



## **Day Camp FAQ**

### **Who is watching my child?**

- Enthusiastic, well-trained staff and volunteers develop and operate our high-quality camp programs.
- All staff members are at least 18 years old.
- Each staff member undergoes an extensive application, interview and screening process.
- All staff members are First Aid and CPR certified.
- All staff members are trained in child development, emergency and safety procedures, bullying prevention, group management, team building and more.
- Many staff members are community or parent volunteers.
- To volunteer, see our day camp page.

### **Where will my child be?**

- We hold camps at locations throughout San Diego County, including Girl Scout properties, community parks and recreation centers.
- Camps located at our Girl Scout properties may take field trips to local partnership venues (e.g, the Zoo, Museums, Balboa Park, community parks) around San Diego.
- Camps located at our local partnership properties (Living Coast, Heartland Ranch, Aquatic Adventure, etc.) will remain at the partnership property the entire day.

### **What happens at Girl Scout day camp?**

- All camps incorporate girl planning: Campers help determine the program activities.
- Camps offer unique and varied programs to satisfy the interests of all girls.
- Camp activities teach girls new skills and help them learn about themselves as they have fun.
- Girls develop leadership skills as they discover, connect and take action with new friends!

- Youth leadership opportunities include our programs for Day Camp Aides and Counselors-in-Training (formerly known as Program Aides).

### **What are the sign-in and sign-out procedures?**

- Please see the Parent Information Guide for your daughter's specific camp for specific instructions.
- For safety purposes, all campers must be signed in by an adult when dropped off at camp.
- When picking up your camper, please bring a photo ID, as camp staff will check your identity against the list of persons you authorize to pick up your camper.
- Campers must be signed out by an authorized adult.

### **What if I need someone who is not on my authorized list to pick up my child?**

- We understand that circumstances arise when you need to add someone to the authorized list unexpectedly. You can add that person to the list on the day you drop your child off.
- You can also call us and add names to the list after it is verified that you are authorized to do so.

### **What happens if my child gets sick or injured?**

- Camp staff contacts the parent or guardian to pick up a camper in case of illness.
- Parents or guardians are expected to pick up the camper in a timely manner.
- Minor injuries are handled onsite, following parent or guardian directions as listed on the Health History form.
- Parents or guardians are informed before their camper receives medical assistance.
- In life-threatening situations, emergency medical services will be notified before parents or guardians.

### **What if my child needs to take medication during camp?**

- Prescription medication must be prescribed by a doctor and be in its original prescription container with the camper's name.
- No over-the-counter medication is provided. If your camper takes over-the-counter medication, please provide the medication in its original package, along with written instructions for administration.
- Please fill out a Medication Release Form. We need written instructions and documentation of quantity and time to administer, as well as any other directions.

## **When and what do campers eat?**

- Campers bring their own sack lunches and beverages each day.
- Send non-perishable foods; no refrigeration is available.
- Snacks are provided each day. You may wish to send an additional item for snack time if your camper's dietary needs are significant.
- Indicate special dietary needs on the Health History form.
- Our daily schedules are very flexible and vary depending on the activities planned for your child's camp. The typical timeframe for lunch is approximately 30 minutes between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. If a camp's schedule dictates a late lunch, campers will have time to get a snack from their lunches earlier in the day.

## **Why is there an additional waiver for my child?**

Some of the vendors we work with for special camp experiences require their own waiver for children attending their programs. The waiver must be completed in order for your child to participate in the planned activity.

## **How do kids get transported to offsite locations?**

Buses are available from our Balboa Campus (at no additional cost) for these camps: Aquatic Adventures, Living Coast, Home on the Range, Cowgirl Spirit, Painted Ponies, Rowing Regatta, and Technology Goddesses.

## **What happens if we miss the bus?**

If circumstances cause you to miss the bus, you may meet your child's camp at their destination.

## **What is extended care?**

- Extended Care hours are included in the cost of camp at our Balboa Campus.
- At Extended Care (7:30 a.m. to camp start, and camp end to 6 p.m.), campers participate in traditional camp activities such as art, table games, small group games and organized sports.
- Offsite camps and camps at our Escondido Program Center will not be able to accommodate Extended Care.

### **What if I am late picking up my camper?**

- Campers left after 30 minutes past the end of camp, without notification, may be released to the authorities or child protective services if the parent/guardian or emergency contacts for the camper cannot be reached.
- If a camper is picked up late, a \$10 fee for every 15 minutes or fraction thereof will be applied.

### **What are Day Camp Aides (DCAs)?**

- Girls entering grades 7-12 who register as DCAs provide valuable guidance and assistance to the campers in their assigned unit.
- With support from their unit leader (counselor), DCAs lead games, songs and activities during camp.

### **What are Day Camp Counselors in Training (CITs)?**

- Girls entering grades 9-12 who register as CITs develop sophisticated leadership skills and may be assigned to a unit (small group) or to the camp at large.
- In addition to the responsibilities of DCAs, CITs may have opportunities to plan and implement program activities, shadow the director or lead camp-wide crafts or games.

### **Can I volunteer at day camp?**

Parent volunteers are always welcome. Please contact the day camp director for further information.

### **Does day camp have a lost-and-found?**

- A lost-and-found will be maintained at our Balboa Campus and Escondido Program Center. Items left there at the end of each session may be donated every other Friday.
- Girl Scouts San Diego is not responsible for camper possessions that are lost or stolen. The best way to prevent loss of property is to leave valuables at home.
- We strongly encourage parents to label all clothing and possessions. Campers should bring their things to camp in a backpack with their name on it.

