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While the Girl Scout mission is central to everything we do, no prior Girl Scout experience is needed to join our summer camp programs. Anyone who identifies as a girl, regardless of race, religion, physical ability, economic background, or national origin, is welcome to participate and enjoy all that our camps have to offer.

#### Why Camp?

High-quality camps offer a vibrant, supportive environment where children can thrive. Through hands-on activities, campers build meaningful friendships, develop a sense of belonging, and grow under the guidance of caring mentors. According to the American Camp Association's (ACA) most recent National Camp Impact Study, camp experiences foster confidence, independence, social skills, and resilience—equipping children with the tools to tackle challenges and embrace opportunities. Camp provides a blend of fun, learning, and personal development that can't be replicated elsewhere. It's an experience that creates memories and skills to last a lifetime.

#### Why Girl Scouts?

For over 110 years, outdoor adventures have been a cornerstone of the Girl Scout legacy. Beyond the fun, friendship, and skill-building, Girl Scout summer camps offer young participants life skills that can't be found elsewhere. Through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, every activity is carefully designed to inspire discovery, foster meaningful connections, and empower action in an ever-changing world nurturing personal growth that reaches far beyond the campgrounds.

#### **Our Vision**

At Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey, our camps are designed to foster leadership, confidence, independence, and a strong sense of community. We welcome both current Girl Scouts and those who are new to the experience, creating a diverse and supportive environment where participants can unlock their potential, explore new opportunities, and develop essential life skills. Along the way, they'll make lasting memories and friendships that will stay with them for a lifetime.

#### **Our Program Philosophy**

The Girl Scout Promise and Law are at the core of everything we do, guiding the values, skills, and attitudes we foster in both our staff and campers. We are committed to ensuring that every camper enjoys a meaningful outdoor experience. When Girl Scouts explore the outdoors, they discover their ability to solve problems, overcome challenges, build leadership skills, and experience greater happiness. At camp, campers are encouraged to challenge themselves, take healthy risks in a supportive environment, grow as individuals, become part of a community, and most importantly, have fun.

### Meet the Directors



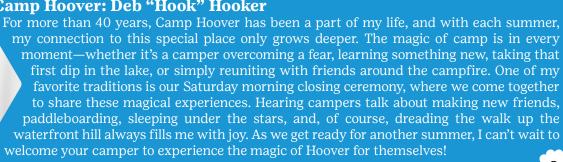




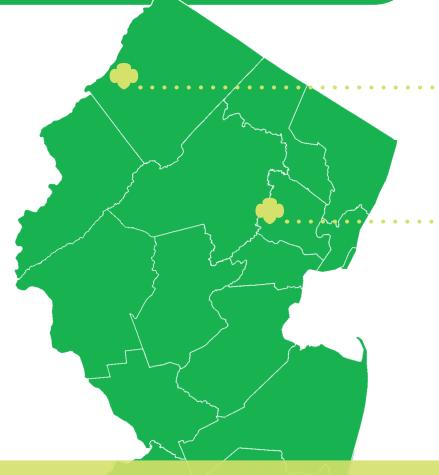
#### The OVAL: Kate "Brisca" Grenci

Camp has been a central part of my life for nearly 30 years, and I'm excited to welcome campers to another summer of fun and friendship. I truly believe that camp builds an incredible foundation that your camper will carry with them for the rest of their life! I know this from my own experience with Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey. I grew up as a Girl Scout, attended Camp Hoover, and eventually worked my way from Junior Counselor to Assistant Camp Director. I hope every camper enjoys their time here as much as I did—making lifelong memories, building friendships, and having experiences they won't find anywhere else. As a lifelong Girl Scout and camper, I know the magic of summer camp, and I invite you to join us and experience it for yourself!

#### Camp Hoover: Deb "Hook" Hooker



### Where Are We?



Sleepaway Camp

• Camp Lou Henry Hoover

Middleville, NJ

Day Camp
• • • The OVAL
Maplewood, NJ



#### **Safety Is Our Priority**

Ensuring the health and safety of our campers is our highest priority as we plan for Summer 2025. We continue to partner with Girl Scouts USA, the American Camp Association, the Alliance for Camp Health, and local, state, and national governing bodies to ensure we follow the latest safety protocols.

**Safe and Secure:** GSHNJ's summer camps are accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA). Independent health and safety audits conducted by the ACA ensure that we uphold the highest standards of accountability, credibility, and commitment to health, safety, and program quality. Additionally, our camps adhere to the health, safety, and security guidelines set by GSHNJ, Girl Scouts USA, and the New Jersey Youth Camp Safety Standards.



**Staff:** Our camp staff includes college and high school students, teachers, and professional subject matter experts, all with a passion for working with youth in the outdoors. Each staff member undergoes intensive training focused on safety, communication, program delivery, camper needs, leadership, and team-building. Red Cross-certified lifeguards supervise all water activities, except brooking at The OVAL.

Interested in joining our team and delivering the magic of camp? See page 5 for more information.

**Health Care:** A dedicated Health Supervisor is on site while the main camp program is in session. In addition, our lifeguard staff and most unit staff are certified in First Aid, CPR, and AED. An AED machine is readily available at all times on each of our properties.



It's more than a job - it's a purpose.

Looking to build a resume with valuable, sought-after skills by employers? Working at our summer camps gives you the opportunity to develop leadership, communication, teamwork, creativity, problem-solving and decision-making skills, all while enjoying the outdoors. Plus, you'll make a lasting impression on our campers and forge lifelong friendships. Interested in an internship? Reach out to **kgrenci@gshnj.org** for Day Camp or **dhooker@gshnj.org** for Sleepaway Camp.

#### Benefits include:

- Discounts for your campers
- Free certifications including CPR/First Aid, Mental Health First Aid and Lifeguarding, archery, and more!
- Employee referral program
- Opportunities for year-round per diem work
- Free transportation to camp for Day Camp staff. (Ride the bus as a paid bus counselor!)



With a variety of open positions across all areas of camp, GSHNJ summer camps are the perfect place to gain real-world experience in a fun, dynamic environment. You deserve a job you love that will help you grow!

For more information, visit www.gshnj.org/summercamp and click on "Summer Camp Employment."

