



CAMP TAPAWINGO

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For Questions about this site:

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309/231-6185 (cell)

Safety Reminders

- Review the Camp Safety Procedures and pay special attention to the emergency information.
- Girl Scout groups must follow *Safety Checkpoints*
- An adult trained in First Aid and CPR must accompany your group
- Designate a vehicle for emergencies
- Report accidents/injuries to staff
- Girl Scout groups should bring Mutual of Omaha claim form and brochure
- Groups must provide their own first aid kit

Welcome to Camp Tapawingo

Check In: 5:00pm
Check Out: 2:00pm

Property staff will contact your group 1–2 weeks prior to your arrival to prepare you for your visit. For safety and insurance purposes, all site users must sign in/out at ranger mailbox in [Scully Park](#). Camp Tapawingo has a Site Manager who lives on the premises. [Advance visits to preview the site are recommended](#). Contact the Site Manager for an appointment.

Groups should have the following information readily available:

- Emergency contact name and phone number
- Camp safety procedures
- List of known allergies and health concerns of group
- Authorization to seek emergency treatment if parent is not on-site
- Certification cards of certified personnel (ie. lifeguards, canoe/archery instructors)

Facilities

Mary Morgan Lodge is the focus point at Camp Tapawingo and is available mid–August through May. It is used to host large events throughout the year. The lodge is furnished with tables, chairs, heating and air conditioning and large fireplaces. Two levels are available with the upper level being more formal and the lower level used mostly for girl programs. The lodge accommodates 150 for dining in the upper level and 50 for overnight sleeping on mattresses. The lower level can also sleep 50 overnight. Groups must use the fire circle for cooking. A licensed food supervisor must be secured to use the commercial kitchen.

Spirit Lodge

This large sleeping cabin, built in 1957, is available April 15 through October 15 and can accommodate groups up to 40. The lodge features a full kitchen, indoor circle fireplace, flush toilets, tables and chairs and electricity. Two sleeping wings join together in a gathering room around the fireplace. Groups sleep on cots and mattresses. Outside you'll find two fire circles for campfires.

Unit House Camping:

Setting Sun, Rustling Oaks, White Cloud and Shining Star units are available for camping. Each unit, with the exception of Rustling Oaks, has a unit house and platform tents. Rustling Oaks only contains a unit house.

Unit House Camping, continued:

The unit houses all are equipped with indoor flush toilets (White Cloud has composting toilets), full kitchens with cooking equipment, fireplaces, electricity, tables, chairs and mattresses (no cots) and electric heat. The platform tents are available April 15–October 15 and house 3–4 people per tent with cots and mattresses. You'll find a fire circle outside. Each unit comes standard with basic outdoor cooking equipment (hot dog sticks, pie irons, dutch oven).

Setting Sun: Sleeps 20 indoor; 26 outdoor in platform tents.

Rustling Oaks: Sleeps 16 indoor. Has a shower.

Shining Star: Sleeps 24 indoor; 35 outdoor in platform tents.

White Cloud: Sleeps 24 indoor; 35 outdoor in platform tents.

Swimming Pool

The swimming pool may be available after summer camp. Contact siterental@girlscouts-gsci.org for more information. Users must provide a lifeguard over the age of 18. Certifications must be approved by the Council.

Programs at Camp Tapawingo!

Horseback Riding, Challenge Course, Archery, Canoeing

Check the council program guide for opportunities to participate in these activities. For detailed information, contact a Program Specialist. Outside groups may call the council office for more information.

Keys

Keys are not necessary. Site Manager will provide access.

Parking

All cars park in the paved parking lot. You may drive two vehicles to your building/unit to unload supplies/ equipment. With the exception of one emergency vehicle, all vehicles must be returned to the parking lot during your stay. Please refrain from driving throughout camp as others may be present. Transport campers only in vehicles designed to carry them. Do not transport participants in backs of trucks. The speed limit at all sites is 10 mph.

