



Weekend Troop, GO and Family Camps Confirmation Packet

Dear Camper and Caregiver:

Welcome to Girl Scouts Summer Camp. We can't wait for you to take those mountain roads and join us in celebrating our camp community by creating friendships and adventures around every turn of the trail. Thank you for choosing Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming (GSMW) for your Girl Scout's summer adventures! Please ensure you have paid the full camp fee two weeks before the start of your camp. If you need help with camp payments, please contact customercare@gsmw.org.

To help you and your camper prepare for this experience, we have compiled a "Camp Readiness Document". Please *READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT FROM BEGINNING TO END* and refer to it regularly as you prepare for camp.

This camp confirmation packet includes:

- **PACKING LIST & CAMPER PREPARATION**

Use a pencil to help you track everything as you pack to come to camp. Bring a copy of the list to camp to keep track of everything you should take home. Label everything you bring with the camper's name!

- **CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES**

GSMW has defined procedures for checking in and out of camp. Directions to each camp location are also included.

- **ADULT CAMPERS RESPONSIBILITY**

- ✓ Adults will serve as primary chaperones for their camper(s) throughout camp. Adult campers will receive camp schedules to help yourself and other campers remain on-time and well-informed.
- ✓ Adult are expected to participate in scheduled activities, on time. Help your group with their activities, as needed, but also create your own crafts and play games as a fully engaged camper.
- ✓ Adults should help all other campers by reminding them to keep their bathroom clean, and be quiet at bed time.
- ✓ Adults should advise their group to wake up, pack their day pack, be on time to meals and flag ceremonies, go to bed, and to behave in a manner consistent with the Girl Scout Promise and Law.
- ✓ Adult should adhere to Girl Scouts principles and camp rules, guidelines, and schedules at all times. All campers, adult and child, will have kapers responsibilities.
- ✓ The primary camp rule to enforce from the very start of camp is our "buddy system". This requires that every child have a buddy with them at all times. This means another child or *related* adult must accompany the child to and from all activities, the bathroom, and to their cabins at night. In other words, a child is never alone and never alone with an unrelated adult. Staff will need help enforcing this rule with all children at all times. Adults, if you see a child on their own, please be sure they acquire a buddy ASAP! We highly recommend adults adhere to the buddy system, as well.

From around the campfire,
Your GSMW Resident Camp Team

CAMPER PACKING LIST

- ❖ At camp, we dress to be comfortable and safe, and we prepare for being outdoors in all conditions.
- ❖ Do not bring anything to camp that cannot get dirty, messy, or broken. Rugged, comfy clothes work best.
- ❖ Label all belongings.
- ❖ Limit camper's baggage to one duffel plus one daypack and a neatly rolled sleeping bag & pillow.
- ❖ Girls should be able to pack, unpack, and carry their own things.
- ❖ Campers will not be permitted to wear open-toe shoes or sandals at any time other than in the showers.
- ❖ During weekend camps, showers are optional, so any items brought to camp for showering are optional.

NECESSITIES:

- Very warm sleeping bag (nights may be below 30°F)
- Pillow in a pillow case
- Shower towel & washcloth
- Sunglasses with case
- Day backpack (used all day on Saturday)
- Sturdy, closed-toe shoes (hiking or tennis shoes)
- Flip flops (for the shower only)
- Water bottle (check for leaks)
- Flashlight or headlamp & extra batteries
- Medications (in original containers, marked with dosage & campers name. Collected at check-in.)