GSHNJ is an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees.

### Day Camp

## **The OVAL**Maplewood, NJ

#### Welcome to our Day Camp!

The OVAL is a historic gem tucked away in the picturesque South Mountain Reservation. With its forested surroundings, rustic cabins, and expansive field, it offers a touch of wilderness right in the heart of Essex County.

Day Camp runs from July 7 through August 15, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and is open to campers entering Kindergarten through 10th grade.

You'll have two types of programs to choose from at The OVAL: general and specialty.

**General programs** provide a full range of traditional outdoor activities and challenges suitable to your age and skill level. As you grow, these programs evolve, encouraging mastery of skills and inviting you to explore new opportunities. Each general program follows a weekly theme tied to a badge, allowing you to experience the best of what camp has to offer while learning new skills.

**Specialty programs** let you focus on a specific area of interest, dedicating large portions of the day to the activities you're most passionate about. Like the general programs, specialty programs include earning a badge or award related to the theme.

No matter which program you choose, you'll enjoy all the fun activities open to everyone, such as arts & crafts, hiking, outdoor cooking, STEM activities, field games, and more. Archery is available for campers in 2nd grade and older.

Program fees include all activity supplies, one t-shirt, daily afternoon snacks, and earned badge(s).

Never been to The OVAL before? See page 27 for information about tours, open houses, and camp director office hours.

#### **Overnight Camping**

Extend your summer adventure by spending the night at camp! If you're entering grades 4–10, you can experience the magic of camp after dark. Enjoy dinner together, gather around the campfire for s'mores and songs, and then rest peacefully in your cabin at The OVAL,





#### Day Camp Add-ons

falling asleep to the sounds of the forest at night. Breakfast and lunch are provided the next day.

Space is limited to the first 20 campers who register, so be sure to select the overnight option at the time of program registration. Registration closes two weeks before the overnight program date. Overnights are available during sessions 2 (July 17) and 4 (July 31), and the cost is an additional \$75 per camper.

#### Bus

The OVAL offers limited bus service to camp for an additional \$65 per week. If you're interested in using the bus to and from camp, see the chart on page 9 for further information.

#### **Before and After Care**

If you need extra time at camp, Before and After Care is available for an additional \$70 per week. Before care runs from 7:30–9:00 a.m., and after care from 4:00–6:00 p.m. Please note, busing is not available for Before and After care, so your family will need to arrange transportation. Advance registration is required.

#### **Optional Lunch**

Daily lunch isn't included in Day Camp programs. If you prefer to purchase lunch instead of bringing it from home, check the Family Guide, available on our website in March 2025, for available options. Please note: lunch service depends on summer camp enrollment and isn't guaranteed.

#### **Trading Post**

The OVAL's Trading Post offers a variety of camp-specific patches, memorabilia, and gear ranging from \$1.50 to \$40. You'll have the opportunity to visit the Trading Post at least once during the week to shop for souvenirs for yourself or gifts for family. To help you flex your budgeting muscles, spending money can be loaded onto your account during the registration process. A form may also be sent home during the session to help your family assist with purchase decisions. Unspent funds over \$4 will be refunded at the end of the summer.

#### **Family Guide**

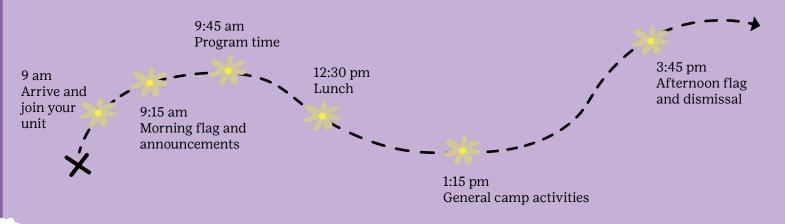
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## The OVAL

Program	Grade*	Fee				
GENERAL PROGRAMS						
Camp Discover	K-1	\$460				
Camp Explorer	2-3	\$460				
Camp Quest	4-5	\$460				
SPECIALTY PROGRAMS						
Chow Down	2-3	\$480				
Fairies, Flowers, and Butterflies	2-3	\$470				
Summer Science	2-3	\$470				
Tracks and Trails	2-3	\$465				
Bits and Bobs	4-5	\$470				
Camp Cooking Challenge	4-5	\$480				
Witches, Wands, and Campfires	4-5	\$470				
Aim, Shoot, Bullseye!	6-10	\$470				
Comic Con	6-10	\$470				
Program Aide	6-10	\$460				

<sup>\*</sup>Grade is the camper's upcoming grade in the fall.



X = Program is running during those dates.

Session 1 July 7 - 11	Session 2 July 14 - 18	Session 3 <b>July 21 - 25</b>	Session 4 July 28 - Aug 1	Session 5 Aug 4 - 8	Session 6 <b>Aug 11 - 15</b>				
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Route	Town	Bus Stop Location	AM Pick Up	PM Drop Off
The OVAL Route 1	Hoboken 1 Hoboken 2	Washington St. and 12 <sup>th</sup> St. (across from Hoboken Children's Acad. II) Washington St. at Newark St. (Near CVS)	7:45 8:00	5:00 4:45
The OVAL Route 2	Union Cranford Maplewood	Salem Rd. at Huguenot Ave. (opp. Townley Pres. Church) 901 Orange Ave. (Orange Ave. School) Oakland Rd. and Tuscon Rd. (Behind library)	7:55 8:15 8:40	5:25 4:45 4:20
The OVAL Route 3	Nutley Montclair Verona	379 Bloomfield Ave. (Radcliffe Elementary School) Bloomfield Ave. and Grove St. (Lackawanna Plaza) Lakeside Ave. and Pease Ave. (across from Verona Park)	8:10 8:25 8:40	4:50 4:35 4:20
The OVAL Route 4	Westfield Scotch Plains Berkeley Heights Summit	201 E. Grove St. (GSHNJ Westfield Service Center) Park Ave. at Front St. (gazebo area) Plainfield Ave. and Sherman Ave. (train station area) Morris Ave. at Lafayette Ave. (Washington Elementary)	7:45 8:05 8:20 8:40	5:15 4:55 4:40 4:20

Please note: The listed bus stops and times are only examples and are subject to change. The exact bus schedule will be confirmed with the bus company and sent to families prior to the start of camp.

