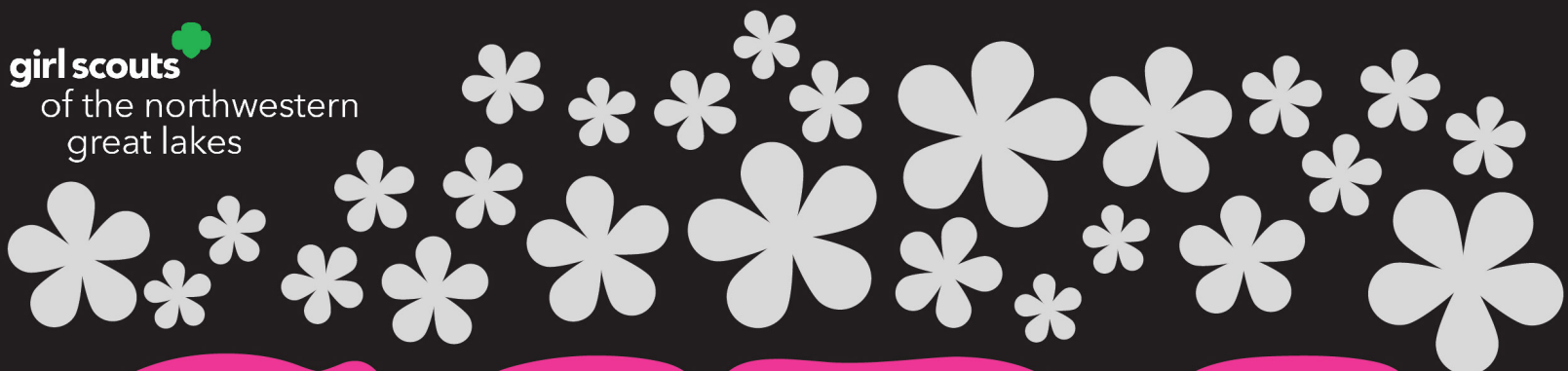


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**GIRL**

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**GUIDE 2024**

# Camp is open to every Girl Scout!

## GSNWGL Statement on Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access & Racial Justice

Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes is proud to be part of an organization committed to diversity and inclusion since its founding in 1912. Our unwavering commitment is to breaking down barriers and forging partnerships with families and communities to support the well-being and development of all. We strive to create spaces that ensure all members, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender expression, socioeconomic status, national origin, or physical, social, or emotional ability, can embark on a transformative journey where they can develop the courage, confidence, and character to make the world a better place. At GSNWGL, we hold all our staff accountable for their commitment to continuous learning and the active implementation of our IDEA/RJ initiatives (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access & Racial Justice).

## Financial Assistance

Financial Assistance is available so that Girl Scout camp is a reality for every camper. The minimum deposit is required to secure your spot for each session. If you cannot afford the deposit, call us. No camper will be turned away.

# Camper Readiness Quiz

Don't know where your camper would fit best? Take the quiz and let's find out!

Circle the answer that best describes how you and your camper feel, then add them up when you're finished.

Be honest with your answers! This can help you both decide if your Girl Scout is ready for camp.

Circle the number that corresponds with your answer.

Yes: 3  
Maybe: 2  
No: 1

Do you enjoy staying overnight at a friend's house?

1 2 3

Have you ever camped before?

1 2 3

Do you enjoy outdoor activities like hiking and sleeping in a tent?

1 2 3

Are you ready to sleep in a tent or cabin with 4-8 campers, knowing your counselors are in a nearby tent?

1 2 3

Can you take care of personal needs, like shampooing and brushing your hair?

1 2 3

Can you go without TV, video games, a computer, and a phone?

1 2 3

Do you like to meet new people and interact with others, not just your best friends?

1 2 3

Are you willing to try new foods that you haven't before?

1 2 3

Can you make your own bed and keep track of your things?

1 2 3

Total Points

25+ points

You are an experienced camper who will thrive at overnight camp! Consider Camp Birch Trails or a Wilderness Trip.



18-25 points

You may want to try a weekend camp or a day camp!



Fewer than 18 points

Consider trying a weekend camp with a group or parents first.





# Trading Posts, Camper Kits & Camp Swag

Our Trading Posts are filled with camp apparel, cuddly plush, jewelry, toys, snacks, journals, pens, keychains, mugs, water bottles, flashlights, lanterns, patches, decals, items for tie-dye, and all the latest in summer fun!



## Prep Your Camper

Most resident campers spend \$25-\$75 at camp. This allows for snacks throughout the week and a couple fun camp souvenirs to remember their camp adventures. Don't forget, Fall Bucks and Cookie Dough can be used at the Trading Post too. Just bring your certificates with you! You can add trading post funds to your camper's account in MyGS. Camp apparel must be preordered by May 1 to confirm size availability and will be available at the Trading Post while supplies last.



## Surprise your camper with a camper care kit!

Camper kits are camp-friendly care packages delivered to your campers while they're away at summer camp. Each kit will include a premium plush and camp-friendly trinkets and surprises. It's a great way to remind your camper you're thinking of them when they are away on camp adventures! Camper kits can be ordered through MyGS and must be ordered by May 1. Camper Care Kits are not available for purchase in the Camp Trading Post.

*Please be sure to order early as quantities are limited.*

## Camp is a world away (from technology, that is).

Camp is intentionally technology-free to create an environment where campers can fully immerse themselves in the wonders of nature and build lasting connections with their fellow campers. This break from screens fosters social interaction, encourages physical activity, and allows campers to disconnect from the digital world and reconnect with the simplicity and richness of the great outdoors. Campers are not allowed to bring phones, tablets, smartwatches, headphones, or similar devices. We know it's tough. Releasing your camper into the wild (and our expert care) is new for some folks, but know your camper is safe and having a great time.







# Registration Information

Registration Dates | 11:30 a.m. CST on the dates below. Registration is on gsEvents. Be sure to test your login credentials before registration opens. Contact Customer Care for any assistance at 888.747.6945 or [info@gsnwgl.org](mailto:info@gsnwgl.org).

