

Overnight Camp FAQ

Are there any weekly themes this summer?

To best meet the interests of our campers, we've decided to avoid weekly themes. Each week, we'll have a mixture of activities from sports to crafts, and plenty in between. For part of each day, groups will discover some basic outdoor skills and camp activities together. The other part of the day will be set up for girls to choose their individual experiences.

How can I sign my camper up for an add-on or trip?

On April 1st, 2019, visit our [website](#) to choose up to 2 add-on activity or trip options to your camper's existing registration. These additions are available to a limited number of campers, and spaces will be filled on a first-come first-served basis.

My camper would like to go on more than 2 trips in one session, is it possible to sign her up for more than 2?

There is a limit of 2 add-ons per camper during the registration process. Any spaces still available for trips and add-on activities will be can be purchased during the check-in process on the day of your camper's arrival.

Something has changed – how can I update my camper's information form?

To update any of your camper's information, please [log in](#) to your registration account and click the update button next to whichever week you would like to change. You will be able to check the information you provided and change anything you need to on the forms page. Changes can be made until the week before your camper's session.

Where will my camper be sleeping?

Our cabins are air-conditioned and fully enclosed. Each cabin sleeps between 8 and 14 girls in twin-size bunk beds. At night, one staff member will sleep in each 14-girl cabin, and all cabins will be supervised by a unit leader.

What about cabin buddies?

Cabin buddies are an option for all campers, but girls may only request one buddy per camp session—and buddies must be mutually requested by both campers. If you requested a cabin buddy on your registration form, your camper and their buddy will be assigned to the same cabin, and are guaranteed to have a bunk below, above, or directly next to one another. If you are not sure if you have requested the correct cabin buddy for your camper, please [log in](#) to your registration account and update your camper's registration to check her information form.

What kind of training does your staff have?

All staff are First Aid and CPR/AED Certified, and have also attended a week long intensive training where we cover topics such as: how to help with homesickness, recognize and stop bullying, and how to handle other sensitive topics.

Where will my camper be eating/what kind of food do you serve?

Campers and staff all eat in the dining pavilion together. We provide balanced meals, and encourage each camper to take a 'tester' bite of each food. If a camper is not eating, we will have other options available for them, but we encourage them to try the main dish first. If your camper has a food allergy, please make sure it is noted on their registration form so that we can make alternate meals available to them, if necessary.

What does a day at camp look like?

We start each day with a flag ceremony before breakfast, followed by morning activity sessions. After lunch is a rest hour, called 'me-time,' and then our afternoon activity block. Evening activities, such as all-camp events, dance parties, and campfires, take place after dinner, and then lights out!

Do you provide transportation?

We are unable to provide transportation to our camp property for campers. Please be sure to arrange transportation for your camper to and from their camp session at the correct check-in and check-out times. Transportation from camp to our trip locations is provided.

Can I see pictures of my camper throughout the week?

You can like and follow our camp's [Facebook page](#) to see photos of camp while it is in session! While we can't guarantee that we will post a photo of your camper, we will post throughout the week as staff send in photos.

What happens in case of an emergency?

If you are having an emergency situation at home during your camper's session that means that your camper needs to leave camp, please call the camp line at 704-546-2192, and the camp director will get you in contact with your camper. If a situation arises involving your camper at camp, the camp director will call you.

My camper has an epi-pen and/or an inhaler – can she carry it with her?

Our safety regulations mean that all medication, including emergency medications, be carried by a staff member and not by the camper. However, each group of campers has a first aid kit that a staff member will carry with the group at all times, and all emergency medication will be kept in this kit so that it is accessible to campers whenever they need it.

Can I call my camper during the week?

We want our campers to be able to develop as independent young women during their time at camp, so we do not allow campers to take phone calls. Campers are also not allowed to bring cell phones for this same reason. However, you are welcome and encouraged to write your camper letters. You can even pre-write some and drop them off at check in!

What if I need to pick up my camper early?

When you check in on the first day, please let the camp director know you will be picking your camper up early. If it is an unplanned pickup, please contact the camp directly at 704-546-2192 and leave a message letting the Camp Team know your camper's name, and what date and time you will need to pick them up. They will call and confirm with you, and get her ready in time to meet you then.

Is it too late to buy a care package?

Care packages can be added to your order at any time between registration and June 1st, when final payments are due! Please visit [our website](#) to add a care package to your order.

Can my camper bring money to use at the camp store or on out trips?

Campers are not allowed to bring money on out trips; however, you may bring money for your camper to use at the camp store—which will be open to campers at least once throughout their session. Money must be signed-in, and turned in to camp store “bank” during the check-in process. Please do not leave money directly with your child, GSHNC will not be responsible for any money that has not been turned in during the check-in process.

My camper loved camp! Is it too late to sign her up for another week?

It's never too late! Online registration closes one week out from the start of each session, so if your camper wants to go to a week that is further than a week away, you can complete your registration online! If she wants to go to the next week of camp, please call 704-731-6500 during regular business hours to get her registered.

Which badges will my camper earn/how will I know which ones she earns?

Though we can't guarantee any campers will earn a complete badge during their session at camp, we will be introducing all campers to the outdoor badges for their age level. Additional activities will also help girls accomplish steps in other interest badges.

Every camper will be given her very own *Girl's Guide to Summer Camp* which includes her very own badge tracker! Because every girl will build an individual schedule, each girl will be able to keep track of her own badgework throughout her time at camp.

Do you provide the badges that my camper earns at camp?

Campers may earn a whole badge while at camp, or portions of a couple of badges – each camper can keep track of which steps she has completed in her very own *Girl's Guide to Summer Camp*. However, we are unable to provide the physical badges that your camper may earn. You can purchase them to put on her vest or sash at the Council store, or [online](#).