

Check-out: Sunday 10:00 AM

\$125/GSHOM member lodge accommodations

\$120/GSHOM member 3-season cabin accommodations

\$140/Non-member lodge accommodations

\$135/Non-member 3-season cabin accommodations

Get ready for a weekend of classic camp fun! Kick things off Friday night with a cozy campfire, complete with s'mores, songs, and Girl Scout spirit. On Saturday, dive into a day full of exciting activities including air rifles, archery, hatchets, indoor climbing, and low-ropes challenge course. Whether you're aiming for the bullseye or climbing to new heights, there's something for everyone at this action-packed camp weekend!

Includes the following meals: Friday: snack; Saturday: breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snack; Sunday: breakfast.

Classic Camp Sampler ●●●●●

June 26-28 & July 31-August 2

Check-in: Friday 7:00 PM

Check-out: Sunday 10:00 AM

\$125/GSHOM member lodge accommodations

\$120/GSHOM member 3-season cabin accommodations

\$140/Non-member lodge accommodations

\$135/Non-member 3-season cabin accommodations

Kick off the weekend with our classic Friday night campfire filled with s'mores, songs, and fun. On Saturday, gear up for an adventure-packed day featuring boating, BB guns, archery, and a creative camp craft project. Whether you're paddling on the water or hitting the target, this campout is all about outdoor fun and making memories!

Includes the following meals: Friday: snack; Saturday: breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snack; Sunday: breakfast.

Exploring Camp ●●●●●

July 10-12

Check-in: Friday 7:00 PM

Check-out: Sunday 10:00 AM

\$125/GSHOM member lodge accommodations

\$120/GSHOM member 3-season cabin accommodations

\$140/Non-member lodge accommodations

\$135/Non-member 3-season cabin accommodations

Begin your camp exploration with our classic Friday night campfire filled with s'mores, songs, and Girl Scout Spirit. On Saturday, gear up for an adventure-packed day featuring boating, slingshots, nature exploration, letterboxing, and a creative camp craft project. From water activities to target sports, this campout is designed for adventure, fresh air, and great memories, filled with laughs, challenges, and moments you'll be talking about long after the weekend ends.

Includes the following meals: Friday: snack; Saturday: breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snack; Sunday: breakfast.

Paddle Sports Weekend ●●●●●

August 14-16

Check-in: Friday 7:00 PM

Check-out: Sunday 10:00 AM

\$125/GSHOM member lodge accommodations

\$120/GSHOM member 3-season cabin accommodations

\$140/Non-member lodge accommodations

\$135/Non-member 3-season cabin accommodations

Float right into our Paddle Sports Adventure Camp! Start with the basics—boat design, boater safety, and trip planning—then level up to learn advanced canoe and kayak techniques. Try out windsurfing, stand-up paddleboarding, and team up for a trek in our epic 8-person Waka. Cap it all off with campfire songs and s'mores. It's the ultimate mix of learning and lakeside fun for you and your troop!

Includes the following meals: Friday: snack; Saturday: breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snack; Sunday: breakfast.



Specialty Sessions

Service to Girl Scouting ●●●●

April 17-18

\$25

Check-in: Friday 7:00 PM

Check-out: Saturday 7:00 PM

Are you a Cadette, Senior, or Ambassador Girl Scout looking for the opportunity to give back to the Girl Scout Heart of Michigan sisterhood? Join Camp O' the Hills staff for a fun and educational service experience, all while earning hours toward your Service to Girl Scouting Bar. On Friday night, you'll learn about the various project options and choose what to focus on the following day. On Saturday, teams will participate in a work day at camp. You will develop teamwork and leadership skills, train on the safe use of tools and equipment, complete beautification projects, and assist with conservation and environmental sustainability work throughout the camp.

Includes the following meals: Saturday: breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Girl Scouts will earn approximately 10 hours for Service to Girl Scouting Bar.