- December 5—Camp Birch Trails 4th–8th Grade Programs
- December 7—Camp Birch Trails K–3rd Grade Programs
- December 12—Camp Birch Trails Trip Programs and 9th–12th Grade Programs
- January 10—Camp Birch Trails Outdoor Extravaganza & Troop Camps
- January 10—Camp Sacajawea Outdoor Extravaganza
- January 10—Camp Nesbit

Each session is based on the grade your camper is entering the following year.

Camp is planned by campers! To foster a sense of ownership and empowerment, campers get a say in what they do at camp. This allows campers to help create a unique and memorable outdoor experience tailored to their interests and needs.

Every camp adventure is different, but each camper gets a well-rounded experience. In addition to the unique opportunities within each camp session, each camper will get to take part in all the things that make camp, well, camp. That means campfire cooking, archery, low ropes, arts and crafts, and nature exploration are not only a guaranteed part of each camper’s time at camp—they’re a highlight!

## Don’t delay—register right away!

Whether you’re using a camp certificate, financial assistance, Cookie Dough, or paying in full, you need to make the initial camp deposit immediately to reserve your spot. Sessions fill quickly and campers rarely get moved from the waitlist into a spot at camp.

## How to Register for Camp Sessions

- 1. Each session is based on the grade your camper is entering the following year.**
2. Visit [gsnwgl.org](https://gsnwgl.org) to join or renew your Girl Scout membership to register for camp.
3. Go to [gsnwgl.org/eventscalendar](https://gsnwgl.org/eventscalendar) or [mygs.girlscouts.org](https://mygs.girlscouts.org) and sign into your account.
  - Camp Birch Trails ZIP Code 54442
  - Camp Nesbit ZIP Code 49970
  - Camp Sacajawea ZIP Code 54494
4. Find the program your camper wishes to attend and add it to your cart.
5. During registration, you may add camper care kits, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and trading post funds. Your camper will receive these items while at camp.
6. Please add bussing to Appleton on Fridays from Camp Birch Trails if needed.

## Registration Confirmation

You will receive an automated confirmation email once you complete your registration. Your confirmation will confirm your camper is registered or added to the waitlist. You can visit gsEvents for more information—just click on the event for more details.

## Camper Information Packets

Camper Information Packets will be available on our [website](#) no later than May 1, 2024. These packets include all the essential information you need to ensure your camper has a great stay at camp—packing lists, driving directions, arrival and departure information, and health & safety reminders while at camp.



# Health & Safety

GSNWGL requires the recommended childhood immunization schedule to participate in summer camp.

The health and safety of all our campers is a priority at summer camp. To best work with your camper, complete their health profile in our CampDoc system. CampDoc is a secure, easy-to-use online system to manage health forms, immunization information, allergies, medications, and illness/injury tracking for your camper before and throughout camp.

CampDoc will send you an invitation via email in April 2024. **You must accept the invitation to complete your camper's health profile.** Failure to do so means you will not get important information from camp. CampDoc profiles must be 100% complete three weeks prior to your camper's session.

**\*Camp Nesbit does NOT use CampDocs. Please complete the health forms in the Camp Nesbit Camper Information Packet (available online by May 1).**



## Paying for Camp

Programs that are \$120 or less require payment in full at registration. For programs over \$120, a \$100 deposit must be paid at registration. For wilderness trips, a \$200 deposit must be paid at registration. Deposits can transfer up to 6 weeks before the camp session begins if a child transfers to another week of camp or session due to a conflict.

Camp registrations received after June 1 will require full payment at the time of registration. Camp fees must be paid in full three weeks before your camp session.

Financial assistance is available so that Girl Scout camp is a reality for every camper. The minimum deposit is required to secure your spot for each session. If you cannot afford the deposit, call us. No camper will be turned away.

If your camper earned 2023 Fall Bucks, 2024 Cookie Dough, or a Camp Certificate during the Girl Scout Cookie Program, sign up for camp when registration opens. Camp fills quickly—you'll need to secure your camper's spot by registering and putting down your deposit BEFORE Cookie Dough and Camp Certificates arrive.

Once your camper receives their Cookie Dough or Camp Certificates, they can email [info@gsnwgl.org](mailto:info@gsnwgl.org) to apply them to their camp fees. If the amount of Cookie Dough used, plus the amount of the deposit, exceeds the total cost of your camp fees, you will receive a refund for the overage. Due to the volume of these requests, it may take up to four weeks to receive your refund.

All payments and financial assistance must be applied three weeks before arrival at camp. Otherwise, your camper's session will be cancelled. *Invoice reminders are sent via email prior to camp.*



## Camperships

Every Girl Scout deserves the chance to experience camp, but many families struggle to pay for camp. That's where you come in! [Give the gift of camp.](#) Whether it's \$10 or \$1,000, your campership investment makes camp dreams a reality. Caregivers can donate right in gsEvents when registering their camper or donate anytime by visiting [gsnwgl.org/donate](https://gsnwgl.org/donate). Thank you for making Girl Scout summer adventures happen!

## Change & Cancellation Policy

Refunds are not issued for cancellations within three weeks of your camp session. Exceptions for extenuating circumstances, providing documentation of a family emergency or health condition, may be considered.

- 6+ weeks in advance—full refund, less camp deposit; deposit may be transferred to a different session
- 3–6 weeks in advance—50% refund







## SNOW School, Let's Play!

### @ Camp Winnecomac

Spend your day off of school at Camp Winnecomac! We'll spend time outside (weather permitting) playing in the snow, drinking hot chocolate, and making new friends! Lunch, snacks, and a fun patch are provided.

**Grades:** K-8 | **Cost:** \$20

**Dates:** [2/19](#)

### Winter Fest

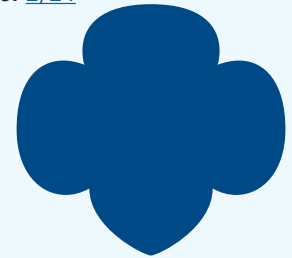
#### @ Camp Birch Trails

Experience winter in the northwoods, with both indoor and outdoor activities! Join our snowy campfire for lunch outside, create snowy art, discover snowshoeing through camp, and more!

