



Day Camp Information Guide



Camp Across America!

July 13-17, 2020

1 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Overnight: Wednesday, July 15, for 4th grade and above

Escondido Program Center

3050 Las Palmas Ave, Escondido, CA 92025

In this afternoon-to-evening camp you will explore America through nature, science and crafts and expand your outdoor camping skills! One afternoon will include an adventure to Lake Poway for fishing and campers grades 4-6 can also experience paddle boating. All campers experience archery and slingshot ranges. Second adventure for all campers is planned for later in the week. Optional overnight at EPC for campers and aides 5th grade and older on Wednesday evening. Adult volunteers help lead camper units. Sibling unit available for child of volunteer campers ages 4-11, boys welcome.

Complete Registration

We are excited to have your camper with us this summer! Your camper is only tentatively placed until the balance of all fees is paid three (3) weeks prior to the start of your camp session. If we do not receive your balance due or communication from you, your space will be canceled and given to someone on the waitlist. Your deposit will not be refunded.

The Day of Camp

Check-in time and location

The Escondido Program Center is the drop-off location for this camp. Check-in will begin 15 minutes (30 minutes on the first day) before the start time for each day of camp.

4th grade and above Overnight

An overnight for campers who are 4th grade and above will be from Wednesday to Thursday in the main lodge at Escondido Program Center.

Sign In Procedures

- Check-in on the first day will be located on the porch of the Escondido Program Center with Camp Director Stephanie Kwiatkowski and unit leaders.
- For the safety of your camper, all campers, including DCAs/CITs, must be signed in by an adult when dropped off at camp. Please stay with your camper until they are signed in.
- Please allow plenty of extra time for check-in on the first day of camp to complete required paperwork.
- During check-in on the first day, parents/guardians will confirm the list of adults authorized for pickup in the afternoon. Children will only be released to those listed on the authorized pickup list.
- Dogs and other pets are not allowed at camp or in the sign-in area. Pets should be left in the car or at home during pickup and drop-off.

Signing out

- Checkout at Escondido Program Center occurs from 7:00-7:30 p.m.
- When picking up your camper, please bring a photo ID as a camp staff member will check your identity against the persons listed on the Day Camp Sign In/Out Sheet as authorized to pick up your camper. All campers, including DCA/CITs, must be signed out by an authorized adult.

- It is our responsibility to see that your child leaves with the appropriate person each day. Children will only be released to those listed on the Day Camp Sign In/Out Sheet.
- If you are picking your child up prior to the end of camp, please notify our staff when dropping off.
- Campers at Escondido Program Center who are left after 30 minutes past the end of camp will be released to the authorities or Child Protective Services if parent/guardians cannot be reached.

Health and Wellness

Special needs

At Girl Scouts, we're committed to providing the best camp experience for all girls. Please help us prepare by sharing any special needs, including severe food allergies, accessibility challenges, learning disorders or behavioral challenges, in advance by filling out the Camper Health History in detail. If you wish to discuss any specific considerations or accommodations further, please contact campdirector@sdgirlscouts.org. All special needs are confidential and are only shared with designated staff on an as-needed basis. Special dietary needs should also be indicated on the health history form.

Medications

- All medication administered by camp must be provided by parents/guardians, including any over-the-counter medications.
- Prescription medication must be prescribed by a doctor and in its original prescription container with the camper's name printed on it.
- The health supervisor will manage all camper medications.
- Camp does not provide or supply over-the-counter medication.

Injury/Illness

- In case of illness, camp staff will contact you to pick up your camper, with the expectation that you will pick her up in a timely manner.
- Minor injuries will be dealt with onsite, following any parent/guardian directions listed on the medical release form. You will be informed prior to administration of any advanced medical assistance.
- In the case of a life-threatening situation, emergency medical services will be notified before parents or guardians.

Reaching your camper

If you need to reach your camper in an emergency, please call the Girl Scout office at (619) 298-8391. We will locate your camper and put her in contact with you.

General Camp Information

Things to bring

Bring the following items to camp each day, or as specified:

- Nut Free Sack lunch (unless a cookout is announced): Label all items; do not pack perishable items, as refrigeration is not available.
- Refillable water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Day pack (to keep items together)

Do not bring electronics, money, gum, jewelry, pets, personal sports equipment or any other personal item of value to camp. Alcohol, drugs and weapons are prohibited at camp, and possession of such items is grounds for dismissal.