Phone

Phones are not provided within the buildings. A cell phone is recommended.

Camp Fires

DO NOT leave a fire unattended at any time. All children must be supervised while fire is being used. Limited firewood is available at pine grove across from Healthy House. Please come prepared with fire starting supplies. Camp fires must be contained within fire circles. Ensure all fire embers are put out.

Trails

Excellent trails wind throughout the property. Use buddy system while at camp. Always stay on marked trails.

Equipment Provided/Cleaning

Each building and tent unit is provided with a limited number of pie irons, hot dog sticks, a Dutch oven, fire safety equipment (bucket, shovel, rake), and brooms. The kitchen/bathrooms are stocked with toilet paper, trash bags, cleaning supplies, paper towels, silverware and dishes. Use proper cleaning instructions to sanitize dishes for next troop. Follow the [Troop to Troop Clean-up Checklist](#) for cleaning instructions.

Garbage

After one night stay, place garbage in can outside unit house. Do not put garbage out overnight due to wild critters. Site manager will pick up trash each night.

Service Projects

If your group would like to participate in a service project or donate an item from the wish list, please contact the Troop Camp registrar at the council office. To properly prepare, service projects must be arranged at least two weeks in advance.

Maintenance Issues

Indicate any non-emergency problems on the [Troop to Troop Clean Up Checklist](#) for the Site Manager to handle. For severe maintenance emergencies (power outage, major water leaks, lack of hot water, etc) call the Site Manager at 309/231-6185. If he cannot be reached, contact the Director of Property at 217/720-2149.

Males Staying at Camp

Safety Checkpoints address male participation for overnights. "Males may participate only if separate sleeping quarters and bathrooms are available for their use." At Camp Tapawingo males must rent Healthy House, if available, or pitch a tent near the pool using the showerhouse as restroom facilities.

Quiet Time

Quiet time is 10:00pm. Please be considerate of others.

Emergencies

Severe Weather/Tornado

In the event of severe thunderstorms or tornado warning conditions, users shall gather all campers and proceed to the basement of Mary Morgan Lodge. NOAA weather radios are provided in each building.

Users are reminded they are renting exposed sites subject to changing weather conditions. The council reserves the right to cancel reservations due to hazardous site conditions, or other conditions beyond its control. In such cases, **all fees** will be refunded.

Fire

Campers should become acquainted with emergency procedures and emergency numbers posted in buildings and stated below. To report a fire or other emergency, dial 911.

Evacuation Procedures

Each building has several doors that can be used to exit the building. Users should become familiar with them upon arrival. In case of fire, use RACE.

RESCUE

Campers in immediate danger should be moved to the closest safe assembly area such as flag pole or parking lot. Stay calm. Walk, never run.

ALARM/ALERT

Immediately **call 911**
Notify Site Manager after calling 911

CONTAIN THE FIRE/CLOSE DOORS

Close all doors in the area where the fire is located. Ensure that all doors in all areas remain closed.

EXTINGUISH AND/OR EVACUATE

Use a fire extinguisher to extinguish fire if you can do so without placing yourself at risk. (small fires) Evacuate the area by moving to the closest safe assembly area such as the flag pole or parking lot.

Nearest Hospital

The nearest hospital is OSF St Francis Medical Center at 530 NE Glen Oak Avenue, Peoria, 16 miles away. Phone number is 309/655-2000. If an ambulance is dispatched, it will be coming from Metamora Emergency Services, about 4 miles away from camp.

Directions to Camp Tapawingo

Take Highway 116 toward Metamora. Just past Germantown Hills you will see the State Police Post (tall antenna). Turn left here on Lourdes Rd. Take this road to a T-intersection. Turn right. Go 1 to 1.5 miles to Hickory Point Rd. Look for a Camp Tapawingo sign. Turn left on Hickory Point Rd to the camp entrance on your right. For questions, please call the council office.