**Grades:** K-12 & adults

**Cost:** \$15 (kids), \$5 (adults)

**Date:** [2/24](#)



# Work Weekend at Camp Birch Trails

**Grades:** 6-12 & adults | **Cost:** FREE | **Dates:** 5/17-19

We need you! Please help us get camp ready for the summer. Projects include setting up platform tents, leaf removal, sweeping, and cleaning out cabins. This day or weekend is perfect for troops looking for a service project or a family wanting to give back to camp. Meals will be provided for the weekend. Groups are welcome to stay overnight at camp and must be within the ratio for overnights.







## Spring Break Camp @ East Girl Scout Center

Looking for something fun to do this spring break? Come join us for Spring Break Camp! We will be doing fun activities such as art, science, cooking, outdoor skills, and more! This program contains a field trip and optional one-night overnight.

\*Participants can attend as a single-day event or the entire week. Participants who attend the entire week will earn a badge. Register before December 20 and receive a free Spring Break t-shirt!

**Grades:** K-5 | **Cost:** \$50-240

**Housing:** East Girl Scout Center

**Dates:** [3/25-29](#)

## Program Aide Training

Learn how to lead camp activities, songs, games & more! Spend two days learning to lead and then join the Spring Break Camp field trip on Wednesday. Once this program is complete, you're ready to volunteer at camp.\*

*\*To earn the Program Aide Award, you'll need to complete volunteer hours.*

**Grades:** 6-8 | **Cost:** \$140

**Dates:** [3/25-27](#)





# Transportation to East Girl Scout Center in Appleton

**Grades:** K-12 | **Cost:** \$50 per ride | **Dates:** [7/12](#), [7/19](#), [7/26](#), [8/2](#), [8/9](#), [8/16](#)

Let us do the driving home for you! Campers will leave Camp Birch Trails at approximately 1:00 p.m. and should arrive in Appleton between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m. Please make sure campers are registered for the correct date they need transportation. Transportation must be added at least one week before campers arrive at Camp Birch Trails.



## Sample Camp Packing Lists

Parent Information Packets will be sent through CampDocs. Please confirm your CampDocs email, so you receive all the necessary information.

### Overnight Sample Packing List

**Clothing:** A jacket/sweatshirt, pajamas, t-shirts, shorts, underwear, a pair of pants, socks, raincoat/poncho, swimsuits, one nice outfit, and something to tie-dye

**Footwear:** Two pairs of tennis shoes, water shoes, shower shoes, and a pair of riding boots (horse programs only)

**Personal items:** Bath items, toothbrush and paste, sunscreen, bug spray, comb/brush, hairband/hair ties, lip balm, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, and hand sanitizer

**Equipment:** Mess kit, sleeping bag or bedding, twin fitted sheet, pillow with case, flashlight, water bottle, laundry bag, face masks, and a backpack

**Optional:** Notebook or journal and pens, disposable camera, hat and/or bandana, and sunglasses

### Sample Day Camp Packing List

**Clothing:** A jacket/sweatshirt, t-shirts, shorts, a pair of pants, socks, raincoat/poncho

**Footwear:** Tennis shoes, a pair of riding boots (horse programs only)

**Personal items:** Sunscreen, bug spray, hair ties, lip balm, feminine hygiene products, and hand sanitizer

**Equipment:** Mess kit, water bottle, face masks, and a backpack

**Optional:** Disposable camera, hat and/or bandana, and sunglasses

**Don't worry—you'll get a more detailed version once you register. This is just to get you started.**



# Volunteer Nurses

**Dates:** 7/7-12, 7/14-19, 7/21-26, 7/28-8/2, 8/4-9, 8/11-16

Volunteer nurses are needed for weekly commitments at Camp Birch Trails! **Bonus:** Get a discount on your camper's fees. Please contact [lfreeman@gsnwg.org](mailto:lfreeman@gsnwg.org) to volunteer or for more information.

First come, first served!

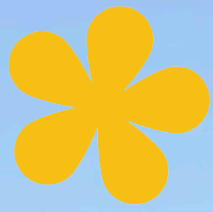


## Apply today!

[We're hiring at Camp Birch Trails!](#) As camp staff, you can share your passion for the outdoors, help campers step out of their comfort zone, have a hand in building lifelong friendships, and teach campers to love and protect the environment. No worries if you weren't a Girl Scout camper! The ideal candidate is passionate about youth development and the outdoors, breaking down barriers to ensure all Girl Scouts have equitable access to adventure and leadership opportunities.







# Camp Birch Trails

W5860 Olivotti Lake Rd, Irma, WI 54442



## Camp Birch Trails is ACA Accredited



Camp Birch Trails is accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA) and meets safety standards set by Girl Scouts of the USA and county and state regulations. ACA Accreditation means that we care enough to undergo a thorough peer review of our operations—from staff qualifications and training to emergency management. We partner with ACA to promote growth and fun in an environment committed to safety.



## Meet Our Camp Director

Lisa “Puck” Freeman



“Girl Scouts are ready to go to camp and need it more than ever. We are ready for a summer filled with empowering and safe adventures for campers to connect in the great outdoors. Camp has been a part of my life since I was a 7-year-old Girl Scout at Camp Nawakwa. Since then, I’ve spent almost every summer at camp. I know that by sharing your camper with us, you’re placing the utmost trust in our ability to take good care of them. That’s a responsibility we take very seriously—and it’s why we’re also serious about helping prepare campers (and families) for an unforgettable summer at camp.”

## Camp Birch Trails is where camp magic happens.

There is nothing like overnight sleepaway camp—friendships are forged around a roaring campfire after a day of new experiences and incredible adventures. Each of our camp tracks focuses your time at camp on the things you love. Being away from home can be a bit intimidating. But having time to explore and try activities independently will make you more self-reliant, confident, and independent. So many amazing things happen each day at camp. Although minor setbacks may happen, campers are building resilience and learning how strong they are. Each of our camp tracks focuses your time on the things you love, and no matter what, campers will have a magical time at camp, growing in nature with new friends.

