

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why do girls go to camp?	Camp is about finding your adventurous side. It is about exploring, playing, laughing, singing, and having the freedom to be yourself. At camp girls feel the freedom of the trail, the smoothness of water, warmth of fire, the splash of rapids and the excitement of conquering new feats. Girls go to camp to connect with the natural world, others and ultimately themselves.
Grade Based on grade 2/15/10	I know in the recent past we have used the grade the girls are going into in the fall, but this year we're using a new system that is based on our membership year (ending 9/30/10). If a girl is in 5 <sup>th</sup> grade as of 2/15/10, enroll her in 5 <sup>th</sup> grade sessions.
Do I have to be a Girl Scout?	You do not have to already be a registered Girl Scout to go to camp. Camp is one of the pathways you are welcomed into Girl Scouts. If you are not currently registered as a Girl Scout, you need to pay the \$12 registration fee. This will be applied to an annual membership in Girl Scouts, ending 9/30/10. After camp you can continue to enjoy all the Girl Scout programs available or maybe join up with some of your camp friends in a troop.
Core Camp	Core Camp offers staff that manages waterfront activities at CAP and horseback riding at PCR. All other programs are the responsibility of the troop. All girls and adults attending Core Camp must be registered Girl Scouts. Meals provided. Girls must be in 2-12 <sup>th</sup> grade. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adults attending to meet Safety Wise requirements will be free + 1 additional adult</li> <li>• Registration for core camp: each parent fills out the girl's registration form and pays the \$50 deposit, then gives those to troop leader to turn in all together.</li> <li>• The camp web page has fun activities your troop can do during Core Camp.</li> </ul>
Mom & Me Dad & Me - *NEW	All program activities are supplied. Meals provided. Girls must be in 1-12 <sup>th</sup> grade as of 2/15/10. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each participant will need individual registrations with \$50 deposits</li> <li>• Sleeping arrangements: Mom &amp; Me – Mom and daughters will sleep in the same cabin. Dads will be placed in the same unit as their daughters, but will sleep in different cabins with other Dads.</li> <li>• All participants (girls and adults) must be registered Girl Scout members</li> <li>• If financial aid is required, use the Campership form; mail with registration form and \$50 deposit; available for girls only.</li> </ul>
Resident Camp Sessions	Registrations must be accompanied by \$50 deposit; see session for grade restrictions, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buddies – girls can put down 1 buddy; registrations forms must be sent in together</li> <li>• If financial aid required, use Campership form available online; mail with registration form and \$50 deposit; 1 request per camper per season; must be members of Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council</li> </ul>
Volunteers We love our volunteers!	If you volunteer for the 6 day session, you will receive 1 free camp session. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited Basis</li> <li>• Your assignment will be in another area than your daughter's unit</li> <li>• Contact KC Driscoll if interested in volunteering; volunteer application and background check required</li> <li>• Other volunteer opportunities available</li> </ul>
Staff	If you would like to become a camp staff member at either CAP or PCR, applications are available online. Send to KC Driscoll. Successful background check required for employment.
Parent Packet Forms	Forms are mailed out in the parent packet, but are also on the website.
Mail Call	Campers love to get mail! Letters should be cheerful and encouraging. Please don't send food, candy or gum as we have little critters that love snacks! We encourage you to write letters ahead of time and leave them with the camp staff (or bus) to be delivered the dates you choose. Please allow at least 3-4 days for mail service to camps.
Can families visit?	If you pick up your camper at the end of the session, you are welcome to walk around camp and see the special places your camper enjoyed.
Special Needs	If a camper has special dietary or physical needs, please specify them on the registration form. Healthful, balanced meals and snacks are provided and we will do our best to meet campers' needs. Vegetarian meals are always an option, but please let us know on the form.

Health and Safety Standards	<p>All Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Camps meet established standards for health and safety, site, program and personnel, which are set by state and local agencies, the American Camping Association and Girl Scouts of the USA and are American Camping Association accredited. Upon arrival to camp, all girls attending Resident Camp sessions will receive a health screening by trained medical camp staff. The check includes an overview of the camper's health, vital signs and a screening for contagious conditions, such as lice. If a camper has such a condition, parents/guardians will be contacted. For girls with head lice, parents/guardians will have the option of picking up the girl or having her treated by camp staff. Every effort possible will be made to lessen the social impact for the girl, regardless of the option chosen by the parents/guardian. If the girl has what appears to be contagious symptoms (evidenced by fever or unexplainable rash) a doctor's consent will be required before she can return to camp.</p> <p>Health forms will be sent out with parent packets beginning April 1 and available online. Girls and adults attending more than 3 days of camp will be required to have a health exam (within the last 2 years from the session opening date). Make your appointments now. No camper will be admitted to camp without the form returned to the office 2 weeks prior. Call to see if we have your 2009 camp health exam on file.</p> <p>All Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council Resident Camps have a qualified Health Supervisor on site who administers health care and medications. Area medical centers are on-call if illness or injury requires additional attention. Parents/guardians will be notified of any unscheduled visits to the doctor. Routine health care is administered by the Health Supervisor. You will be asked to sign a release on the health form should your camper require immediate medical attention from a doctor and we are unable to reach you. The camp staff is also trained in safety and emergency protocols.</p> <p>Prescription medications, including inhalers, must be in the original container, within a zip lock bag with the campers first and last names on it. Please fill out the Medication Form in your Parent Packet (which includes written instructions and a parent/guardian signature) with the medication. These are turned in to the Health Supervisor upon arrival. The Health Supervisor dispenses medications at the time indicated by the prescription.</p>
Insurance	<p>GSUSA accident insurance covers all campers and is included in the camp fee. Coverage is not intended to replace family insurance, but to act as secondary insurance. Pre-existing conditions are not covered by this policy.</p>
Transportation	<p>We will have buses available for PCR Resident Camp sessions only. We need a minimum of 5 riders for the bus to run. There is no bus service for Mom &amp; Me or Core Camp at PCR, or any sessions at CAP. We encourage transportation collaboration in your area. Contact us if you need help connecting with others in your area getting to/from camp or if you can offer a ride to/from camp.</p>
Arrival/Departure Times	<p>Resident Camp and CAP Core camp: arrive Sunday evening, leave Friday morning after continental breakfast; Family Camp/PCR Core Camp/Mom &amp; Me/Dad &amp; Me Camps: arrive Friday evening, leave Sunday morning after continental breakfast.</p>
Cell Phone and Electronics Usage	<p>We do not allow cell phone or electronic devices to be used by campers at our camp sites. If there is an emergency, the Camp Director will call the parent/guardian to discuss the problem. Parents/guardians will be able to call the pager number supplied in the Parent Packet in case of emergency. If a camper is caught using a cell phone or other electronic device, that item will be labeled with camper's name, held for the duration of the camp session and returned at the end. We don't want anything valuable stolen or misplaced. This includes cell phone, MP3 Players, CD Players, hand held games, etc. We encourage parents/guardians to keep these items at home so campers may enjoy the full camp experience.</p>
Refunds	<p>All requests for refunds must be submitted in writing and will be considered case by case. Circumstances when payment will automatically be refunded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your chosen camp session is full and no other session will work for you</li> <li>• If the campership amount requested is not fully granted</li> <li>• If we cancel a session for any reason</li> </ul> <p>Please keep in mind that if you pull out of a session, that session may have to be canceled due to not meeting the minimum required.</p>
For more information:	<p><a href="mailto:camp@girlscouts-ssc.org">camp@girlscouts-ssc.org</a></p>