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of northern california

Camp Guide

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Welcome to Camp!

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Imagine a place where youth can connect deeply with nature, let go of daily pressures, and truly be themselves. At Girl Scouts of Northern California (GSNorCal) camps, we believe that every child deserves an environment where they feel accepted, empowered, and inspired. Whether it's their first time at camp or a tradition they look forward to every summer, our camps provide the ideal setting for campers to nourish in a community of adventure, friendship, and fun.

“We will return here one lucky day,
our hearts will guide us,
they’ve learned the way.”

Why Choose Camp?

Camp provides a much-needed break from the routines and expectations of everyday life. In a world where social media and external pressures can sometimes be overwhelming, camp allows youth to unplug and engage in experiences that bring them closer to who they really are. Camp is a place where kids can try new things, step outside their comfort zones, and embrace what makes them unique. Surrounded by nature and a community of supportive peers and mentors, GSNorCal campers find the freedom to express their authentic selves. This environment fosters self-acceptance, builds confidence, and encourages individuality—essential skills for navigating today’s world.

How Camp Helps Kids Thrive:

Campers develop invaluable life skills at GSNorCal camps, from leadership and resilience to teamwork and problem-solving. Away from the demands of technology and daily life, they’re free to explore, relax, and forge friendships that will last a lifetime.

96%

of caregivers report that their camper returned home more confident and sure of themselves

“I feel very welcomed and accepted at camp. I also feel that I am able to truly embrace who I am and conquer different challenges.”

Camp helps kids in 6 key ways

01 Develop leadership skills through our youth-led programming, with supportive staff by their side.

02 Discover a sense of self by participating in activities that build confidence.

03 Overcome obstacles by challenging themselves to try activities they've never done before.

04 Learn resilience and gain a deep appreciation of the great outdoors.

05 Cultivate important life skills by interacting with fellow campers and problem-solving with a team.

06 Relax & "unplug" from the everyday while making lifelong friends!

The Camp Community is:

- A tight-knit community of friendship & sisterhood
- Meaningful mentorship from professional role models
- Having a voice and a choice in each experience
- Taking the lead and making a difference
- Experiential learning in the great outdoors
- Classic camp experiences
- Awesome adventures



Your Camp, Your Community

Building a Space for Everyone.

At GSNorCal camps, we believe that every camper should feel a sense of belonging and safety. Our camp community celebrates the uniqueness of each individual. Our Camp Culture Code underscores our commitment to creating an inclusive, empowering space for all youth. Through this supportive culture, campers feel seen, valued, and free to be themselves, fostering lifelong connections and friendships.

Read the full Camp Culture Code at camp.gsnorcal.org to learn more about our dedication to building a welcoming, inclusive environment for every camper.

JOIN US THIS SUMMER!

Join us this summer and become part of a vibrant, supportive community where you can be yourself, make lifelong friends, and create unforgettable memories. You belong at GSNorCal summer camp!



Our Camps

Camp Bothin and Camp Sugar Pine host fully staffed overnight camp programs. Whether your passion lies in hanging out with horses, forest exploration, serene lakes, or any other outdoor adventure, our camps offer diverse amenities to suit every camper's interests and preferences.

Accredited by the American Camp Association, our main summer camp locations ensure safe, top-tier programs that adhere to the highest industry, state, and county standards.

92%

of campers say camp made them feel more confident than they were before.

Skylark Ranch & Hidden Falls

We're thrilled to announce the reopening of Skylark Ranch for summer camp in 2025! Check out our Skylark Ranch offerings on page 15. While the camp is reopening, wildfire recovery continues, and some areas remain under restoration and won't be accessible this summer.

Hidden Falls Transition

With Skylark Ranch ready to host summer camp, we will not operate a traditional council-run camp at Hidden Falls in 2025. Hidden Falls has been an incredible temporary campsite since the 2020 CZU Complex Fire and during the social distancing era. Now, it will return to serving troops and service units—its intended use, for which its facilities are much better suited.

We are grateful for all the memories made at Hidden Falls and look forward to creating new ones at Skylark Ranch!

Skylark Ranch Property Updates

Over the past year, nearly 2,000 hazard trees have been removed to promote forest health and safety. This significant project was completed in collaboration with the Santa Cruz Resource Conservation District. Their partnership will continue as we steward the forest through recovery and regrowth.



Programming at Skylark Ranch

As we ease back into Skylark Ranch, GSNorCal will offer flexible programs designed for campers of all ages. During our initial return to the site, the program we offer will be a laid-back, family or troop camping design. Join us, together with your friends and loved ones, at Camp Skylark Ranch for friendship, fun, and summer sun!

Activities will include:

- Outdoor skills like hiking and outdoor cooking.
- Classic camp fun like archery, arts and crafts, and stargazing.
- Exploring the beauty of the Santa Cruz Mountains with ocean views, Redwood hikes, and more.

In addition to Group Camp, Skylark will be the host site for our Travel Camp program.

Whether it's a family day trip, a troop's first campout, or a week of exploration, Skylark Ranch promises a memorable experience.

We can't wait to welcome you back to this mountain-top treasure!