### The OVAL

#### Camp Discover

You'll experience a bit of everything—from outdoor skills and hiking to field games, nature exploration, arts & crafts, campfire fun, and s'mores. Each week brings new adventures as you and your fellow campers plan activities and work on different badges, so every session offers something fresh and exciting!

Sessions: 1-6 Entering Grades: K-1 Fee: \$460

Badges Earned (listed by session):

1: Daisy Outdoor Art Maker

2: Daisy Eco Learner

3: Daisy Trail Adventure

4: Daisy Good Neighbor
5: Daisy Buddy Campus

5: Daisy Buddy Camper6: Daisy Create and Innovate

#### Camp Explorer 🕟



Sessions: 1-6 Entering Grades: 2-3 Fee: \$460 Badges Earned (listed by session):

1: Brownie Outdoor Art Creator

2: Brownie Eco Friend

3: Brownie Trail Adventure

4: Brownie Making Friends

5: Brownie Hiker

6: Brownie Create and Innovate

#### Camp Quest



Enjoy a mix of outdoor skills, hiking, nature exploration, field games, hands-on science activities, arts & crafts, campfires, s'mores, and so much more. Thinking about more than one session? Each week brings new activities as you and your fellow campers plan adventures and work on different badges, ensuring every session is fresh and full of fun!

Sessions: 1-6 Entering Grades: 4-5 Fee: \$460 Badges Earned (listed by session):

1: Junior Outdoor Art Explorer

2: Junior Eco Camper

3: Junior Trail Adventure

4: Junior Social Butterfly

5: Junior Eco Camper

6: Junior Create and Innovate



**Chow Down** 



Food is energy! In this cooking program, you'll create a variety of snacks and learn about healthy eating and balanced meals, while practicing some culinary basics.

Sessions: 3

**Entering Grades:** 2-3

**Fee:** \$480

Badge Earned: Brownie Snacks

### Fairies, Flowers, & Butterflies

Channel your inner pixie! Dress the part of a fairy and create a fairy house in an enchanted garden, complete with furniture, live plants, and flowers. Enjoy a fairy tea party, make pixie dust, and become one with nature as we explore our magical forest, fields, and trails.

Sessions: 1, 6 Entering Grades: 2-3 Fee: \$470

Badge Earned: Brownie Outdoor Art Creator

#### **Summer Science**



Become a scientific sleuth as you learn how to ask bright questions and find the right answers. Experiment with everyday objects to understand more about the world around you: build a model volcano, create a vortex in a bottle, understand the chemistry of tie-dye, and so much more.

Sessions: 2, 5 Entering Grades: 2-3 Fee: \$470

Badge Earned: Brownie Home Scientist

#### Tracks and Trails



Hit the trail and explore field, forest, and stream as you follow the tracks of the creatures who live in our shared great outdoors. Try your hand at birdwatching, brooking, nature scavenger hunts and more as your learn about our natural neighbors.

Sessions: 4 Entering Grades: 2-3 Fee: \$465

Badges Earned: Brownie Bugs, Tree Promise Patch



### The OVAL

**SPECIALTY PROGRAMS**  **SPECIALTY PROGRAMS** 

#### Bits and Bobs



Create art you can wear and learn tools of the jewelry trade. Make something special out of leather or metal. Turn every day objects into jewelry, by recycling things you can find at home! Get inspiration from other cultures and the natural world around you. The fun won't stop at jewelry - learn to make tie-dye patterns and make a recycled bag or something for your next camping trip.

Sessions: 3, 6

**Entering Grades:** 4-5

**Fee:** \$470

Badge Earned: Junior Craft and Tinker

#### **Camp Cooking Challenge**



Get cooking in this introduction to culinary arts, where you will eat what you learn! Incorporate cleanliness, nutrition, measuring, and more. Will you master a quick bread or blend a smoothie? Will you sample some stick cooked treats or flip for a pie-iron? The pastabilities are endless! End the week with your own version of "Chopped" and a mystery basket challenge, as you engage in friendly competition within your group and feast on your entries. The emphasis is on food, friends and fun!

Sessions: 2, 4 **Entering Grades:** 4-5

**Fee:** \$480

Badge Earned: Junior Simple Meals

#### Witches, Wands, & Campfires



Have a witchingly good time in this mystical inspired program! Dress the part of your favorite witch or wizard and spend the week making magic. Create your own wand and test it out with some spellbinding STEM activities. Learn to make butterbeer and chocolate frogs and play games like Quidditch and Giants, Wizards, Elves!

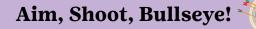
Sessions: 1, 5

**Entering Grades:** 4-5

**Fee:** \$470

Badge Earned: Junior Social Butterfly





Take aim, shoot, and score a bullseye in this week of archery! Whether you are new to archery or an experienced archer, we will visit the archery range every day to hone everyone's individual skills. Work with recurve and compound bows, play archery games, and learn to use and maintain bows and arrows. You'll also develop an understanding of the importance of fitness, strength, and flexibility when it comes to archery and other sports!

Sessions: 2, 5

**Entering Grades:** 6-10

**Fee:** \$470

Badge Earned: Cadette Archery, Senior Cross-Training



Channel your inner fan with this week of comics, books, TV shows, movies, and more! Learn about barrier-breaking comic artists and what it takes to make an awesome superhero. Make your own comic book or novella, create and wear cosplay, and nerd out with your fellow campers over your favorite fictional stories and characters.

Sessions: 1, 4 **Entering Grades:** 6-10

**Fee:** \$470

Badge Earned: Cadette Comic Artist, Senior Novelist

#### Program Aide



Get a crash course in leadership skills, while deepening your understanding of what being a leader means. Learn from one another and compare experiences you've had working with youth. Participate in activities that teach you skills and behaviors necessary to work with young people. Spend your week shadowing camp counselors and practicing what you've learned with younger camper groups, acting as a role model and perfecting your skills.