Troop & Family Adventure Day ●●●●●

June 6

\$40/Day option

Check-in 10:00 AM - Check-out 4:00 PM

Includes lunch and snack

\$70/Overnight Lodge option

Check-in Sat 10:00 AM - Check-out Sun 10:00 AM

Includes Saturday lunch, snack, dinner, and Sunday breakfast

Share the wonder of Camp O' the Hills with your family! Embark on a family adventure that includes Archery or Geocaching, along with nature exploration, outdoor cooking, slingshots, and a fun craft.

*Must be entering 2nd grade to participate in archery.

Alma Day Camp ●●●●●

July 14-15

\$70/Day option

\$150/Overnight option

Check-in: 10:00 AM - Check-out: 4:00 PM

Day 1: archery, boating, BB guns, craft, geocaching

Day 2: archery, boating, BB guns, fishing, letterboxing

Join Camp O' the Hills staff for exciting camp adventures at the Barbara Osterman Cabin. Activities will include boating, outdoor cooking, archery, BB guns, hiking, and nature crafts. Lunch is included each day.

Can sign up for either day or both, package deal to include tenting option with dinner day 1, breakfast day 2

Tubing the Looking Glass River ●●●●●

July 18 or 19

Session A: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Session B: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

\$40/GSHOM member

\$45/Non-member

Float down the scenic Looking Glass River on a tubing adventure at Camp Wacousta, where fun and friendship flow as easily as the water! In addition to the river ride, campers enjoy classic outdoor experiences like cooking over a crackling fire, testing their aim at archery, and exploring the regional center trading post for unique camp treasures. It's a perfect mix of adventure, skill-building, and summertime memories!

Includes Lunch. Participants will be given a time for your 1-hour river float upon arrival.

Save the Turtles ●●●●●

June 12-14 & 19-21

Check-in: Friday 7:00 PM

Check-out: Sunday 10:00 AM

\$125/GSHOM member lodge accommodations

\$120/GSHOM member 3-season cabin accommodations

\$140/Non-member lodge accommodations

\$135/Non-member 3-season cabin accommodations

Join us for an unforgettable hands-on conservation experience at Camp O' the Hills! In this unique camp program, you will become wildlife scientists, helping to protect Michigan's native turtle species during their critical nesting season. Head into the field to observe nesting behavior, record scientific data, and identify turtle species found in local habitats. You'll learn how to spot active nests and work to build and install predator screens and nesting boxes to improve hatchling survival rates. Through guided activities and real-world science, you'll dive into turtle ecology—learning about threats to turtle populations, the importance of wetlands, and what it means to be a steward of local wildlife.

Perfect for nature lovers, aspiring scientists, and conservation-minded Girl Scouts!

Includes the following meals: Friday: snack; Saturday: breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snack; Sunday: breakfast.



Flower Power Lock-In ●●●●●

May 16-17

Grade levels: BJCSA

Check-in: Saturday 7:00 PM

Check-out: Sunday 10:00 AM

\$50.00 per girl

\$10.00 per adult

Grab your besties and dive into a night of glowing groove, wild, and unforgettable memories. Bust a move at our neon-lit dance party. Take on wacky challenges and unleash your inner chef with DIY pizza creations! Spread the love with crafty keepsakes and soak up the groovy vibes all night long. It's friendship, fun, and flower power like never before!

Includes make your own pizza, snacks, and Sunday Breakfast.

Please note that this is not a drop-off event, and proper Girl Scout to Adult safety ratios must be met in order to participate. At least two adults are required to accompany every troop/group to an event.

Camp O'the Hills Food Program



Camp More, Stress Less!

Let us take care of the meals so your troop can focus on making memories.

- ✓ Delicious, Nutritious & Kid-Approved meals
- ✓ Variety of Menu Options
- ✓ Budget-Friendly Pricing
- ✓ Special Dietary needs? We've Got You Covered
- ✓ No Prep, No Clean-Up—Just Pure Camp Fun!

One meal or a full meal plan, we're here to make camp easier.

Book your troop's meal plan with us and make camp even more unforgettable!

Please contact reservations@gshom.org for more information.



Rentals & Day Trips

Camp isn't just for summer!