Our tracks are:

- Horse Programs
- Adventure Programs
- Arts, Crafts & More Programs
- Back-to-Basics Programs
- Out-of-the-Box Programs
- Leadership Programs
- Beginner and Wilderness Trips



## 3 Day-2 Night

These programs are a great way for first-time campers to get a taste of the excitement that is overnight camp. Choose Sunday to Tuesday or Wednesday to Friday sessions.

### Sneak-a-Peek

First-time camper approved! You’ll spend your time sampling all the fun camp has to offer.

**Grades:** K-2 | **Cost:** \$275

**Housing:** Lodge

**Dates:** [7/7-9](#), [7/10-12](#), [7/14-16](#), [7/17-19](#), [7/28-30](#), [7/31-8/2](#)

### Get Wild

Get ready to try everything camp has to offer. Explore the woods and waters, make a campfire dinner, and more!

**Grades:** 3-4 | **Cost:** \$275

**Housing:** Outlook

**Dates:** [7/14-16](#), [7/17-19](#), [7/28-30](#), [7/31-8/2](#), [8/11-13](#), [8/14-16](#)

## Horses

Giddy up and go! These horse programs build riding skills and will help campers grow their confidence and love of working with horses.

### Horsin’ Around

Discover your inner horse whisperer with two days of three-hour sessions at the stable, riding and learning about horses, and then return to camp for horseplay. Earn the *Junior Horseback Riding badge*.

**Grades:** 4-6 | **Cost:** \$575

**Housing:** Outlook

**Dates:** [7/7-12](#), [7/21-26](#), [7/28-8/2](#), [8/11-16](#)

### Stable Stompers

Take your horse skills to the next level with three days of three-hour horseback riding lessons. You might even ride bareback!

**Grades:** 6-8 | **Cost:** \$625

**Housing:** Outlook

**Dates:** [7/7-12](#), [7/14-19](#), [7/21-26](#), [8/4-9](#)

### Cowgirl Round-Up

Spend three days of three-hour sessions at the stables and then spend the night and wake up to enjoy a sunrise trail ride with your horse. Then return to camp and horse around.

**Grades:** 7-9 | **Cost:** \$650

**Housing:** Outlook

**Dates:** [7/14-19](#), [7/28-8/2](#), [8/4-9](#), [8/11-16](#)



# Adventure

Travel near and far! These adventure programs will have campers all over the place and will prepare Girl Scouts for whatever adventures lie ahead.

## Slime Balls

Get your adventure on! Make three different types of slime, watch a volcano blow its top, and enjoy other science experiments and adventures around camp with your new friends!

**Grades:** 1-3 | **Cost:** \$425

**Housing:** Lodge

**Dates:** [7/14-19](#), [7/21-26](#), [8/11-16](#)

## Northwoods Adventure

Sample the best of what the Northwoods offers: spend the day at the Kalahari on the water slides, rock climbing in the Dells and zip-lining 50 ft in the air,\* and more! Campers will spend one night camping in tents in the Dells.

\*Campers must be 65+ pounds to go zip-lining.

**Grades:** 4-6 | **Cost:** \$625

**Housing:** Yurt

**Dates:** [7/14-19](#), [7/21-26](#), [8/4-9](#), [8/11-16](#)

## Urban Adventure

Ever want to run away and join the circus? Spend an afternoon learning how to be a trapeze artist. Explore some caves on the way to the zipline tour and Minnesota's largest candy store. Take your adventure on the road by camping near the Twin Cities.

**Grades:** 6-8 | **Cost:** \$700

**Housing:** Yurt

**Dates:** [7/7-12](#), [7/28-8/2](#)

## Big City Adventure

Hit the road to Chicago. Spend time at a local campground camping and cooking your meals over the fire and then head to Six Flags and spend a day on Navy Pier shopping with your friends.

**Grades:** 9-10 | **Cost:** \$775

**Housing:** Maple

**Dates:** [7/21-26](#)

# Arts, Crafts & More

Make something amazing! These art-based programs are perfect for campers who want to hang at camp and make beautiful things.

## Art-o-Rama

Become inspired by the fun and beauty of camp, and then get your tie-dye on, paint pictures, make friendship bracelets, and more with your new friends.

**Grades:** 1-3 | **Cost:** \$425

**Housing:** Lodge

**Dates:** [7/7-12](#), [8/4-9](#), [8/11-16](#)

## Abra-ca-doodle

Get crafty at camp! You can do it all: paint, tie-dye, mud paint, and more, all while earning your *Junior Outdoor Art Badge*.

**Grades:** 4-6 | **Cost:** \$425

**Housing:** Yurt

**Dates:** [7/7-12](#), [7/14-19](#), [8/4-9](#), [8/11-16](#)



## Cool Creations

Board games, science experiments, art projects, movie night—spend your time celebrating your cool side at camp. Design your own board game to share with camp.

**Grades:** 6-8 | **Cost:** \$425

**Housing:** Outlook

**Dates:** [7/14-19](#), [8/4-9](#)

## Brush & Balance

Nurture your artistic side in Maple Lodge. Paint a beautiful picture at a local studio, try paddle board yoga, and create an art project with your group to display throughout camp.

**Grades:** 9-10 | **Cost:** \$475

**Housing:** Maple

**Dates:** [7/14-19](#), [8/11-16](#)

# Back to Basics

Become an outdoor expert! These back-to-basics programs will have you exploring everything camp has to offer and are a perfect way to prepare for future sessions at camp.

## Summer Explorers

Try it all—classic camp fun and sun outdoors. This sampler is perfect for first-time campers!

**Grades:** 1-3 | **Cost:** \$425

**Housing:** Lodge

**Dates:** [7/21-26](#), [7/28-8/2](#), [8/4-9](#)

## What-chu-wanna-du

Choose exactly how you want to spend your time at camp—swim, boat, experiment with science and crafts, sing, campfires, and more.

**Grades:** 4-6 | **Cost:** \$425

**Housing:** Yurt

**Dates:** [7/14-19](#), [7/21-26](#), [7/28-8/2](#)







## You Can't Do That at Camp

Think of all the things you can't do at camp—order takeout, play on your phone, stay up late watching movies, sleep in, and make yourselves ice cream sundaes. Well, here's your chance to do them all! Breaking rules is allowed.