Sessions: 3, 6

**Entering Grades:** 6-10

**Fee:** \$460

Badge Earned: Cadette Program Aide, Senior CIT





### Sleepaway Camp

#### **Camp Hoover** Middleville, NJ

### Welcome to Lou Henry Hoover Sleepaway Camp!

Since 1953, Camp Hoover has been offering unforgettable, life-changing experiences. Nestled in 340 acres of forests, hills, and lakefront, Camp Hoover is a place where you'll embrace independence, push your limits, expand your horizons, develop new skills, conquer fears, and build lifelong friendships—all while unplugging and enjoying the great outdoors.

Sleepaway Camp runs from July 6 through August 16, with sessions starting on Sunday and ending on Saturday each week, and is open to campers entering first grade through twelfth grade.

At Camp Hoover, you can choose between two types of programs: general and specialty.

**General programs** offer a variety of outdoor activities and challenges tailored to your age and skill level, such as swimming, boating, archery, ropes course, arts & crafts, hiking, outdoor skills, games, singing, and more! These programs are great if you want to experience all that Camp Hoover has to offer and to be ready for your next challenge! Campers in general programs are housed together.

**Specialty programs** focus on a particular interest, allowing you to dedicate part of each day to what excites you most, while still participating in fun activities from the general program. Plus, all-camp activities like kapers (jobs that help keep camp running smoothly), campfires, and shared meals in the dining hall – bring everyone together. No matter which program you choose, our experiences grow with you, encouraging skill mastery and inviting you to take the next step up and out! Campers in specialty programs are housed together by age/grade, and in their program time are together with the full group. The remainder of the day will be spent with swimming, boating, participating in arts and crafts, participating in archery, ropes course, hiking, and more!

The program you select determines your housing type. In some programs, you'll stay in a platform tent with metal cots, mattresses, and a storage cubby. Our platform tents



sleep five campers with bathroom facilities (known as the Cindy) just a few steps away, featuring flush toilets and hot and cold running water in sinks and showers. Unit program shelters provide a covered area for meetings, cookouts, and activities with shelter available during severe storms. In other programs, you'll bunk in a cabin equipped with kitchens, indoor bathrooms, sleeping rooms with bunk beds, and common areas. For Outdoor Survival, you'll sleep in a primitive shelter, with access to flush toilets and running water. An open-air shelter provides cover.

Sleepaway Camp fees include all activity supplies, admissions to off-site facilities, meals, and snacks.

#### **Camp Hoover Trading Post**

Hoover's Trading Post is full of camp-specific and fun patches, memorabilia, and gear ranging from \$1 to \$60. Campers visit the Trading Post once during the week to shop for souvenirs for themselves and their family. Help your camper flex their budgeting muscles by loading their account with some money to spend at the Trading Post during the registration process. These funds are also used for purchases at the Tack Shop for horseback riders, money to be spent at off-site trips where applicable, and laundry during stayovers. Unspent funds greater than \$4 will be refunded at the end of your camper's stay. The Trading Post is also open during check-in and check-out periods for families and campers to visit. Unit and Staff photos for all Camp Hoover sessions will be purchased through Ultracamp at the time of registration. Unit and Staff photo orders are not processed at camp.

#### **Stayovers**

Campers registering for back-to-back sessions have the opportunity to stay over at camp from Saturday to Sunday for an additional fee of \$175. During the stayover, all campers are housed together and may spend time at the waterfront, work on arts & crafts, have a little extra rest time, and round the evening out with pizza and a movie. Parents and family members can visit during the stayover and take their camper off-site. The stayover program is maxed out at 20 campers to ensure a quality weekend stay.

#### **Family Guide**

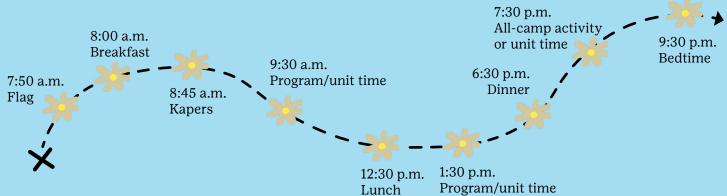
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GENERAL PROGRAMS		
A Little Camp Fun	1-3	\$300
Mini Camp	1-4	\$400
Grand Tour	2-5	\$755
SPECIALTY PROGRAMS		
Beads, Buttons and Baubles	2-5	\$755
Let's Celebrate!	2-5	\$755
S'mores and Outdoors	2-5	\$755
Wet and Wild	2-5	\$755
Girl on Fire	4-6	\$755
Hoover Pioneers	4-6	\$805
Outdoor Odyssey	4-6	\$805
Wizarding World	4-6	\$805
Creation Studio	4-10	\$755
Gymnastics	4-10	\$755
Horseback Riding	4-10	\$1,100

<sup>\*</sup>Grade is the camper's upcoming grade in the fall.



Session 1 July 6 - 12	Session 2 July 13 - 19	Session 3 <b>July 20 - 26</b>	Session 4 July 27 - Aug 2	Session 5 Aug 3 - 9	Session 6 <b>Aug 10 - 16</b>
	July 17 - 19				
	July 13 - 16				Aug 10 - 13
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Program	Grade*	Fee
Pajama Drama	4-10	\$755
Camp Foodie	6-8	\$755
Chillin' Out	6-8	\$755
Saddles, Paddles, Arrows	6-8	\$950
S'moregasbord	6-8	\$805
Create IT!	7-10	\$805
Everynight Live	7-10	\$755
Hoover Escapades	7-10	\$1,250
Set Sail	7-10	\$805
Summer Get Away	7-10	\$805
Adventurer	7-12	\$1,250
Middies	7-12	\$1,850
Off the Beaten Path	7-12	\$1,850
Outdoor Survival	7-12	\$950
Super Summer Baskets	7-12	\$755
What's SUP?	7-12	\$805
Kaleidoscope	14+	\$650

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Girl Scouting and Girl Scout camps are deeply rooted in tradition! Some traditions span the entire movement, while others are unique to individual camps or councils. At GSHNJ camps, we proudly carry on these cherished practices. Activities such as daily flag-raising ceremonies, reciting the Girl Scout Promise, and closing ceremonies are integral to both Day and Sleepaway Camps.

Campers also engage in friendship circles, Scout's Own gatherings, singing songs (which may vary from camp to

camp), saying graces, making s'mores, enjoying campfires, earning badges, and practicing the Girl Scout handshake. These traditions connect us to our shared history while leaving room for evolution as the world around us changes.