Adventure awaits all year long at Camp Merrie Woode, Camp Linden, and Camp O' the Hills! Whether you're planning a trip with your troop, planning a family getaway, or joining one of our awesome programs, there's always a reason to head to camp for a day or a weekend overnight!

Spots fill up fast, so plan ahead!

Weekend Trips

Weekends spent at camp are a fantastic way for you and your troop to bond, build confidence, and create lasting memories. Whether you're looking for adventure, team-building, or just some time in nature, you can customize the experience to fit your troop's goals and interests.

To book an experience at one of our properties, reach out to reservations@gshom.org to learn which camp properties offer the activities you're interested in, and we will work with you one-on-one to craft an unforgettable camp experience!



Save these dates on your calendar and join us!

Visit our event calendar at gshom.org to learn more.

August 8th
Camp Merrie Woode

**Camp Merrie Woode's
100th Anniversary!**

September 26th
Camp O'the Hills

**Night Navigators:
Let's Get Batty!**

October 24th
Camp Linden

Harvest Festival!

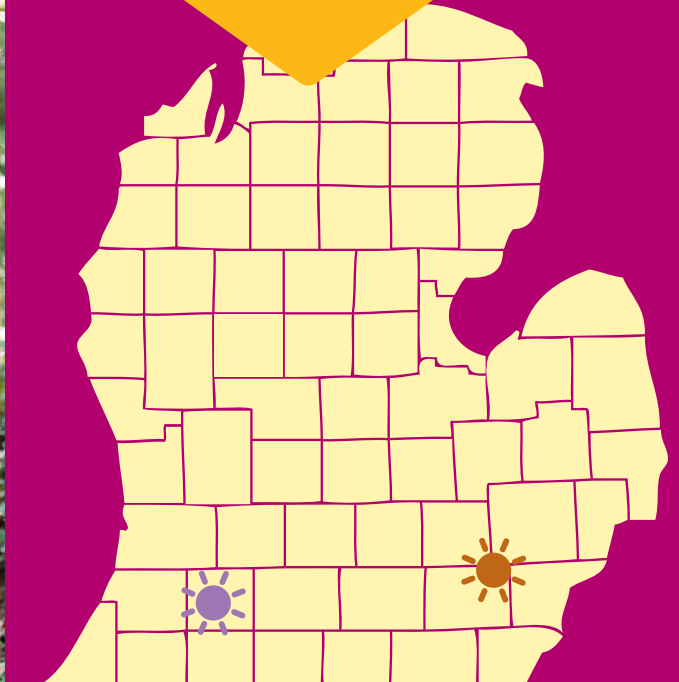
What do you want to do at camp?

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| ☐ Air Rifles | ☐ Low Ropes |
| ☐ Archery | ☐ Night Hikes |
| ☐ Arts & Crafts | ☐ Obstacle Courses |
| ☐ Backpacking | ☐ Orienteering/land navigation |
| ☐ BB Guns | ☐ Outdoor Badges |
| ☐ Boating | ☐ Outdoor Cooking |
| ☐ Climbing Wall | ☐ Primitive Camping |
| ☐ Crate Stacking | ☐ Save the Monarch Butterflies |
| ☐ Cross Country Skiing | ☐ Service projects |
| ☐ Fire Building | ☐ Sledding |
| ☐ Fishing | ☐ Slingshot |
| ☐ Gaga Ball | ☐ Stargazing |
| ☐ Hammocking | ☐ Swimming |
| ☐ Hatchet Throwing | ☐ Team Building |
| ☐ Knife and Knot Skills | ☐ Tie Dye |
| ☐ Leatherworking | ☐ Wood Burning |
| ☐ Letterboxing | |





Day Camp



Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan offers two staff-led summer day camps in Ann Arbor and Kalamazoo! Running weekly from mid-June through early August, these camps are packed with outdoor fun, hands-on activities, new friendships, and exciting adventures. Each week includes a special field trip to a nearby Girl Scout camp, Camp Linden for Ann Arbor Day Camp and Camp Merrie Woode for Kalamazoo Day Camp. With themed weeks and early drop-off options, it's the perfect introduction to camp life!