Cell Phone Policy

Girl Scout camp is a place for campers to develop independence and self-esteem, learn new skills and make friends. We do not feel the camp experience includes cell phones and encourage all of our campers to unplug, participate and engage in camp and the world around them. Campers are not allowed to use cell phones during camp and are discouraged from bringing them. Should you need to contact your camper, please call the Girl Scout office at (619) 298-8391.

Attire

- Campers should wear comfortable clothing that allows them to be active, have fun and get dirty.
- Each camper will be given a camp T-shirt that must be worn each day.
- Closed-toe and closed-heel shoes and socks must be worn at all times.
- Hat is strongly encouraged.

Lost and Found

- Label everything with your camper's first and last name in a discreet, non-obvious area.
- A lost-and-found will be maintained at both our Balboa Campus and Escondido Program Center. Unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the summer.
- Girl Scouts is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Participation Agreement

Please review the following with your camper

- I will be part of the camp community by sharing my ideas and joining in discussions, by helping out with daily responsibilities of camp living, and by completing campers when it is my turn.
- I will think about the needs of the other campers and the staff. I will respect the authority of the camp staff and volunteers.
- I will be responsible for my own health: eating meals, getting enough sleep before camp, taking my medication (if applicable) and telling the camp staff if I don't feel well or think something is wrong.
- I will try to live up to the Girl Scout Promise and Law. I will respect all people and places and hold myself to a high standard.
- I will listen carefully to all orientations and will follow all safety precautions for all camp activities. These could include hikes, swimming, archery, horseback riding, water sports or field sports, and also less physically demanding activities, like cookouts, skits, arts and crafts, computers or water play.
- I will give permission for my belongings to be searched, while I am present, when the health, well-being or safety of other campers and/or myself requires it.
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Volunteer at Camp

Volunteers make day camps possible! To learn more about being a day camp volunteer or to register, please go to sdgirlscouts.org/campvolunteers or contact Brittany Crittenden at (619) 610-0782.

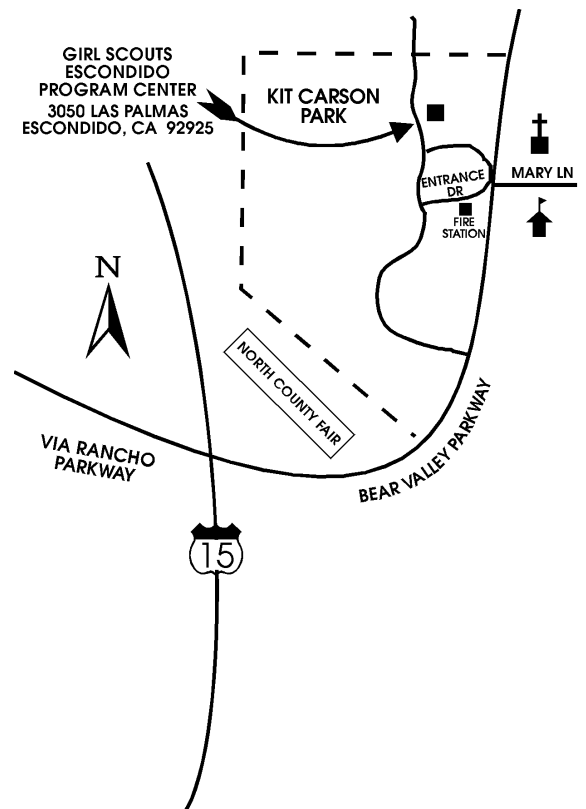
Transportation Information

Please be aware of campers walking in the parking lot during pickup and drop-off times. The speed limit in the parking lot of the camp is 5 mph.

Directions to Camp

ESCONDIDO PROGRAM CENTER:

Exit I-15 at Via Rancho Parkway and turn right; turn left at Mary Lane/Kit Carson; at stop sign turn right; first driveway on your right. Do NOT use MapQuest, Google maps or your GPS to find this location. The written address does not match the physical location.



Important Contact Information

Stephanie Kwiatkowski

Camp Director

(858) 735-7662, blossom_gs@yahoo.com

For Registration, Volunteer Questions, or general support:

(619) 298-8391, camp@sdgirlscouts.org

For questions about camp program or schedule:

(619) 610-0832, campdirector@sdgirlscouts.org

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