CLOTHING:

- 2 T-shirts (cover shoulders/stomach; no suggestive logos)
- 1 pairs of shorts
- 1 pair of jeans or sweatpants
- Warm pajamas
- Daily underwear, bras, socks
- Swimsuit (for showering)
- Winter coat and rain jacket or poncho
- 1 sweatshirt or fleece shirts
- Brimmed hat
- Warm stocking cap & gloves
- Synthetic or wool long underwear top and bottoms
- 100% white cotton t-shirt or other item to tie-dye

TOILETRIES/PERSONAL ITEMS:

- Travel soap and lotion
- Deodorant
- Travel shampoo/conditioner
- Travel toothbrush & toothpaste
- Brush or comb
- Hair ties
- Sunscreen & protective lip balm
- Travel non-aerosol insect repellent
- Glasses or contact lenses
- Retainers/mouth guards
- Feminine hygiene products (even if unexpected)

OPTIONAL:

- Twin sheet for bed and/or extra blanket
- Camera (inexpensive & durable or disposable)
- Something to read
- Small stuffed animal
- Rain Pants
- Sit-Upons or a camp chair
- Campfire Ashes jar from previous years of camp – reuse these year after year! Bring ashes from your last campout
- **Adults only:** bring a travel coffee mug, if you like.

LEAVE these items at HOME:

- Electronic devices such as cell phones, tablets, headphones, smart watches, etc.
- Candy, food, drinks
- Curling iron, blow dryer, makeup & hairspray
- Cash, jewelry, valuables and clothing that can't get dirty
- Tank-tops, crop-tops (clothes that don't protect us from the elements) or not appropriate logos.

CAMPER AND CAREGIVER PREPARATION

Before coming to camp, it is important to prepare your Girl Scout for a great learning experience:

- With support and advice, let your camper pack her own bag, and teach her how to roll her own sleeping bag so she gains independence even before arriving at camp.
- Parents, prepare yourself for camp! Children can easily pick up on their parent's feelings. So, if you're nervous about camp, they will be, too. Show your camper that you're excited for their camp opportunity, and discuss how it will be a great experience for parent and child!
- Listen to the camper's concerns, and provide answers to their questions. If they have questions about camp that you can't answer, feel free to ask customercare@gsmw.org.

Prepare your camper to use coping strategies, like these, at camp:

- Try to play every game, and try every offered activity at least once.
- Look forward to the new skills and adventures each day at camp.
- Introduce yourself to at least one new friend every day!

For more hints on preparing for camp, check out GSUSA's "Camp Hacks" videos at:

www.youtube.com/user/girlscoutvideos/playlists

GSMW Happy Camper Kit - \$25

Happy Camper Kit's are a fun way to give your camper a useful surprise when they arrive at camp. This year's kit is \$25 and includes a tie-dye drawstring bag, collapsible water bottle, sunglasses, headlamp, glowsticks and a special Squishmallow™. Available for purchase during camp registration – if you missed purchasing one during registration, contact GSMW at customercare@gsmw.org.

CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT | SCHEDULE

Gates to camp will not open and staff is unavailable until the listed times below

Timbercrest Camp

ADDRESS: 513 W. Fork Rd. Red Lodge, MT 59068

DIRECTIONS: Route 212 into Red Lodge, turn right (north) between Chateau Rouge Motel and Beartooth Ranger Station onto Ski Run Road (also known as W. Fork Rd). Follow the road approximately 4 miles to a fork in the road, then follow to the left (West Fork Road – FS #71). Follow approximately 2 miles to Timbercrest Camp, turn right. Follow road approx. ½ mile to gated entrance.

Theme	Check-in Date/Time	Check-out Date/Time
Troop Camp	Friday , June 7 (6- 7 PM)*	Sunday , June 9 (10 AM)
GO (Get Outdoors) Camp	Friday , June 21 (6-7 PM)*	Sunday , June 23 (10 AM)
Family Camp	Friday , June 28 (6-7 PM)*	Sunday , June 30 (10 AM)

**Dinner is not provided Friday night. Please eat prior to checking in to camp.*

Camp Castle Rock

ADDRESS: 665 Little Basin Creek Road, Butte, MT 59701-9693

DIRECTIONS: Exit off I-90 onto Montana Street. Head south on Montana Street until you pass the cemeteries. Make a right turn heading toward Copper Hill Park and Driving Range. Go past the park until the road forks, take a left onto Little Basin Creek Road (sign is missing, if you go straight you will be on Beef Trail Road). Continue on Little Basin Creek Road 6.5 miles. There will be a gate on the right. Look for Camp Castle Rock signs and #665.