Back by
popular
demand!

Ann Arbor Day Camp

7050 Jomar Drive, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

Day Camp is conveniently located in our Ann Arbor Regional Center in Whitmore Lake. Day Camp runs for eight continuous weeks! More than half our time each week is spent outside. Day Camp is a fantastic way to start a summer camp tradition where each week, she'll enjoy an exciting theme, try new things while earning a badge or fun patch, visit camp on a field trip, and go on adventures with new friends.

Camp Linden is a home away from home for our Ann Arbor Day Camp! Day Campers travel from the Ann Arbor Regional Center to Camp Linden for a field trip each week to enjoy the great outdoors!

Week 1: June 15-19

S'more Than Cooking

Whether gathered around the campfire or in a cozy kitchen space, you will learn essential cooking skills, campfire safety, and the science behind your favorite treats. Whether you're cooking indoors or outside by the fire, you'll practice teamwork, try new recipes, and get ready to cook up some s'more fun!

Week 5: July 13-17

Magic in the Making

Get excited to create amazing magic with your own hands! Whether it's mixing potions, crafting cool projects, or learning awesome tricks, this program is all about using your creativity and imagination to make something truly magical. Get ready to explore, experiment, and discover the magic inside you!

Week 2: June 22-26

Splash and Discover

Dive into the exciting world of water! Through fun, hands-on activities both in and out of the water, you will explore the science of water, learn about nature's waterways, and enjoy playful water games. Get ready to be a water detective, play with friends, and uncover the secrets of nature's most important resource!

Program Aide training this week; more info on page 27.

Week 6: July 20-24

The Story Studio

This is your very own creative space to write, imagine, and share your stories! Whether you love drawing comics, writing adventures, or making up fairy tales, this is the place to bring your ideas to life. Get ready to become a storyteller, create amazing characters, and explore the magic of your imagination!

Week 3: June 29-July 2 (4 days)

Imagination Station

Watch your creativity come to life! You will get to make cool art, tell awesome stories, and work on fun projects that let your imagination run wild. Whether you're painting, crafting, or dreaming up new ideas, this is your space to create, share, and shine with your friends. Get ready to explore, invent, and have a blast! *Only \$240!!*

Week 7: July 27-31

Earth Detectives

Become a super sleuth for nature! You'll explore the outdoors, investigate plants, animals, and bugs, and solve cool mysteries about the earth all around you. Get ready to use your curiosity, teamwork, and your detective skills to discover the secrets of our amazing planet!

Week 4: July 6-10

Beyond the Stars

Get ready to learn about planets, stars, galaxies, and discover the mysteries of space. You'll have fun with hands-on activities, cool experiments, and even some stargazing. If you love adventure and dreaming big, this is your chance to reach for the stars and see how far your curiosity can take you!

Week 8: August 3-7

Let the Games Begin!

Get ready to dive into awesome games, exciting challenges, and team adventures that will make you laugh, think, and move. Whether you love friendly competition or trying new activities, this is your chance to play, connect, and have a blast with your friends. Are you ready?

General Info

June 15 - August 7, 2026

Entering Grades K-5

Check-In: 8:45 AM to 9:00 AM - Check-Out: 5:00 PM to 5:15 PM

Early Drop Off option available starting at 7:45 AM (Additional Fee - \$30)

Cost

\$50 non-refundable deposit

\$300 per session (week 3: \$240) / \$30 early drop-off option is available.

\$15 late registration fee. Late registration is available up until one week prior to the session, if spots are available.

Optional: \$30 Day Camp Essentials Kit. This camper kit is perfect for any camper attending Day Camp.

Kalamazoo Day Camp

601 West Maple Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Day Camp is conveniently located in our Kalamazoo Regional Center in the heart of Kalamazoo. Day Camp runs for eight continuous weeks! More than half our time each week is spent outside. Day Camp is a fantastic way to start a summer camp tradition where each week, she'll enjoy an exciting theme, try new things while earning a badge or fun patch, visit camp on a field trip, and go on adventures with new friends.