**Grades:** 6–8 | **Cost:** \$475

**Housing:** Yurt

**Dates:** [7/7-12](#), [7/21-26](#), [7/28-8/2](#), [8/4-9](#), [8/11-16](#)

## Leadership

Love camp and never leave! These leadership programs will have you ready to work at camp.

### Program Aide Training

Learn how to lead camp activities, songs, games & more! Once this program is complete, you're ready to volunteer.\*

*\*To earn the Program Aide Award, you'll need to complete volunteer hours.*

**Grades:** 6–8 | **Cost:** \$425

**Housing:** Maple

**Dates:** [7/21-26](#)

### Apprentice Counselor in Training

Want to become the best camp counselor ever? Start your journey by learning new skills and developing leadership abilities in the woods and on the water.

**Grades:** 9–10 | **Cost:** \$425

**Housing:** Maple

**Dates:** [7/28-8/2](#)

## Trip Leader in Training

Want to go on all the trips? Learn to be a Trip Leader! Develop your wilderness skills, then learn how to plan and lead trips, then test your skills by assisting on one of these Wilderness Trips:

- 7/7-19 (kayaking)
- 7/21-8/2 (backpacking)
- 8/4-16 (backpacking or canoeing)

Trip Leaders in Training should choose the week that works with the type of programs they are most comfortable leading.

**Prerequisite:** Counselor in Training I

**Grades:** 10–12 | **Cost:** \$675

**Housing:** Leafy

**Dates:** [7/7-19](#), [7/21-8/2](#), [8/4-16](#) (backpacking), [8/4-16](#) (canoeing)

## Counselor in Training I

Ready for more camp fun and responsibility? Learn how to lead campers, learn outdoor skills, and more on the way to becoming a camp counselor.

**Grades:** 10–12 | **Cost:** \$650

**Housing:** Yurt

**Dates:** [8/4-16](#)

## Counselor in Training II

Take the next step to becoming a full-fledged camp staff member. Learn about all the different jobs at camp and work directly with campers to perfect your leadership abilities!

**Prerequisite:** Counselor in Training I

**Grades:** 10–12 | **Cost:** \$650

**Housing:** Maple

**Dates:** [7/7-19](#)

## S'more CBT

We can't think of a better place to spend summer days than Camp Birch Trails. If you're looking to spend more time hanging out and doing your favorite camp activities with friends, join us for S'more CBT, and choose how YOU want to spend your time.

**Grades:** 9–10 | **Cost:** \$425

**Housing:** Yurt

**Dates:** [7/7-12](#), [7/28-8/2](#)

**Grades:** 11–12 | **Cost:** \$425

**Housing:** Yurt

**Dates:** [8/4-9](#)

## Out of the Box

Do what you want! These programs will have you experiencing the wild side of camp. Think beyond campfires and archery (although you get to do that too) and try new camp experiences.

### Mischief Ninjas

Stargaze, sleep on the beach, play glow gaga, take a night hike without a flashlight, and sleep in. Play pranks, raid the kitchen, or send another cabin on a scavenger hunt. There are plenty of shenanigans to go around.

**Grades:** 4–6 | **Cost:** \$425

**Housing:** Maple

**Dates:** [7/14-19](#), [7/21-26](#), [7/28-8/2](#), [8/4-9](#)

### Fantastic Fantasy

Make magic with us—craft your own story, play Quidditch, brew potions, and learn about fantastic fantasy novels with your camp friends.

**Grades:** 4–6 | **Cost:** \$425

**Housing:** Outlook

**Dates:** [7/7-12](#), [7/21-26](#), [8/4-9](#)





# Wilderness Trips

Be one with nature! These trips away from camp will have you exploring all the beauty of nature while building confidence, learning determination, and practicing grit. Levels Four and Five Wilderness Trips get dropped off at 6 p.m. on Saturdays.

## Beginner Trip

### Wanderers

Aren't quite ready for a full Wilderness Trip? Stay at camp and try out canoeing, kayaking, and backpacking.

**Grades:** 4-6 | **Cost:** \$475

**Housing:** Maple

**Dates:** [7/7-12](#), [7/14-19](#), [7/28-8/2](#)

## Backpacking Trips

Campers should be able to walk several miles while carrying approximately 50 pounds of weight.

### Level One: Ice Age Trail

Spend three days out on the trail exploring the Ice Age Trail while backpacking. This is a one-week program.

**Prerequisite:** A beginner trip or experience wilderness camping

**Grades:** 5-8 | **Cost:** \$575

**Housing:** Maple

**Dates:** [7/14-19](#), [8/4-9](#)

### Level Two: Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore

Spend four to seven days out on the trail exploring beautiful Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore while backpacking.

**Prerequisite:** A Level One Wilderness Trip or experience wilderness camping

**Grades:** 6-9 | **Cost:** \$900

**Housing:** Leafy

**Dates:** [8/4-16](#)

### Level Three: North Country Trail

Spend six to nine days hiking through the North Country Trail in northern Wisconsin.

**Prerequisite:** A Level Two Wilderness Trip

**Grades:** 7-10 | **Cost:** \$950

**Housing:** Leafy

**Dates:** [7/21-8/2](#)

### Level Four: Superior Hiking Trail

Spend eight to twelve days backpacking the Superior Hiking Trail in northern Minnesota.

**Prerequisite:** Level Three: North Country Trail Wilderness Trip

**Grades:** 8-12 | **Dates:** TBD 2025



### Level Five: Isle Royale National Park

Spend fourteen to eighteen days on Isle Royale hiking the island on Lake Superior. This trip starts Saturday evening at Camp Birch Trails.

**Prerequisite:** Level Four: Superior Hiking Trail Wilderness Trip

**Grades:** 9-12 | **Cost:** \$1,300

**Housing:** Tent

**Dates:** [7/6-26](#)

## Canoeing Trips

Campers should be able to carry 30 to 50 pounds of weight with the potential to carry a 90-pound canoe and be able to paddle a canoe for several hours.

### Level One: Upper Wisconsin River

Spend three days out on the water exploring the Upper Wisconsin River while canoeing. This is a one-week program.