At the heart of Girl Scouting is the Girl Scout Promise and Law, which reflect principles and values shared across diverse religions and cultures. We encourage all campers and staff to decide for themselves how they wish to participate in these traditions, just as they do with other camp activities.

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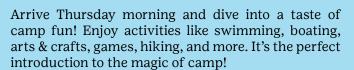
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### **SPECIALTY**

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#### **GENERAL PROGRAMS**

#### A Little Camp Fun /

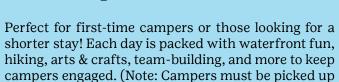


Sessions: July 17 - 19 **Entering Grades: 1-3** 

**Fee:** \$300

Badge Earned: Brownie Outdoor Adventurer, Cabin Camper

#### Mini Camp



**Sessions:** July 13 to 16, Aug 10 to 13 **Entering Grades:** 1-4

**Fee:** \$400



Badge Earned: Brownie Outdoor Adventurer, Cabin Camper, Junior Camper

on Wednesday afternoon at the end of the session).

#### **Grand Tour**



Experience everything Camp Hoover has to offer! Take on the Ropes Course, try your hand at archery, explore with a pond study, swim, boat, hike Hoover's hills, cook outdoors, and get creative with arts & crafts. Along the way, discover more about the world around you and how to care for the environment.

Badge Earned: Brownie Hiker, Bugs, Junior Camper

**Sessions:** 1, 3, 5

**Fee:** \$755

**Entering Grades: 2-5** 

**PROGRAMS** 

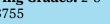
#### Beads, Buttons & Baubles



Make beaded keychains, friendship bracelets, splatter art wall hangings, and other fun creations! Explore outdoor art by using natural objects in your designs, and spend time drawing and painting your own masterpieces. Let your creativity flow as you have fun with new friends. And don't worry-there will still be plenty of time to swim, boat, hike, and enjoy all the other camp activities.

Sessions: 1, 3 **Entering Grades: 2-5** 

**Fee:** \$755



Badge Earned: Brownie Painting, Junior Drawing

#### **Let's Celebrate!**



Get ready to celebrate—this week is all about parties! Throw an un-birthday party for your camp friends, go trick-or-treating around camp, ring in Chinese New Year, and enjoy a floating tea party on the lake. Let the festivities begin!

Sessions: 4 **Entering Grades: 2-5 Fee:** \$755



Badge Earned: Brownie Making Friends, Junior Social Butterfly

#### S'mores and Outdoors



Indulge in camp-inspired desserts as you explore the art of outdoor cooking! From s'mores and banana boats to campfire cookies, you'll learn the basics while creating and decorating treats with an outdoorsy twist. Sharpen your fire-building skills, practice Leave No Trace principles, and cap it all off by decorating your own cake to share with friends!

Sessions: 5 **Entering Grades: 2-5 Fee:** \$755



Badge Earned: Brownie Snacks, Eco Camper, Junior Simple Meals

#### Wet and Wild



Dive into a world of water fun! Play water balloon volleyball, compete in splash contests, try water aerobics, and more. Each day, enjoy swimming, boating, funyaking, and exploring the lake while learning about water safety. Uncover the mysteries of Swartswood Lake-discover its wildlife and learn how to help keep the lake healthy and thriving!

Sessions: 2, 6

**Fee:** \$755

### **Entering Grades: 2-5**

#### Girl on Fire 🚜

Hone your outdoor survival skills with activities like self-defense, archery, first aid, shelter-building, lake exploration, and foraging for edible plants. Take on exciting challenges as you perfect fire-building and whittling techniques, all while enjoying classic camp activities throughout the week!

Sessions: 5, 6 **Entering Grades:** 4-6

**Fee:** \$755

Badge Earned: Junior Eco Camper, First Aid

#### **Hoover Pioneers**



Step back in time and experience life like a true pioneer! Learn to churn butter, bake bread, cook over a fire, dip candles, and create natural dyes. Try your hand at traditional crafts, prepare homemade apple cider, and practice your aim with archery. Cap off the week with a fun day trip to the Sussex County Farm and Horse Show!

Sessions: 5 **Entering Grades:** 4-6

**Fee:** \$805

Badge Earned: Junior Playing the Past

#### Outdoor Odyssey



Sharpen your hiking and canoeing skills while enjoying all the fun of Hoover's general program, including the challenge course and archery. Work with your group to plan and embark on a one-day hike at the Delaware Water Gap and a canoeing adventure on the Delaware River!

Sessions: 4 **Entering Grades:** 4-6 **Fee:** \$805



Badge Earned: Junior Trail Adventure Cadette Trail Adventure

#### **Wizarding World**



Grab your wand and head to camp for a magical adventure! On the first night, you'll be sorted into your house and spend the week earning house points. Take potions classes, defend against the dark arts, explore astronomy and herbology, discover wildlife birds, and care for magical creatures. Let the enchantment begin!

Sessions: 3 **Entering Grades:** 4-6 **Fee:** \$805



#### **Creation Studio**



Recognize your full artistic potential! Try something new or expand your existing talents! Activities include painting, leatherwork, weaving, dipping candles, silk screening, jewelry making and more.

**Sessions:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 **Entering Grades:** 4-10



Badge Earned: Varies



#### **SPECIALTY PROGRAMS**

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#### **Gymnastics**



Cartwheel into camp and flip into fun! This program offers gymnastics instruction for all skill levels, including tumbling, dance, balance beam, vault, and floor exercises. With guidance from experienced counselors, you'll build confidence and skills throughout the week-culminating in a special end-ofweek performance to show off what you've learned!

Sessions: 3, 5 **Entering Grades:** 4-10 **Fee:** \$755



#### **Horseback Riding**



Progress at your own pace with three hours of daily riding and hands-on learning at nearby Spring Valley Farms. Ride with a Western saddle in both outdoor and indoor rings, and enjoy a special trail ride through scenic paths. You'll also deepen your knowledge of horses and horse care, gaining skills that go beyond the saddle.

