

## Camping Frequently Asked Questions

**REMEMBER: “A Girl Scout always leaves a place cleaner than she found it.”**

- 1. What is the address of the camp?**  
The address can be found in your original camp confirmation booklet (sent via email). This booklet will contain all necessary information, camp address, Site Supervisor contact information, emergency procedures and more.
- 2. Can I park my car in the campsite?**  
Vehicles can drive up to some units to unload gear but, all vehicles should park in the parking lots once this is complete. Cars must be parked in the main parking lot indicated on your map. Some units are not accessible by vehicle. Handicap parking can be accommodated near some buildings and units.
- 3. How many cars can the parking lot hold?**  
Parking lot capacity varies from camp to camp. Two cars are allowed per unit. Carpooling is strongly encouraged. Please check the GSCWM Amenities for camp specific information. You can also contact the Site Supervisor or visit to the camp beforehand.
- 4. Can I get out this winter if it snows?**  
Site Supervisors will plow access in and out of camp to accommodate rental use of heated buildings in the winter. Our reservation page advises which buildings are winterized. You may contact the Site Supervisor to check on weather conditions.
- 5. Can we put up tents?**  
Most units can accommodate the pitching of one or two tents in open space within a unit. However if more tents are required then a reservation should be made for the Athletic Field or primitive camping area. When pitching tent do not harm any plants, shrubs or trees to accommodate a tent.
- 6. Where do we take our trash? How do we handle trash?**  
Please empty all trash cans and put all trash in the camp dumpster. Unless otherwise directed by site supervisor or camp booklet.
- 7. Are there pots and pans in the kitchens?**  
Our kitchens are adequately stocked with supplies. Please check your confirmation packets for more specific information. Do not remove pots from the indoor kitchens for outdoor cooking use. “Be prepared” is the Girl Scouts motto – please bring all necessary equipment.
- 8. Is there a refrigerator located in the unit?**  
Most of the larger buildings have refrigerators. Some sites have refrigerators in the shelters. Please check the GSCWM Amenities for camp specific information about which units have refrigerators.
- 9. Can I use the Commercial kitchen or do I need training?**  
The Commercial kitchen should be requested specifically. Not all are usable year round. Serve Safe training is required to use the commercial kitchen.
- 10. Can a food company deliver food for my big camping event?**  
Yes. Please inform the Site Supervisor of your plan and which company you will be using. You must arrange for someone to meet the truck and let them in the kitchen; Site Supervisors are not on call at all times so, be sure to make prior delivery arrangements.
- 11. Is there toilet paper, trash bags or soap at camp?**  
We provide (toilet paper, trash bags, paper towels, soap and cleaning spray).
- 12. Where can men sleep and use the restroom?**  
Some of our buildings have a separate sleeping quarters. If a unit has more than one restroom, you can designate one to be “Men Only”. Or, when using a latrine, please designate one stall to be “Men Only”.

Men / boys should use the restroom when no women / girls are in the restroom and have specific restroom times that are separate from the girls.

13. Are there cots in the units?

Some units have cots, bunk beds, or mattresses on the floor. Please check the GSCWM Amenities for camp specific information about sleeping provisions

14. How many can sleep per unit (buildings, cabins, tents, yurts, tree houses)?

Please check the GSCWM Reservations Camp page for sleep capacities per unit.

15. Is firewood available?

To control the spread of disease to our trees and the trees in our communities, bringing firewood that is not wrapped, bundled, and labeled "Insect Free" onto our properties is prohibited. We do not supply firewood at our sites. With the exception of Bonnie Brae where firewood is available for your use. Please be conservative, and keep in mind that our staff has limited time for firewood production.

16. How do we dispose of fire pit/fireplace burnt ash?

In the spirit of leaving the site in "ready for use" condition for the next group, here are guidelines for managing the fire pit/fireplace at your site.

- Be sure the fire is out cold. It is ok to use water in an outdoor fire pit *but not an indoor fireplace*.
- Remove unburned wood and leave near the fire circle, in the wood pile or place back in the fire circle or fire place after cleaning out excessive ash.
- You should find 2 buckets at each fire pit. One for water and one for ash. Use the shovel to remove excess ash but don't dig a hole. Put ash in the bucket. It is ok to leave this on site as is. However, if you have been on site for several days and have had numerous fires the one bucket may not be enough. Find the place along the perimeter of your unit where ash is collected and dump cold ash from the bucket into the pile and refill.

17. Is there a fireplace in the shelters/lodges?

Please check the GSCWM Amenities for camp specific information about fireplaces. Most outdoor units have an outside fire pit at the site.

18. Do I need a lifeguard?

Yes. Lifeguards are required anytime you are in the lake or pool.

19. How many canoes or kayaks are available?

Please call our Leadership Center or email [info@gscwm.org](mailto:info@gscwm.org) to confirm how many canoes or kayaks there are at a specific camp.

20. How many life jackets are available?

There are enough life jackets/PDFs for the capacity required for the use of our water crafts.

21. Do we need a trained person to use the archery course & equipment?

Yes. A current archery instructor certification is required. If you so not have an instructor, contact the camp site rental department ([info@gscwm.org](mailto:info@gscwm.org)) for more information.

22. How many bows and arrows are at camp?

Please check the GSCWM Amenities for camp specific information.

23. Do we need a trained person to use the challenge course (ropes course)?

Yes. An instructor who is certified to teach the ropes course is required. If you so not have an instructor, contact the camp site rental department ([info@gscwm.org](mailto:info@gscwm.org)) for more information.

24. Are there any trails?

Yes. Trails are marked on the camp maps and at each camp.

25. Is there letterboxing/geocaching at camp?

There is no Geocaching at any of the camps.

Letterboxing: for more information please contact the site supervisor for your specific camp

26. What type of projects can my troop do?

Service projects are listed on our camping website. For more specific project information, contact the camp Site Supervisor or our Council, [info@gscwm.org](mailto:info@gscwm.org).

27. Do I have to bring rakes, shovels or buckets?

Each fire pit has these tools. Brooms can be found in the unit house. Additional tools can be requested in advance from the site supervisor depending upon the project being undertaken. It is always better to be prepared and bring tools you feel will be needed.

***If you have any other questions, do not hesitate to contact the Leadership Center at 413-584-2602 / 508-365-0115 or email us at: [info@gscwm.org](mailto:info@gscwm.org)! We will be happy to help you!***