**Prerequisite:** A beginner trip or experience wilderness camping

**Grades:** 5-8 | **Cost:** \$575

**Housing:** Maple

**Dates:** [7/7-12](#), [7/28-8/2](#)

### Level Two: Michigamme River

Spend four to seven days on the water paddling down the Michigamme River in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

**Prerequisite:** A Level One Wilderness Trip

**Grades:** 6-9 | **Dates:** TBD 2025







# Kayaking Trips

Campers should be able to carry at least 30 to 50 pounds of weight and be able to paddle a fully loaded sea kayak for several hours.

## Level One: Willow Flowage

Spend three days out on the water exploring the Willow Flowage while kayaking. This is a one-week program.

**Prerequisite:** A beginner trip or experience wilderness camping

**Grades:** 5-8 | **Cost:** \$575

**Housing:** Maple

**Dates:** [7/21-26](#), [8/11-16](#)

## Level Two: Namekagon River

Spend four to seven days on the water discovering the open vistas and grassy marsh of the Namekagon River.

**Prerequisite:** A Level One Wilderness Trip

**Grades:** 6-9 | **Dates:** TBD 2025

## Level Three: Chippewa Flowage

Spend six to nine days out on the water exploring the Chippewa Flowage, and kayaking around the open lakes and streams.

**Prerequisite:** A Level Two Wilderness Trip

**Grades:** 7-10 | **Cost:** \$950

**Housing:** Leafy

**Dates:** [7/7-19](#)

## Level Four: Apostle Islands National Lakeshore

Spend eight to twelve days kayaking through the islands of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. This trip starts Saturday evening at Camp Birch Trails.

**Prerequisite:** A Level Three Kayaking Wilderness Trip

**Grades:** 8-12 | **Cost:** \$1,050

**Housing:** Leafy

**Dates:** [8/3-16](#)

## Level Five: Lake Superior Provincial Park

Spend fourteen to eighteen days on the water exploring Lake Superior Provincial Park in Canada.

**Prerequisite:** Level Four: Apostle Islands National Lakeshore Kayak Trip and a valid US passport

**Grades:** 9-12 | **Dates:** TBD 2026

## Level Three: Manitowish Waters

Spend six to nine days on the water paddling the Manitowish Waters.

**Prerequisite:** A Level Two Wilderness Trip

**Grades:** 7-10 | **Cost:** \$950

**Housing:** Leafy

**Dates:** [8/4-16](#)

## Level Four: Boundary Waters Canoe Area

Spend eight to twelve days paddling the Boundary Waters Canoe Area in northern Minnesota. This trip starts Saturday evening at Camp Birch Trails.

**Prerequisite:** Level Three: Manitowish Waters Canoe Trip

**Grades:** 8-12 | **Cost:** \$1,050

**Housing:** Leafy

**Dates:** [7/6-19](#)

## Level Five: Quetico Provincial Park

Spend fourteen to eighteen days on the water exploring Quetico Provincial Park in Canada.

**Prerequisite:** Level Four: Boundary Waters Canoe Trip and a valid US passport

**Grades:** 9-12 | **Dates:** TBD 2025





# CBT Tripping Schedule\*

Level 5 trips will be offered every three years to ensure we have enough participation. Level 4 trips are offered most years.

| Backpacking                       | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Level One: Ice Age Trail          | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| Level Two: Pictured Rocks         | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| Level Three: North Country Trail  | X    |      | X    |      | X    |      | X    |
| Level Four: Superior Hiking Trail |      | X    | X    |      | X    | X    |      |
| Level Five: Isle Royale           | X    |      |      | X    |      |      | X    |

| Canoeing                         | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 |
|----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Level One: Upper Wisconsin River | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| Level Two: Michigamme River      |      | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| Level Three: Manitowish Waters   | X    | X    |      | X    |      | X    |      |
| Level Four: Boundary Waters      | X    |      | X    | X    |      | X    | X    |
| Level Five: Quetico              |      | X    |      |      | X    |      |      |

| Kayaking                                  | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Level One: Willow Flowage                 | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| Level Two: Namekagon River                |      | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| Level Three: Chippewa Flowage             | X    | X    | X    |      | X    | X    |      |
| Level Four: Apostle Islands               | X    | X    |      | X    | X    |      | X    |
| Level Five: Lake Superior Provincial Park |      |      | X    |      |      | X    |      |

\*Dates subject to change.

## Red Suspenders

Red Suspenders are a tradition in Wilderness Trips and are received at a campfire ceremony after the completion of a level five trip. They represent maturity, ambition, and a mastery of wilderness trip skills. To learn more about Wilderness Trips and Red Suspenders, visit [gsnwgl.org/camp](https://gsnwgl.org/camp).





# Other CBT Camping Opportunities

## Outdoor Extravaganza

Want to explore camp with your troop or parent/caregiver? You can! Play on/in the water, make art, shoot archery, explore nature, and become a better team through amazing activities led by camp staff. Food is provided too!

**Grades:** K-12 & adults

**Cost:** \$120 per person

**Housing:** TBD

**Dates:** [7/12-14](#), [7/26-28](#)

## Troop Canoe Trip

Bring your troop for a morning of paddle lessons and practicing canoe rescues in the lake, and then spend the afternoon canoeing down the Wisconsin River.

**Grades:** 5-12 & adults

**Cost:** \$20 (kids), \$6 (adults)

**Dates:** [7/15](#), [7/22](#), [7/29](#), [8/12](#)

## Troop Day

Enjoy the day at Camp Birch Trails with your troop, and spend your day participating in all the activities you can do at summer camp.

**Grades:** K-12 & adults

**Cost:** \$15 (kids), \$6 (adults)

**Dates:** [7/23](#), [7/24](#), [7/30](#), [7/31](#), [8/6](#), [8/7](#), [8/13](#), [8/14](#), [8/15](#)

## Troop Trail Ride

Enjoy the morning at Camp Birch Trails and then spend the afternoon on a trail ride at a local stable.