**Sessions:** 1, 2, 4 Entering Grades: 4-10



Badge Earned: Junior Horseback Riding

#### Pajama Drama



Unleash your creativity and develop your performance skills! Dive into group drama activities, design costumes and scenery, and polish your acting abilities. Showcase everything you've learned with an exciting end-of-week performance for your camp friends!

**Sessions:** 1, 2, 4, 6 **Entering Grades:** 4-10

**Fee:** \$755

#### Camp Foodie



Whether you want to sharpen your cooking skills or just love trying new foods, this week is for you! Team up with fellow campers to prepare snacks and meals that are not only delicious but also nutritious. Discover how the foods you eat can impact your skin, sleep, and mood. Wrap up the week by crafting a sweet treat that's sure to be Insta-worthy!

Sessions: 3 **Entering Grades:** 6-8

Badge Earned: Cadette Eating for You

#### Chillin' Out



Unwind and recharge at camp! Start your mornings with yoga, explore aromatherapy, and create your own bath and beauty products. Enjoy time at the waterfront, express yourself through arts & crafts, or relax with journaling, reading, coloring, and more. Plus, make and share healthy snacks with your fellow campers for a truly refreshing experience!

Sessions: 1, 6 **Entering Grades:** 6-8

**Fee:** \$755

Badge Earned: Cadette Eating for You

#### Saddles, Paddles, Arrows



Enjoy a week filled with archery, canoeing, and horseback riding! Master the basics of canoeing and embark on a day trip around Swartswood Lake. Head to the stables for an afternoon with the horses. including a scenic trail ride. Spend time at the archery range, honing your skills and aiming for that perfect bullseye!

**Sessions:** 1, 2, 4 **Entering Grades:** 6-8

**Fee:** \$950



Badge Earned: Cadette Archery

#### S'moregasbord



Not sure what your next adventure at Hoover should be? This week is perfect for you! Try your hand at sailing, learn the basics of backpacking, sharpen your canoeing skills, and enjoy a night under the stars at Teare Property. With a little bit of everything, you'll be ready for your next big outdoor adventure!

Sessions: 3. 5 **Entering Grades:** 6-8

**Fee:** \$805

#### **Hoover Escapades**



Set off to explore the sights and experience the best attractions Northern New Jersey has to offer! Enjoy exciting trips to Tomahawk Lake Waterpark, TreeScapes in Verona, tubing on the Delaware River, and more unforgettable adventures!

Sessions: 4 **Entering Grades:** 7-10 **Fee:** \$1,250



#### Create IT!



Let your creativity run wild! Spend your days exploring different artistic mediums. Start the week by molding and playing with clay—craft a simple pot, then make it unique with paint and glaze! Paint from the dock by the waterfront, create art on pallets, and have a blast with some "art" chery fun!

Sessions: 5

**Entering Grades:** 7-10

**Fee:** \$805



Set sail and glide across Swartswood Lake in a Sunfish sailboat! Spend several hours each day learning from our trained staff and putting your skills to the test on the water. Note: All campers participating in boating activities will prepare with lifejacket and water safety training, including a deep-water test.

Sessions: 1, 5 **Entering Grades:** 7-10 **Fee:** \$805



### **Everynight Live**



Sleep in and skip breakfast—this camp is all about latenight fun! Spend your evenings stargazing, roasting s'mores over the campfire, enjoying twilight swims or boat rides, creating arts & crafts by moonlight, practicing archery, playing games, or indulging in a midnight snack. Afternoons are for swimming, boating, playing games on the field, relaxing with friends, and soaking up all the camp vibes!

**Sessions:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 **Entering Grades:** 7-10

**Fee:** \$755

Badge Earned: Cadette Night Owl

#### Summer Get Away



Embark on a two-day, one-night journey, either canoeing on the Delaware River or hiking and backpacking along the Appalachian Trail. While at camp, help plan the trip, sharpen your camping skills, and strengthen your hiking or canoeing abilities. You'll also learn Leave No Trace principles as you prepare for this unforgettable adventure!

**Sessions:** 1 - Hike, 3 - Canoe **Entering Grades:** 7-10

**Fee:** \$805



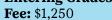
#### **SPECIALTY PROGRAMS**

#### Adventurer \_\_\_\_



Challenge yourself! Try rock climbing, white-water rafting on the Lehigh River, and a high ropes course. Each day brings new adventures for you and your friends—get ready for an unforgettable experience!

Sessions: 5, 6 Entering Grades: 7-12



Badge Earned: Cadette Climbing Adventure Senior Adventure Camper

#### Middies



Gear up for a thrilling canoe adventure down the Delaware River! After training at Camp Hoover and an overnight by the lake, enjoy scenic views, physical challenges & teamwork. Note: This twoweek program has no additional stayover fee. Prior canoeing experience recommended.

**Sessions:** July 6 to July 19 Entering Grades: 7-12

**Fee:** \$1,850

Badge Earned: Senior Paddling

#### Off the Beaten Path



Prepare for a backpacking adventure! In week one, hike and camp around Camp Hoover. In week two, learn the basics of backpacking, a five-day trek on the Appalachian Trail, carrying all you need. Note: This is a two-week program, no additional stayover fee. Prior hiking and/or backpacking experience recommended.

**Sessions:** July 20 to Aug 2 **Entering Grades:** 7-12

**Fee:** \$1,850

Badge Earned: Cadette Trail Adventure Senior Trail Adventure

#### Outdoor Survival



Embrace the basics of camping. Master fire-building, outdoor cooking survival skills, water purification, and more. Finish with a rock-climbing adventure at Rick's Rocks!

#### **Super Summer Baskets**



Let your creativity soar! Basket weaving is a perfect way to express yourself, beginner or pro. Use vibrant reeds, fabrics, and natural materials to create unique designs like market baskets, melon baskets & more.

Sessions: 2 **Entering Grades:** 7-12

**Fee:** \$755

#### What's SUP?



Spend the week honing your paddling skills, tackling team-building challenges, racing relays, and mastering new techniques on a SUP (stand-up paddleboard) all while enjoying your favorite camp activities.

**Sessions:** 2, 4, 6 **Entering Grades:** 7-12 **Fee:** \$805

#### Kaleidoscope



Advance your leadership journey! Work with younger campers, complete a service project and build your skills - all while enjoying your favorite camp activities.

