



CAMP WIDJIWAGAN
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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 Widjiwagan

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 on east edge of parking lot. Camp Widjiwagan 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)

Widjiwagan Facilities

Lodge

Lodge, built in 1936, is available year-round for groups. Throughout the year, the historical lodge is used to host programs and serves as a dining hall during summer camp. Lodge accommodates 36 people for sleeping (mattresses) and includes a fireplace, kitchen, indoor flush toilets. Tables and chairs are available for dining or program activities.

Buccaneer

Buccaneer is a uniquely designed sleeping cabin that can sleep up to 24 people on mattresses. Groups can use the kitchen and restroom facilities and cozy around the fireplace. Tables and chairs are available for dining. A deck surrounds the building.

Dad's House

Dad's House was built in 1941 by a group of Girl Scout dads. This house serves camp health offices during summer camp and has air conditioning. It has wood floors, a fireplace, kitchen, indoor flush toilets and a shower. Dad's House accommodates 25 sleepers on mattresses and has a separate leader's room.

Gypsy Covered Wagons

Gypsy unit features four covered wagons that sleep eight people each in bunk beds. The wagons surround a large fire circle and are located adjacent to the restrooms at Orion.

Tent Units:

Three tent units are available at Camp Widjiwagan at varying capacities. The units have screened tents, cots and mattresses, a fire circle and flush toilets within a short walking distance.

- Ranch:** Sleeps 36 in tan tents (new in 2007)
- Viking:** Sleeps 24 in blue tents with frames
- Indian:** Sleeps 36 in green platform tents

Restroom/Shower Facilities

Orion is located near Lodge and has six sinks and four toilets. Is available for use by all groups year-round.

Hydra showerhouse is located near Viking and has five sinks, toilets and showers. New in 2005. This building is available year-round by all users.

Vega is a primitive showerhouse located next to Orion. This building is closed during cold months.

Swimming Pool

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

Programs at Camp Widjiwagan

Challenge Course, Canoeing, Archery
Interested? Contact a Program Specialist for more information.

Keys

Keys are not necessary. Site Manager will provide access.

Phone

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

Males Staying at Camp

Safety Checkpoints addresses male participation for overnights. "Males may participate only if separate sleeping quarters and bathrooms are available for their use." At Camp Widjiwagan males must rent Dad's House, if available, or pitch a tent near the pool using Orion as a restroom.

Parking

All cars park in the paved parking area adjacent to the pool. Overflow cars may park in the gravel parking lot. You may drive one car only to your building/unit to unload and then immediately move your car back to the parking area. Please stay on rock or paved roadway. **DO NOT** drive on grassy or wood chipped areas.

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 each unit and at Rainy Day Shelter. 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 bathrooms are stocked with toilet paper, trash bags, cleaning supplies, paper towels. Kitchens have silverware and dishes. **NOT PROVIDED:** dishtowels and dish soap. Use proper cleaning instructions to sanitize dishes for next troop. Follow the [Troop to Troop Clean-up Checklist](#) for cleaning instructions.

Garbage

Take garbage to the dumpster on the west edge of parking lot.

Service Projects

If your group would like to participate in a service project, please contact the Girl Scout 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, Tom Taylor, 217/971-5811. If he cannot be reached, contact the Director of Property at 217/720-2149.

Graffiti & Chalk

Graffiti is not allowed. Please do not plan to use sidewalk chalk.

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 nearest block house, Buccaneer basement or showerhouse. 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. 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.

*All campers should gather in the parking lot until given an all clear from the Site Manager, fire department, or management

Nearest Hospital

The nearest hospitals are Memorial Medical Center, 701 N First Street, Springfield, or St John's Hospital, 800 E Carpenter, Springfield, 13 miles away. Phone numbers are Memorial 217/788-3000 and St Johns 217/544-6464.

Directions to Camp Widjiwagan

Camp Widjiwagan is located south of Springfield on Lake Springfield. Take Interstate 55 to Toronto Rd exit (exit 90). At the three way stop turn west. Wind around on this road until you come to a residential area. Take a left onto North Lake Road. Go to the T intersection and turn right onto Wienold Lane. The first drive to your left is the camp entrance. Go through gate to parking lot.