

registration steps



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Step 1: Registration Form or eRegistration

Registration for all programs begins on March 14, 2012. **For most expedient processing, utilize on-line eRegistration at www.girlscouts-gsci.org (see page 5 for details).** Registration forms are available beginning on page 35 and at your service center or on-line at www.girlscouts-gsci.org. Complete a separate registration form and payment for each camp session and program.

Buddy Requests

Two campers who want to share a tent at resident camp must complete the Buddy line on the registration form. Campers may only request ONE buddy and placement is not guaranteed. Large buddy group placement in the same tent or unit is not possible. Day campers do not need buddies as they are put into age level groups for better programming and camper experience.

Friday Family Lunch

Join your camper for a camp-style meal from noon-1:00 p.m. Check-in begins at 11:45 a.m. and the cost for this lunch is \$5.00 per visiting family member, with a limit of 2 visitors per family. Not available at Community Day Camps.

Gift Bags

Show your camper you are thinking of her by sending her a special camp gift bag. Please complete the applicable portion of the registration form to purchase.



*Happy Camper Bag - \$15 (includes camp bag, sunglasses, 2 "camp friends" bracelets, playing cards, and camera)
S'mores Bag - \$25 (includes camp bag, sunglasses, 2 "camp friends" bracelets, pen and stationery set, and head lamp)*

Step 2: Submitting the Form

For most expedient processing, utilize on-line eRegistration at www.girlscouts-gsci.org (see page 5 for details). Paper registrations received by end of business day on March 14, 2012, will be drawn randomly for placement in camp sessions, ensuring that all campers have an equal opportunity to attend their first choice. Registrations received after March 14, 2012, will be placed as space is available and waiting lists will be kept as needed. Registration closes two weeks prior to the start of the camp session. Submit a completed registration form with a non-refundable deposit of \$25 for each camp session or full payment for sessions \$75 or under. Faxed registrations must include a debit or credit card number. No phone registrations will be accepted. Cookie Dough may not be used for deposit.

Mail or fax to:

Girl Scouts of Central Illinois, Champaign Service Center, 701 Devonshire, Suite B16, Champaign, IL 61820
Fax: 217-328-1548 Phone: 800-328-5112

Confirmation packets will be e-mailed or mailed beginning in April.

Step 3: Medical Records

All campers must have a completed health history and all resident campers (including mini-resident) must also have a physical completed within **12 months** of the last day of their camp session. Health forms from previous years of camp are not available; keep a copy of the health form for your records. Bring the health form and all other camp paperwork to camp check-in. Please contact the camp director two weeks prior to camp if there are any special medical or dietary needs so we can make accommodations. Ensure your camper is able to properly apply sun block and bug repellent as they are expected to do so with limited assistance from friends and counselors.

Step 4: Payment

Payments may be made by cash, check, money order, or credit card. All camp fees must be paid in full two weeks prior to the camp session. Campers who carry an outstanding balance two weeks prior to the camp session will lose their spot and deposit. Camp payment is not accepted at camp.

Cookie Dough/Nutty Bucks must be sent in prior to, or with, the final payment and cannot be accepted after the final bill is paid. Cookie Dough/Nutty Bucks cannot be submitted for a cash refund or used as the initial deposit.

Financial Assistance - Camperships

If the camp fee is a concern, you may complete the Campership Financial Assistance application on page 37 or on-line at www.girlscouts-gsci.org. Camp scholarships are made possible by the council and generous donors in the community who want every girl to be able to attend camp. Campers must first use any available Cookie Dough toward the camp fee. Campers may only attend one session on financial assistance. All information will remain confidential.

Refund Policy

Refund requests must be submitted in writing and will be considered at the discretion of the Director of Program. No refund will be issued if a camper is sent home due to unacceptable behavior or homesickness or if the camper is a "no show" for the session. *The deposit fee will not be refunded once the registration has been processed.*

on-site info

Girl Planning and Badge Work

One of the ways we see that our campers grow in courage, confidence, and character is by allowing them to work together to create their own experience at camp. Counselors facilitate this process as campers create the rules for the group as well as the schedule for the week. Counselors work with campers to focus activities on Girl Scout Journeys and badges. Campers may choose topics that are unrelated to their program area or stick to their program area. Badges will not be included; you may purchase them after camp at your local service center.

Changes in Activities

The number and type of activities completed by campers depends on girl planning and interests of the group and may vary from the session description. Activities may be modified or rescheduled depending on weather, group behavior, or available materials. If the weather is inclement, girls may not be able to participate in activities that are affected by rain, storms, and extreme heat, including but not limited to horseback riding, boating, and archery.

Meals

Day campers receive a morning snack, lunch, and an afternoon snack (snacks only at Community Day Camps) and resident campers will receive all meals, as well as girl-planned snacks. Meals are nutritious, balanced, and served family style, allowing campers to control what goes on their plates. Assorted healthy snacks are available in the dining hall during the day. For campers with special dietary needs due to medical conditions or religious beliefs, contact the camp director two weeks prior to camp to discuss the scheduled menu and necessary accommodations. In these cases campers may be allowed to bring supplemental/alternative food items, which must be turned in at check-in. Do not pack food/snacks into camper's luggage, as it attracts animals and insects into the tents and cabins. For family events, road trips, and core camping, meal availability is indicated in the description of the event or activity.

Counselor/ Camper Ratio

Girl Scout Daisies (entering grade 1) – 2 adults per 6 girls
Girl Scout Brownies (entering grades 2 – 3) – 2 adults per 12 girls
Girl Scout Juniors (entering grades 4 – 5) – 2 adults per 16 girls
Teens (entering grades 6 – 12) – 2 adults per 20 girls

Note: Day and mini-resident campers are put into age level groups. A camper will never be alone with an adult at camp; she will always be with an additional staff member or another camper. In situations where one-on-one conversations or medical attention must take place the camper and staff member will be within eyesight of other staff or campers.

Cell Phones and Electronics

In order to provide participants with the best possible camp experience, cell phones and electronic devices are not allowed at camp and girls do not have readily available access to phones or computers. We understand in our technology-based society that this may be a challenge; however, this gives campers the opportunity to challenge themselves, trust others, and solve problems on their own. Parents are welcome to call and speak to the camp director or camp nurse about their camper. In case of an emergency, parents/guardians or the emergency contact person will be contacted. We encourage families to send mail, care packages, and one-way e-mail to their campers.

Trading Post

Each GSCI camp has a camp store offering a variety of camp souvenirs: T-shirts, bags, water bottles, stuffed animals, pens, patches, and more. Campers typically find that \$15-\$25 will give them the ability to buy what they would like. This money is collected at check-in.