**Grades:** 4-12 & adults

**Cost:** \$60 per person

**Dates:** [7/18](#), [7/25](#), [8/1](#), [8/8](#)

## Troop Weekend

Spend the weekend at camp with your troop. Your troop will be on your own for the weekend (you may add on two hours of Facilitated Outdoor Experiences at a per-person cost). Groups staying in the Lodge will have access to the kitchen and outdoor campfire cooking. Groups staying in the Yurts will do all outdoor cooking over the campfire.

**Grades:** K-12 & adults

**Cost:** \$15 per person (Lodge), \$10 per person (Yurt)

Archery, sling shots, axe throwing (C/S/A only), orienteering, and a low ropes course are available to add on for \$10 per person.

Outdoor cooking, swimming, and boating are available to add on for \$15 per person.

**Housing:** Lodge or Yurt

**Dates (Lodge):** [5/31-6/2](#), [6/7-9](#), [6/14-16](#), [6/21-23](#), [6/28-30](#), [7/5-7](#), [7/19-21](#), [8/2-4](#)

**Dates (Yurt):** [5/31-6/2](#), [6/7-9](#), [6/14-16](#), [6/21-23](#), [6/28-30](#), [7/5-7](#), [7/19-21](#), [8/2-4](#)

## Volunteer's Retreat Weekend

Calling all Girl Scout volunteers! We have a camp weekend just for you! Get the outdoor skills trainings and certifications plus activity ideas to help you lead your troops and service areas in outdoor fun. Select the sessions you want, including time for relaxing by the lake and networking with other volunteers.

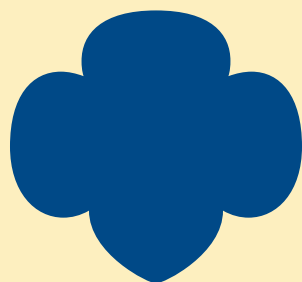
Registration includes meals and camp lodging. Certification courses have additional expenses.

**Grades:** Adults only

**Cost:** \$75

**Housing:** TBD

**Dates:** [8/9-11](#)







# Summer Thing at Camp Nesbit

US Forest Service Rd 1400, Sidnaw MI 49970



## Meet Our Camp Director



Kay "Stretch" MacGregor

"Hello! I am Stretch, and I direct Summer Thing at Camp Nesbit! I'm very excited for this summer. All the staff at Summer Thing are volunteers who love camp and hope you will, too. I live in the UP of Michigan and grew up going to Summer Thing each summer as a camper. I can't wait to meet you in person at camp. See ya!"

## Volunteer-Run Camp

Join us for an unforgettable week at this incredible volunteer-run camp—Summer Thing at Camp Nesbit! Summer Thing offers something for every interest—swimming, cooking over a campfire, archery, hiking, arts and crafts, floating meals, paddle-boarding, Counselor-in-Training programs, and planning your own program for the week. There are lots of all-camp activities like Swim-the-Lake, games, and evening programs for you to enjoy.



## All Dressed Up

Let's dress up, have a tea party, and make jewelry. We can have a fashion show and invite another cabin. We will also have fun at the beach, swimming and boating.

**Grades:** K-3 | **Cost:** \$280

**Dates:** [7/7-13](#)

## Bubble & Splash

Make a splash in the lake, build a huge sandcastle, and make giant bubbles.

**Grades:** K-3 | **Cost:** \$280

**Dates:** [7/7-13](#)

## Whimsical Unicorn Wonderland

Find the magical unicorns of Camp Nesbit. They sparkle and shine! Design your own unicorn, get a unicorn makeover, create colorful headbands, and make unicorn slime.

**Grades:** K-3 | **Cost:** \$280

**Dates:** [7/14-20](#)

## Teddy Bear Adventures

Do I see bears at camp? Bring your favorite stuffie to experience camp with. Let's go on an adventure looking for animals at camp, have a teddy bear picnic, and learn about the forest around camp.

**Grades:** K-3 | **Cost:** \$280

**Dates:** [7/14-20](#)

## Builder's World

Calling all engineers for an amazing week of building. Lego challenges, games, bridge building, and creating a structure for animals. Just imagine a world built by you.

**Grades:** 4-6 | **Cost:** \$280

**Dates:** [7/7-13](#)

## Goop Group

How many kinds of slime can we make? The messier the better! Make ooey gooey snacks, try mixology, and create some messy art.

**Grades:** 4-6 | **Cost:** \$280

**Dates:** [7/7-13](#)

## Twists & Turns

Can you figure it out? How fast can you get through an obstacle course? Solve the brainteaser of the day. Challenge another cabin to solve a puzzle by finding clues. There is also time for other camp fun.

**Grades:** 4-6 | **Cost:** \$280

**Dates:** [7/7-13](#)

## Water World

Explore Norway and Nesbit Lake, build your own cardboard boat and race against others, build your paddleboard skills, and relax on an inflatable raft.

**Grades:** 4-6 | **Cost:** \$280

**Dates:** [7/7-13](#)

## On Stage

Look at me! I have something to say, sing, or do. We can share talents and learn new ones. Put on a show for camp or just build your skills for a future on the stage.

**Grades:** 4-6 | **Cost:** \$280

**Dates:** [7/14-20](#)

## Swim Party

Who's ready for the beach? We will play games, make sand art, and tie-dye a beach towel. There will also be time for archery, arts and crafts, hikes, and more.

**Grades:** 4-6 | **Cost:** \$280

**Dates:** [7/14-20](#)

## Woody and Wild

Let's go on a hike! What can you see through the binoculars? Bugs, birds, and squirrels, oh my! Learn about the plants and animals that are at camp. Create nature journals, pack out lunch, and explore the lake.

**Grades:** 4-6 | **Cost:** \$280

**Dates:** [7/14-20](#)

## Arty Party

Allow your creativity to flow! Try a new type of art each day. Learn about different artists and what they use their art for. End the week with an art show for the whole camp to enjoy.

**Grades:** 4-6 | **Cost:** \$280

**Dates:** [7/14-20](#)

## Camp Café

Create fun snacks just like a coffee shop. Learn to make different types of café-style drinks. Chill at the café, reading, playing games, creating art, and listening to music.