What activities are offered at each camp?

All camp locations offer traditional camp activities like team-building, campfires, stargazing, and outdoor cooking. Beyond these classic camp activities, each site boasts an exclusive assortment of unique adventures. Some offerings may occur only once or twice per session, allowing campers to sample a diverse range of experiences. In-depth explorations into specific areas are exclusively available during specialty sessions.

Camp Bothin

📍 Fairfax, CA

Archery	Nature Exploration
Arts & Crafts	Organic Gardening
Counselor-in-Training	Slingshots
Drama & Performing Arts	STEM
High Ropes	Swimming
Maker Space	



Sugar Pine

📍 Arnold, CA

Archery	High Ropes
Arts & Crafts	Horseback Riding
Boating	Survival Camping
Ceramics	Swimming
Counselors-in-Training	Wilderness Outings
Creek Stomping	



Skylark Ranch

📍 Pescadero, CA

Travel Camp	Art
Troop Camping	Coastal & Beach Trips
Family Camping	Outdoor Cooking
Archery	Wild~re Education



Our Programs

Our camps offer a variety of sessions designed to meet the interests and goals of each camper.

Classic Camp Programs

Our classic camp sessions give campers a taste of all the activities camp has to offer. These sessions, which make up the core of our summer schedule, emphasize collaboration, community, and the enjoyment of all the beloved camp traditions and activities.

Specialty Programs

For those looking to dive deeper into specific skills, our specialty programs offer an immersive experience in areas like travel, theater, or wilderness survival. Primarily offered for campers in grades 6-12, these programs provide unique opportunities for growth and learning while still incorporating traditional camp fun.

Leadership Sessions

GSNorCal's Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program allows older campers (grades 9-12) to take on leadership roles, gain mentorship experience, and help create a positive camp environment. Through this program, participants build skills that extend far beyond camp, including leadership, responsibility, and collaboration.

Group Camp

For those looking to share the magic of camp with their troops and loved ones, Group Camp for Families and Troops provides a unique chance for friends and loved one to experience camp together. Enjoy classic camp activities like hiking, archery, and crafts while bonding over campfires, stargazing, and exploring the outdoors as a group. With flexible schedules and activities for all ages, Family and Troop Camp offers a welcoming environment where families and troops can create memories, strengthen connections, and immerse themselves in the joys of camp life.

93%

of campers say they are more likely to try new things because of camp.



Camp Bothin

📍 Fairfax, CA



Nestled in Marin's stunning hills, Camp Bothin resides in a tranquil, tree-covered canyon where laughter and creativity abound, entwined with enduring traditions that draw our campers back year after year. Picture crafting inventions amidst gadgets in our maker space, stargazing to explore celestial wonders, and unleashing artistic expressions.

Dive into performance arts, STEM challenges, and camp-wide events. Unwind in the warmth of camp magic, bonding with friends around the campfire and savoring delightful s'mores. Camp Bothin is a welcoming community, evoking a sense of belonging and comfort akin to home.

PROGRAM	GRADES	ABOUT
Classic Camp	2-12	Experience the magic of Camp Bothin! From s'mores under starlit skies to games, art, swimming, and campfires, it's classic summer fun with friends new and old.
Off Broadway	6-12	It's showtime! Campers will rehearse, design, and perform a full musical production, ending with a cast party for friends and family.
Adventures in Art	4-12	Unleash your creativity! From zine-making and nature-inspired art to fundamentals and creative exploration, each art program offers a unique and fun-filled artistic adventure.
Leadership	9-12	Step into leadership at Camp Bothin with our counselor-in-training programs! From building mentorship skills to hands-on training in camp operations, each level helps you grow from camper to confident counselor.

Session Number	1	2		3	4		5
		2a	2b		4a	4b	
Session Dates	June 15-19	June 22-26	June 29 - July 3	July 6-10	July 13-20	July 22-24	July 27-August 2
Session Length	5 days, 4 nights	12 days, 11 nights		5 days, 4 nights	12 days, 11 nights		7 days, 6 nights
		5 days, 4 nights	5 days, 4 nights		7 days, 6 nights	3 days, 2 nights	
Grades 2-3	Discover	Discover	Discover	Discover		Discover Mini	Discover
Grades 4-5	Imagine	Imagine	Imagine	Imagine	Imagine	Imagine Mini	Imagine
			Little Chapters				
Grades 6-8	Explore	Explore	Explore	Explore	Explore	Explore Mini	Explore
		Art in Nature			Art FUNDamentals		
	Art in Nature	Off Broadway Jr.					
Grades 9-12	Adventure			Adventure	Off Broadway		Studio Artists
Leadership		CIT I			CIT II		
		CIT III					

CAMP BOTHIN

Classic Camp

ABOUT

Come enjoy a classic summer camp experience at Camp Bothin! Bask under the warm valley sun, spend time with friends, and enjoy s'mores under a 5 billion star view of the night sky. With this program, you will get the classic camp experience: Soar through the ropes course, explore the garden, swim at the pool, create art, and sit around the campfire with friends new and old.