**Sessions:** 4, 5, 6 **Ages:** 14+

**Fee:** \$650

Badge Earned: Service/Leadership Hours

Sessions: 3 **Entering Grades:** 7-12 **Fee:** \$950

Badge Earned: Cadette Primitive Camper, Senior Adventure Camper



### Come Visit Us

#### We can't wait to meet you!

As you get ready for summer camp, we invite you to visit our sites to meet staff, take a tour, learn more about our camping opportunities, and have all your questions answered. Save the date for tours, open houses, and

Make a Difference Days are service opportunities for individuals, troops, friends, and families to help revitalize our camps after winter in preparation for spring rentals and summer camp. Projects include cleaning sites, making small repairs, painting, trail cleaning, and more! These projects are essential to maintaining our camp properties and hours may be applied to Hearts of Service. Lunch and a campfire with s'mores are included for all volunteers at our Day Camps. At Camp Hoover, come for the day or stay one or two nights—lunch, dinner, and s'mores provided!

Register for tours, open houses, and "Make a Difference Days" by visiting the GSHNJ Event Calendar.



<b>7</b> 	Camp Hoover	The OVAL
<b>Tours</b> Join us at a dedicated time for a tour of camp.	Saturdays January 25, February 8, March 29, or May 10; 10 am or 2 pm	
Make a Difference Days/ Weekend	March 28 - 30	Sunday, April 6, 9 am - 12:30 pm
<b>Open Houses</b> Drop in any time for a tour and activities.	Sunday, April 27, 12 pm - 4 pm	Sunday, April 6, 1 pm - 4 pm
Sleepaway Camper & Family Virtual Meeting	May 21 or June 3, 7 pm	

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### Registration FAQ's

#### **Girl Scout Membership Info**

All campers must be Girl Scout members, either with GSHNJ or another Girl Scout council.

#### Already a 2025 Girl Scout member?

Continue to "Ready to Register for Camp?," below.

Had a GSHNJ Membership in 2024, but haven't renewed for 2025? Visit www.gshnj.org and click on myGS.

- · Log in using your email as your username.
- · Click on the green "Purchase Membership" link.
- Complete your membership purchase.

### Registering your camper for a Girl Scout membership?

**Use these details, please DO NOT** put in your own zip code. This ensures that your camper is registered as a Girl Scout without joining a traditional troop:

- Camp Hoover: Zip code 08876 and use "Camp Hoover Registration" as the troop number.
- The OVAL: Zip code 07090, and use "The OVAL Summer Camp Registration" as the troop number.

#### Need help? Call Member Support at 908-947-1708.

**Important:** If campers don't purchase or renew their membership by June 11, 2025, their camp registration will be canceled, and the \$100 per session, non-refundable, non-transferable, camp registration fee will be retained.



#### Ready to Register for Camp?

- Use the QR code on the back of this guide to access our Summer Camp website.
- If you created an account last year with our new registration system there is no need to create a new one. Simply log in with your existing account. If you are new to the system, an adult must create the account and then add their camper(s). This is a great opportunity to ensure your contact information, including emails and phone numbers, is up to date. Please do not make an account in your camper's name.
- Once logged in, you can register for all GSHNJ camps and programs for one or more campers in your family. Select the camp(s) and program(s) your camper(s) is interested in.
- Select any add-on options, like before/after care.

If you're a GSHNJ Girl Scout you can also apply for financial assistance, if needed. Please note: You must still register your camper and pay the \$100 per session camp registration fee. This fee is refundable if financial assistance is denied.

- · Review your cart for accuracy.
- Click "Proceed to Payment." You can either pay in full or pay the \$100 per session, non-refundable, non-transferable deposit to secure your spot(s).

If paying only the deposit, you'll have the option to set up a payment plan. Final payments will be automatically collected by UltraCamp on June 11, 2025.

All registrations made on or after June 11, 2025 must be paid in full at the time of registration.

GSHNJ may cancel programs if registration does not meet the minimum required. In the event of cancellation, alternate programs will be offered, or a full refund will be provided. See the next page for refund details.



#### What's Next?

During the registration process, you'll fill out the required Health History and additional camp program forms. These must be completed before making a payment. Please fill out all forms thoroughly and honestly, as this information helps us provide the best care for your camper.

We no longer require copies of immunizations or insurance cards. Please ensure that the information is accurate in the online Health History.

A doctor's signature is no longer required on the Health History form.

The Document Center is your go-to resource for important information, including the Family Guide (by end of March), camp directions, packing lists, bus details, and the ability to upload forms or financial assistance documents, if needed.

The Family Guide and additional information for each camp is also posted on www.gshnj.org/summercamp.

#### Can I Change a Program or Session?

A \$50 transfer fee applies to any program or session change.

To request a change, email: <a href="mailto:summercamp@gshnj.org">summercamp@gshnj.org</a> and include the camp, program/session, and your camper's full name in the subject line. Please note that changes will only be made if space is available in the requested session or program, as some may fill up quickly.

#### Is There a Waiting List?

Yes—if a program is full, the registration system will allow you to join a waiting list, which is dated and timestamped. However, you will not be able to see your position on the list.

If a spot becomes available, you'll receive an automated email from the UltraCamp system with a link to complete registration. You will have (2) days to register. After that, the spot will be offered to the next person on the wait list.

#### What if I Want a Refund?

Refund requests received prior to June 11, 2025, will be processed minus the \$100 per session, non-refundable, non-transferable, camp registration fee.