Camp Merrie Woode is a home away from home for our Kalamazoo Day Camp! Day Campers travel from the Kalamazoo Regional Center to Camp Merrie Woode for a field trip each week to enjoy the great outdoors!

Week 1: June 15-19

Out of This World

Blast off! This week you will have an out of this world experience learning about space, experimenting with gravity, trying astronaut food, and so much more!

Week 5: July 13-17

Wonders of Water

Splish Splash! Make sure you bring a towel and your best pair of beach shades because this week we'll discover the wonders of water! Did you know that your body is over 50% water? Find out even more about water and your place in the water cycle through experiments, games, and activities at our regional center and Camp Merrie Woode's waterfront.

Week 2: June 22-26

Girl Scout Games

Fun, Games, Sisterhood - Together. This week, you'll get to perform in the Day Camp Olympic games! Work with your team to take home as many gold trefoils as you can while exploring what it means to be a team-player and to show good sportsmanship.

Program Aide training this week; more info on page 27.

Week 6: July 20-24

Camp Takeover

Take over Camp Merrie Woode! Get a taste of what camp has to offer! Girls will have a chance to experience the magic of camp, from adventuring up the rock wall and activities at the waterfront, to trying their hands at slingshots and archery. And no trip to camp would be complete without tie dye and s'mores!

Week 3: June 29-July 2 (4 days)

Tell Your Story

This week is all about you! You'll practice the basics of storytelling, acting, and writing by learning to tell your story and to talk about something you feel passionate about. At the end of the week we will have an optional showcase for everyone to share their passions with each other!

Week 7: July 27-31

Craft Crazy

Let your creativity run wild. It's time to unleash your inner artist! This week, we're going to let your creativity rule with messy shaving cream crafts, water balloon painting, and all the crazy crafts of your wildest dreams!

Week 4: July 6-10

Once Upon a Time

Unicorns, Fairies, and... Dinosaurs? Once upon a time, in the far off kingdom of Kalamazoo, there's the perfect session for your camper! This week, we'll design and engineer miniature castles, go on a unicorn scavenger hunt, and even hatch mini dinosaurs encased in ice!

Week 8: August 3-7

Camp Cuisine

Calling all chefs, gastronomes, and food lovers! This week, you'll be taking a deep dive into food science and preparation. Each day we'll be preparing and eating our own special snack!

General Info

June 15 - August 7, 2026

Entering Grades K-5

Check-In: 8:45 AM to 9:00 AM - Check-Out: 5:00 PM to 5:15 PM

Early Drop Off option available starting at 7:45 AM (Additional Fee - \$30)

Cost

\$50 non-refundable deposit

\$275 per session (week 3: \$225) / \$30 early drop-off option is available

\$15 late registration fee. Late registration is available up until one week prior to the session, if spots are available.

Optional: \$30 Day Camp Essentials Kit. This camper kit is perfect for any camper attending Day Camp.

Week 2: June 22-26

Program Aide Training ●

Are you interested in helping mentor Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors this summer? This is the perfect opportunity! Complete the Program Aide Leadership Course this week, and you will have the opportunity to help with Day Camp all summer long.

Price: \$250

Once trained, Program Aides may attend camp for \$75 per session!

To register and attend as a Program Aide, email campreg@gshom.org



Ready to Register for Day Camp

Financial Assistance

The deadline to submit financial assistance is two weeks before the session begins. Return completed request form to campreg@gshom.org or mail to the Ann Arbor Regional Center:

7050 Jomar Drive,
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189
with the \$50 deposit. Forms available at girlscoutcamp.org
Financial assistance is available for two sessions/weeks per summer per girl. A deposit is still required. You will be notified when your application has been processed.

Program Aide

This is paper registration only (info on the other side) and mark "PA" on the form. Please email, fax, or mail the paper registration to Ann Arbor Regional Center.

Cancellation Policy

If you cancel your registration more than two weeks before the start date of your session, you will receive a full refund minus the \$50 non-refundable deposit.

