

Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee

2012 Summer Camp Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Are we (parents/guardian and camper) ready for camp?

A. Although age is one factor in camp readiness, a girl's maturity level and personality are more important. Talk with your child about camp and ask if she wants to attend. Additionally, are you ready to send your child to camp? Use the following statements or questions to help make your decisions together.

- Has your camper ever been away from home for more than one night without a family member?
- Are you prepared to be away from your child for several days?
- Can you relax and enjoy yourself when your camper sleeps overnight away from home?
- Can she care for her own basic hygiene needs, such as brushing her teeth and showering?
- Are you confident in your daughter's ability to take care of herself, make her own bed and keep track of her belongings?
- Does she like (and is she comfortable in) the outdoors?
- Can she cope with new people, places and schedules?
- Does she enjoy making new friends and does she like group situations?
- Do you believe Girl Scout camp provides girls with a fun and rewarding experience that builds skills, self-worth and independence?

If your camper is not ready for a five-day overnight stay, we invite her to try one of these programs:

- *Me & Mine:* This program is a partnership between a trusted female adult and a camper.
- *S'more Fun, Kaleidoscope, Trail Mix or Junior Jam:* A three-day sampler program.
- *Day camp or Twilight camp*

Visit www.campparents.org for more information about camp readiness and preventing homesickness.

Q. What if my daughter has behavioral, dietary, physical or emotional needs?

A. Every effort is made to serve a wide range of campers. Please understand that Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee serves the general population and we are not equipped or staffed to provide care for campers who need one-on-one assistance. Before you register your camper, please contact the camp director for help determining what will be a good fit for your child.

Camp Sycamore Hills: Jennifer Buckelew: (615) 460-0218 or cdirector@gsmidtn.org
Camp Holloway: cdirector@gsmidtn.org

Q. Will my daughter earn Journey requirements, skill builder awards, try-its, badges or interest project awards at camp?

A. Several camp units plan their activities around particular Girl Scout awards. As we transition to a new award system we will do our best to inform you of any activities your camper has experienced that will apply to the awards.

Q. Where will my camper stay at camp?

A. At Camp Holloway, facilities include platform tents (floored tents with cots) and dormitory-style cabins (bunk beds). Facilities for campers at Camp Sycamore Hills include platform tents (floored tents with cots), dormitory-style cabins (bunk beds) and screened-in cabins (bunk beds). Our staff does not sleep in the same tent or room as the campers, but they are in close proximity and easily accessible. Housing assignments are predetermined by the program. Please note: Housing assignments are subject to change prior to the start of

your camper's week at camp. For more information about camp facilities visit <http://www.gsmidtn.org/camp/>.

Q. When is camp check-in and checkout?

A. Camp Holloway

Check-in:

Sunday: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m.

Check out:

Friday: 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 3:00 p.m.

Camp Sycamore Hills

Check-in:

Sunday: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m.

Check out*:

Friday: 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Tuesday: 3:00 p.m.

* Horse programs will have scattered checkout times.