Theme	Check-in Date/Time	Check-out Date/Time
Troop Camp	Friday, July 12 (6-7 PM)*	Sunday, July 14 (10 AM)
GO (Get Outdoors) Camp	Friday, July 19 (6-7 PM)*	Sunday, July 21 (10 AM)

**Dinner is not provided Friday night. Please eat prior to checking in to camp.*

Camp Sacajawea

ADDRESS: 3155 W. Micro Rd. Casper, WY 82601

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From I-25 take exit 185 (Wyoming Blvd.) Follow road to stop light at Casper Mountain Road; take a left (south) toward the mountain. Continue on this road approximately 5.6 miles until you reach the "Y" in the road. Take the right fork (Hogadon Road to ski area) and follow until you reach a gravel road. This is W. Micro Road (you'll see a Natrona County Archery sign); take a left and continue on Micro Road. Camp Sacajawea winter entrance road is on the left before you reach the cell phone towers. Summer entrance road is further down W. Micro Road.

Theme	Check-in Date/Time	Check-out Date/Time
Troop Camp	Friday, August 2 (6-7 PM)*	Sunday, August 4 (10 AM)
GO (Get Outdoors) Camp	Friday, August 9 (6-7 PM)*	Sunday, August 11 (10 AM)

**Dinner is not provided Friday night. Please eat prior to checking in to camp.*

CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT | PROCEDURES

CHECK-IN DAY

Opening days/times will vary according to the specific camp you are signed up for. Please refer to Check-In/Check-Out date page. Campers must be checked in & out on the date & within the time period assigned to your session.

- Late arrivals are accepted only in case of emergency circumstances. **Notify camp staff immediately if emergency circumstances arise by calling 406-794-0087.**
- The Camp gate will not open until the start of the check-in period.
- **Dinner is not provided on Friday night, please eat prior to check-in at camp.**
- You will park and then head to the Check-In station, it will be visible from the parking lot.
- Before moving into your cabin, you will have a health check. Camp staff will check each camper, adult and child, for head lice, take their temperature, and ask how they are feeling. **We advise all parents/guardians to check for lice and nits as well as fever, cough, or respiratory discomfort before arrival at camp.** Please do not bring sick people to camp. GSMW camp staff will not permit campers into camp if they find the presence of lice or nits, a fever, cough, or respiratory discomfort (or any communicable disease). Medical refunds are available upon request.
- Please leave all non-human family members at home. Pets are not allowed on camp properties.

- Adults who are not attending camp are not permitted on camp premises other than the parking lot and check-in area. We do not allow campers to have visitors, and campers are not permitted to call home during the camp session. Prepare yourself and your camper for this.

CHECK-OUT DAY

Parents/ caregivers are asked to pick-up their campers within the assigned check-out time range specific to your camp location and theme. Refer to the table for the correct pick-up time.

- Check-out times are firm and cannot be negotiated. **Notify camp staff immediately if emergency circumstances arise by calling 406-794-0087.**
- Campers must check-out with GSMW staff before leaving. Be sure every member of your group is accounted for at the check-out station.
- Campers may only leave with the parent, adult, or troop leader they arrived with unless special arrangements have been made during check-in.
- Most girls travel to camp with the group they are attending with. Yet, a girl may be dropped off or picked up by an adult who is not attending camp. Please tell the check-in station who will be picking up the child at the end of the event. The person picking up the child must have a photo ID and must be designated by the person dropping off.
- Adults that are not registered campers will not be allowed to tour campus or to leave the check-out areas.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Head over to our website for the most update FAQ's. Found at: www.gsmw.org/camp