Important Details

- Morning and afternoon snack provided. Campers must bring their own lunch (no nuts please).
- Online registration is available at girlscoutcamp.org
- Paper registration forms are available on our website or email campreg@gshom.org. Mail completed paperwork to the Ann Arbor Regional Center:
7050 Jomar Drive,
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189
- Cookie and Cashew Cash are accepted but cannot be processed online. Please call Help Desk at 800-497-2688 or email campreg@gshom.org.
- Balance is due **two weeks prior** to the start of your camp session. If spots are available, a \$15 late registration fee will be added to secure a spot up to one week before the beginning of the session.
- In early spring and after your registration has been processed, you will receive a link to use campdoc.com to complete the health profile for your camper. The health profile must be 100% complete prior to drop off.
- You can deposit money for Trading Post (the camp store) when signing up and can also purchase the Day Camp Essentials kit.



**Sign up for camp
before March 17
and save!**

\$20 off 4-6 day Overnight
Camp Sessions!
\$30 off 10-13 day Overnight
Camp Sessions!

Weekend Family/Troop camps are not eligible.

**Full refund
including deposit
when registering
before March 17**

Ready to Register for Overnight Camp

- Head to gshom.org (If you are already a Girl Scout member, you can use myGS.)
- Select "Events."
- Browse our different session offerings to find the one that's best for your girl.
- A \$100 non-refundable deposit will hold her spot.
- Once you register for a camp session, you will receive an email directing you to campdoc.com*, where you will be asked to create a new profile or update an existing profile (including the health profile).
- Camp Information Packets will be available closer to summer time to better reflect accurate information.
- Attend our free Camp Open Houses on Saturday, April 26, to see camp, meet the staff, and get all of your questions answered!
- Two weeks prior to the start of your camper's session, you will receive an email from the Camp Director which will include details about check-in, a reminder about what to pack, info about that week's camp theme, and more!

*CampDoc is our online health record management system.

You should receive an email from CampDoc in early spring to enter and update your camper information.

Scholarship: If you would like to apply for a scholarship, fill out our scholarship application form as well as the paper registration form, and send both to campreg@gshom.org

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Overnight Camp Refund Policy

Our hope is always that you find a session or two (or three!) that works for you and your family. At the time of registration, a \$100 deposit is due.

If you cancel your registration on or before March 17th, you will be refunded your \$100 deposit.

If you cancel your registration after March 17th, you will be refunded all but your \$100 deposit.

If you cancel your registration within four weeks of your camp start date, you will not receive a refund.

Weekend and day program cancellations require two weeks' notice to be eligible for a refund.

Scan here to read
our FAQ!



Questions?

Help Desk is ready!

helpdesk@gshom.org
800-497-2688

**Remember to print off or save your receipt when the
order is completed; this will be your confirmation.**

For overnight and day camp sessions, you will receive information about creating or updating your Campdoc profile. Campdoc is a secure platform to provide necessary health information about your camper.

For overnight, troop/family camp and day programs, you will receive an information packet from the camp staff four weeks prior to the program start date.



**Camp
Registration
Form**



**Refund
Policy**



**Troop/Family
Camp
Registration
Form**



**Camp
Scholarship
Form**

Cookies to Camp Program

Let the Girl Scout Cookie Program bring you to camp! Girl Scouts who would like to experience the great outdoors can earn camp credit through the Girl Scout Heart of Michigan Cookies to Camp Program.

This unique program will be available starting April 25, 2026.

Girl Scouts participate in the Cookies to Camp Program on an individual basis. **Girls earn \$1.15 in camp credit for every package sold, which is received on a Cookies to Camp card.** This card is used towards their Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan summer camp adventures!

Pick up your Cookies to Camp packet at our Camp Open House!

You may also get started by scanning this QR code to join our Cookies to Camp Program to receive your packet electronically.



375 pks. = One Overnight Mini Session

480 pks. = One week of Overnight Camp

600 pks. = One week of Horse Camp

web form

Cookies to Camp credits expire September 1, 2026.