#### Why is my deposit non-refundable, even before the session begins?

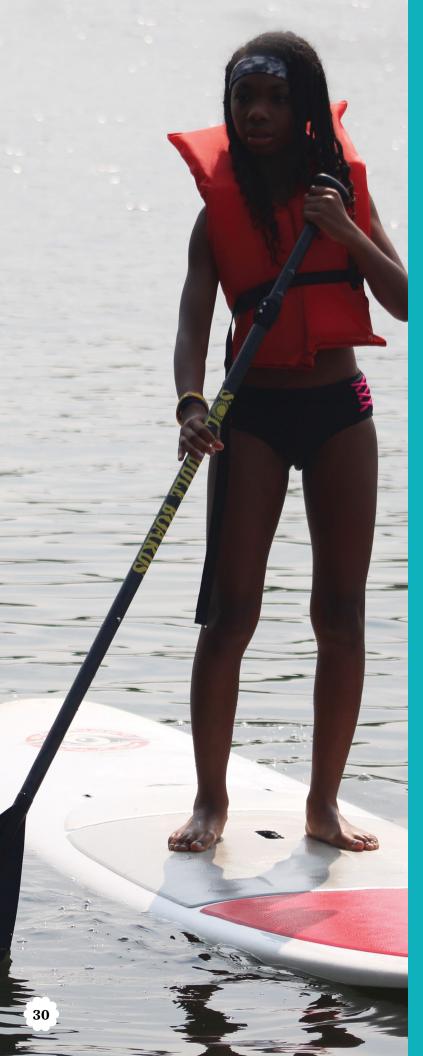
Fees are incurred in advance to prepare for your camper, including site preparations, supply purchases, and staff training. Please send refund requests to summercamp@gshnj.org. and include the camp, program/session and camper's full name in the subject line.

No refunds will be issued after June 11, 2025, except for circumstances involving a death in the immediate family or medical necessity (a physician's note must accompany request). These refunds will be processed minus the \$100 per session, non-refundable, non-transferable, camp registration fee. If a refund is requested after a session has begun, it will be pro-rated.

Weather-related refunds will not be issued unless the camp is closed. If the camp closure occurs due to weather pro-rated refunds will be provided to registered campers. Cancellations related to communicable disease exposure will be handled on a case by case basis.







#### **Discounts**

**Early Bird Discount:** Save \$35 if you register and fully pay for your campers by January 15, 2025.

**Sibling Discount:** Sending more than one child to camp? After registering your first camper, each additional sibling from your household receives a \$35 discount per session.

**Multi-Session Discount:** Attending camp for more than one week? Receive a \$35 on each additional session after the first. The Multi-session discount does not apply twice to two-week sessions.

**Camp Staff Discount:** Working at camp this summer? Your camper's base fee is covered! The discount applies to immediate family member. Contact your camp director for more details.

Please note, discounts for short sessions at Camp Hoover have a smaller multi-session and sibling discount.

#### **Financial Assistance**

Any registered GSHNJ Girl Scout can apply for financial assistance. Campers must be registered members of GSHNJ by November 30, 2024. If your camper is a member of another Girl Scout council, please contact your local council for assistance options.

Financial assistance may cover up to one week of the base camp fee per camp, with the amount determined by family eligibility and available funds.

To apply, complete the online camp registration with a \$100 deposit per session before submitting the CFA form. If financial assistance is denied this deposit will be refunded.

The deadline for submitting the CFA form is May 15, 2025. Applications received after this date will not be accepted. Final decisions will be made by June 1, 2025; and notifications will be sent via email.



# Are you ready for overnight adventures at Sleepaway Camp?

Take this quiz to find out. Circle your answers below!

1. Do you enjoy staying overnight at a friend's house?	Yes	No	Maybe
2. Can you shampoo and brush your own hair?	Yes	No	Maybe
3. Do you enjoy outdoor activities like hikes, playing games, and sleeping in a tent?	Yes	No	Maybe
4. Can you survive without a radio, TV, video games, a computer and phone?	Yes	No	Maybe
5. Can you see bugs or mice without running around screaming?	Yes	No	Maybe
6. Can you make your own bed and keep track of your belongings?	Yes	No	Maybe
${\it 7.}\ Do\ you\ like\ to\ meet\ new\ people\ and\ interact\ with\ other\ campers,\ not\ just\ your\ best\ friends?$	Yes	No	Maybe
8. Do you enjoy sleeping outside and listening to the sounds of nature?	Yes	No	Maybe
9. Do you like to help plan activities?	Yes	No	Maybe
10. Could you walk to a nearby building to brush your teeth and use the bathroom?	Yes	No	Maybe
11. Are you ready to sleep in a tent or cabin with 2-6 other campers knowing your counselors			
are in another nearby tent or cabin?	Yes	No	Maybe
12. Are you willing to help with Kapers (camp chores) such as sweeping tents, setting tables,			
and picking up trash?	Yes	No	Maybe
13. Do you like to have lots of fun?	Yes	No	Maybe
14. Can you live by the Girl Scout Law?	Yes	No	Maybe
15. Are you really excited about going to camp?	Yes	No	Maybe

Total you answered **"Yes" x3** + Total you answered **"Maybe" x2** + Total you answered **"No" x1 Grand total** =

**15-25 points:** You will love our Day Camp, The OVAL in Maplewood, NJ. Consider trying an overnight family or troop event to get ready for Sleepaway Camp at Camp Hoover.

**26-35 points:** You might not be ready for a full week of Sleepaway Camp yet, but we think one of our 2 or 3 day programs at Camp Hoover (A Little Camp Fun or Mini Camp—pg. 18) will be a perfect fit for you! Be sure to attend a Camp Hoover tour, open house, or camper & family virtual meeting!

**36-45 points:** You must be an experienced camper, but if you're not, you're more than ready for Camp Hoover! We have six, one week sessions, and even some two week sessions—so check them out and we'll see you there. Happy camping!

#### **Camp DeWitt Summer Update**

Starting in 2025, summer camp operations will no longer be held at Camp DeWitt. After careful consideration, we made this decision due to rising operational and facility costs that impact our commitment to safety and quality. However, Camp DeWitt will continue to be available for Girl Scout programs and rentals, allowing families to enjoy this cherished space throughout the year. To support families seeking a Girl Scout summer camp experience, we have two alternative options. Campers can join the adventures at Camp Hoover or explore Camp Oak Spring in Somerset County through our partnership with Girl Scouts of Central & Southern New Jersey.

Families who register for Camp Oak Spring in March can use the coupon code NEWFRIENDS25 at <a href="majorage-app.campdoc.com/!/dn/login?r=gscsnj">app.campdoc.com/!/dn/login?r=gscsnj</a> to save up to \$70 per week—a \$40 discount plus \$30 off per week for those driving their camper. Please note that space at Oak Spring is limited, and registration is not guaranteed.





We believe that camp is for every camper regardless of their financial situation. Find out more about how to apply for Financial Assistance on page 30.