**Grades:** 7-12 | **Cost:** \$280

**Dates:** [7/7-13](#)

## Take It Easy

Come to camp and relax. Lounge in the cabin, in a hammock, on the water, or out on the trail. Try yoga and listen to music.

**Grades:** 7-12 | **Cost:** \$280

**Dates:** [7/7-13](#)

## Yo-Yos

You and your friends will enjoy the ultimate week at camp doing paddleboard yoga, soaking up the sun on the beach, staying up late, and sleeping in. It's all up to you!

**Grades:** 7-12 | **Cost:** \$280

**Dates:** [7/7-13](#), [7/14-20](#)

## Whodunit?

Want to know who did it? Take part in a mystery right at camp. Work with your cabinmates to collect clues and put it all together to catch the villain.

**Grades:** 7-12 | **Cost:** \$280

**Dates:** [7/14-20](#)

## Wilderness Adventures

There are always new skills to be learned and friends to meet at camp. Join in on a combination of wilderness living skills, group challenges, map & compass navigation, and outdoor cooking skills. We will also enjoy the lake.

**Grades:** 7-12 | **Cost:** \$280

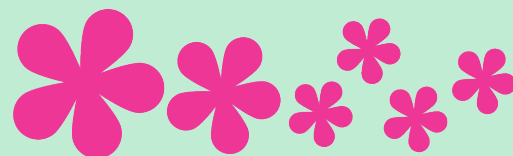
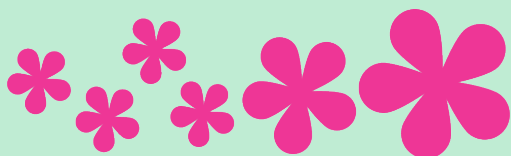
**Dates:** [7/14-20](#)

## Counselor in Training (CIT)

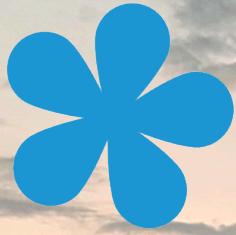
Learn what it takes to be the next generation of great counselors! You'll get to experience camp from a whole new perspective and still do all your favorite camp activities!

**Grades:** 10-12 | **Cost:** \$325

**Dates:** [7/7-20](#)







# Outdoor Extravaganza at Camp Sacajawea

3910 Chestnut Street, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494



Want to explore camp with your troop or parent/caregiver? You can! Explore nature, make art, shoot archery, and become a better team through amazing activities led by camp staff. As awesome as that sounds, it gets better: all your food is provided!

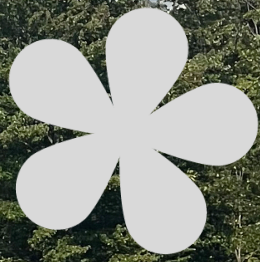
**Grades:** K-12 & adult members\*

**Cost:** \$90

**Dates:** [6/15-16](#)

*\*A minimum of one adult/troop leader must be registered per group. Fathers and male caregivers are encouraged to attend with their campers. Archery is available for Juniors and older.*





# Other Outdoor Opportunities



## Adventures on the Go

[Adventures on the Go](#) can be a new introduction to outdoor adventures in a safe environment close to your home area. Current activity offerings are stand-up paddle boarding, campfire cooking, archery, orienteering, and more! Troops and service areas can request Adventures on the Go programs.

**Grades:** K-12 & Adults | **Cost:** Prices vary by activity.

## Facilitated Outdoor Experiences

[Facilitated Outdoor Experiences](#) allows troops to participate in outdoor activities at our properties with a fully certified staff member. Groups renting properties can add on Facilitated Outdoor Experiences for an additional per-person fee. Current activities include swimming, archery, outdoor cooking, low ropes, snowshoeing, and boating—with more options coming soon! Available in the Appleton and Green Bay Service Areas and at Camp Birch Trails, Camp Winnecomac, Camp Del O’Claire, Camp Sacajawea, and Camp Pow Low. Based on staffing availability for each site. Camp Birch Trails will have these available on the Troop Weekends this summer.

To request Adventures on the Go or Facilitated Outdoor Experiences, email [info@gsnwg.org](mailto:info@gsnwg.org) or call 888.747.6945, and include the program you are requesting, the date, location, and approximate number of Girl Scouts.



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**Not a Girl Scout yet?  
No problem!**

You don't have to be in a troop or participate in Girl Scouts during the school year to go to camp! Invite your friends, cousin, or cool neighbor! They'll just need to become a Girl Scout member while registering for camp. Memberships are \$30 and financial assistance is available.



# For more than 110 years,

Girl Scouts have discovered, explored, and strengthened their outdoor skills and commitment to environmental stewardship through Girl Scouting. Guided by supportive adults and peers, Girl Scouts discover the wonders of nature, experience the thrill of adventure, and challenge themselves and one another to reach new heights! Girl Scouts' outdoor programming features a variety of fun, challenging, and experiential activities that empower Girl Scouts as they develop attitudes, skills, and behaviors essential to effective leadership in the outdoors:

- **Outdoor Competence:** Girl Scouts engage safely and responsibly in a range of outdoor activities (e.g., practicing Leave No Trace and knowing what to bring to be prepared in the outdoors).
- **Outdoor Confidence:** Girl Scouts have confidence in their outdoor abilities and are willing to try new and challenging outdoor activities.
- **Outdoor Interest:** Girl Scouts have a love of nature and an interest in the natural world.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** Girls understand how their behaviors impact the environment and what they can do to protect the natural world.

## Why getting outdoors really matters:

Girl Scouts seek challenges in the world. They develop positive attitudes toward learning, seek opportunities for expanding their knowledge and skills, set challenging goals for themselves, and take appropriate risks. Girl Scouts are resourceful problem solvers. They can use their knowledge and skills to set up and implement creative and effective action plans, locate the tools and resources they need, and know when, where, and how to enlist help from others.

Girl Scouts promote cooperation and team building. They recognize the value of working together and learn to make decisions that benefit the whole group. They can build effective teams, learn to be accountable for shared goals, and show recognition for others' contributions and accomplishments.

Girl Scouts develop a strong sense of self. They have confidence in themselves and their abilities, feel they can achieve their goals, and form positive gender, social, and cultural identities.