2026 Camper Care Kits



GSHOM Camper Care Kits come with awesome items* to commemorate your camping experience. Camper Care Kits will be handed out during camp check-in.

There are a limited amount of Care Kits available for purchase, so order soon while supplies last!

**Designs and colors may differ.*



Scan the QR code to see all of our Camper Care Kits, or to create your own!



Learn More About Camp

Campfire Chat

Ready to learn more about camp?

Join us for a Campfire Chat at your nearest regional center! Campfire Chats are free events hosted at our Regional Centers where you'll meet camp staff, learn about the different summer camp programs and camp properties, make a s'more, and get to ask all your questions! This is a great event for prospective camper families. Can't make it in person? Join us virtually!

*In the case of inclement weather, this event will be virtual.



Camp is a great place for Juliette Girl Scouts to build lifelong friendships! Juliettes can do anything at camp, from magical overnight camp to exciting troop and family camps. Juliettes can participate in all the same programs that Girl Scouts in classic troops do. However, campers will need to bring an adult with them when participating in troop and family camp programs. Can't wait to see you there!

January 22
Ann Arbor Regional Center
5:30-7:00 PM

January 28
Jackson Regional Center
5:30-7:00 PM

February 7
Saginaw Regional Center
1:00-2:30 PM

February 11
Kalamazoo Regional Center
5:30-7:00 PM

February 18
Lansing Regional Center
5:30-7:00 PM

Camp Open House

Saturday, April 25th, 2026 | 1:00-4:00 PM

Camp Linden, Camp Merrie Woode,
Camp O'the Hills

Discover the magic of camp at this free event.

You will have the opportunity to take a tour of the property, try out some of our favorite camp activities, meet our summer camp team and get questions answered, and make a s'more over the campfire. This is a great event for new and returning camper families. We can't wait to see you there!

Pre-registration for this event is not required, but those who pre-register will receive a fun patch.

Ann Arbor Day Camp Open House

May 7, 2026 | 5:30-7:00 PM
Ann Arbor Regional Center

Kalamazoo Day Camp Open House

May 5, 2026 | 5:30-7:00 PM
Kalamazoo Regional Center

Summer Camp Packing List



Optional Items

- ☐ Stationery
- ☐ Stamps
- ☐ Pens/pencils
- ☐ Notebook or journal
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Stuffed animal
- ☐ Spending money for Trading Post

Each Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan camp has a **Trading Post** full of fun and useful items for sale to make her camp stay extra memorable.

Things to Leave at Home

- ☐ Cell phones and other technology
- ☐ Clothing not suitable for camp activities
- ☐ Valuables or fragile items

This packing list is designed for a one-week session. If you are attending a 13-day session, please keep in mind that laundry facilities are very limited.

The following is an outline of the essentials you will need to bring! A more detailed list will be included in the information packet you receive prior to your camp session.

Don't Forget!

- ☐ Reusable water bottle
- ☐ Non-aerosol sunscreen
- ☐ Bug Spray
- ☐ Jacket
- ☐ Sweatshirt or sweater
- ☐ Pants*/Shorts
- ☐ Shirts
- ☐ Underwear (enough for one a day + a couple extras)
- ☐ Socks (enough for one pair a day + a couple extras)
- ☐ Pajamas
- ☐ Two pairs of sturdy shoes**
- ☐ Water shoes or sandals with a back-strap
- ☐ Swimsuit
- ☐ Two towels (One for swimming and one for showering)
- ☐ Wash cloths or loofah
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Lip balm
- ☐ Sanitary products
- ☐ Shower shoes
- ☐ Sleeping bag or bedroll
- ☐ Pillow and pillowcase
- ☐ Twin size bed sheet set
- ☐ Rain gear
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Mess kit (Mini campers will not need one)
- ☐ Bag for wet clothing
- ☐ Flashlight and batteries

*Pants are required for horseback riding. Pants or knee-length shorts are required for climbing wall.

**Closed-toed shoes are required for certain activities. Shoes with incomplete toe boxes, such as Crocs, are not considered closed-toed shoes.



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