SESSION #	DATES	LENGTH	GRADES	PRE-AID FEE
1	JUN 15 - JUN 19	5 days/4 nights	2-12	\$1400
2a	JUN 22 - JUN 26	5 days/4 nights	2-8	\$1400
2b	JUN 29 - JUL 3	5 days/4 nights	2-8	\$1400
3	JUL 6 - JUL 10	5 days/4 nights	2-12	\$1400
4a	JUL 13 - JUL 20	7 days/6 nights	4-8	\$1700
4b	JUL 22 - JUL 24	3 days/2 nights	2-8	\$700
5	JUL 27 - AUG 2	7 days/6 nights	2-8	\$1700

Off Broadway

ABOUT

It's showtime! From auditions to the final bow, campers will put on a complete musical production. Participate in daily rehearsals, design sets, create costumes, and learn about all aspects of a Broadway show and stage work. At the end of your session, present your production to the whole camp! Caretakers and friends are welcome to attend and join you for a special cast party.

SESSION #	DATES	LENGTH	GRADES	PRE-AID FEE
2	JUN 22 - JUL 3	12 days/11 nights	6-8	\$2250
4	JUL 13 - JUL 24	12 days/11 nights	9-12	\$2250



Adventures in Art

Little Chapters

Campers will engage with the basics of storytelling to create their very own short Zine! Explore different methods of illustration through collaborative group games - and don't be afraid to get a little silly! Campers will experiment in a safe space for creation and expression through storytelling.

SESSION #	DATES	LENGTH	GRADES	PRE-AID FEE
2B	JUN 29 - JUL 3	5 days/4 nights	4-5	\$1400

Art in Nature

Love art? Love nature? Look no further! Campers will get an immersive experience with the flora and fauna at Camp Bothin through activities like nature journaling, sleepouts, and guided nature walks! Campers will learn to understand art through a lens of sustainability in this fun new program.

SESSION #	DATES	LENGTH	GRADES	PRE-AID FEE
1	JUN 15 - JUN 19	5 days/4 nights	6-8	\$1400
2A	JUN 22 - JUN 26	5 days/4 nights	6-8	\$1400

Art FUNdamentals

Are you ready to take on the world with your art? Do you want to stay up late giggling with other creatively minded campers? Or maybe you just enjoy drawing? From color mixing games to spooky night drawing, campers will get a unique artistic Camp Bothin experience based on the seven fundamentals of art. Campers will learn to utilize things like composition, color, line and space to express themselves and the world around them.

SESSION #	DATES	LENGTH	GRADES	PRE-AID FEE
4A	JUL 13 - JUL 20	7 days/6 nights	6-8	\$1700

Studio Artists

Explore the various worlds of art through this creative exploration based camp. Campers will be able to explore more familiar mediums, such as painting with acrylic, working with charcoal, and figure building with air dry clay. Additionally, campers will be able to dip their toes into less familiar mediums such as candle making or mosaics -- the possibilities are endless! Parents and caretakers are invited to join us on the last day of the session for a creation celebration and gallery exhibition of camper work.

SESSION #	DATES	LENGTH
5	JUL 27 - AUG 2	7 days/6 nights
GRADES	PRE-AID FEE	
9-12	\$1700	

“Going to camp is important to me because it gives me a chance to relax from pressure at home and it lets me interact with nature more than I can at home.”



Leadership

CAMP BOTHIN

Counselor-in-Training I

Do you have a passion for camp that you want to share with others? Are you a natural role model and eager to mentor younger campers? Have you always been drawn to the camp counselor life? Explore the basics of developing and delivering camp programs, learn techniques on how to work with younger children, and improve your camp leadership skills in this first step of our CIT program.

SESSION #	DATES	LENGTH	GRADES	PRE-AID FEE
2	JUN 22 - JUL 3	12 days/11 nights	9-10	\$1450

Counselor-in-Training II

The next level of CIT training focuses on refining the skills needed to work with youth at camp. In addition to building your skills in working with campers, you will learn more about the operations of camp and what it means to be a positive and supportive mentor. Your journey in leadership continues with mentorship from staff and peer-group workshops.

SESSION #	DATES	LENGTH	GRADES	PRE-AID FEE
4	JUL 13 - JUL 24	12 days/11 nights	10-11	\$700

Counselor-in-Training III

CIT III training focuses on refining the skills needed to work with youth at camp. In addition to building your skills in working with campers, you will participate in group workshops and learn from our skilled camp staff and mentors. Use your leadership and camp programming skills as you work directly with camp staff, spend time in unit stays, have fun at your favorite program areas, and participate in mock interviews. Bridge the gap from camper to staff with this exciting session of internship adventures.

SESSION #	DATES	LENGTH	GRADES	PRE-AID FEE
2	JUN 22 - JUL 3	12 days/11 nights	11-12	\$0

“Camp allows me to reconnect with my surroundings and form important bonds with people around me - and doing so I am able to increase my leadership and friendship skills, and learn to challenge myself and go out of my comfort bounds in ways I wouldn't have been able to.”



Camp Sugar Pine

📍 Arnold, CA



Tucked away in the enchanting Sierra foothills, Sugar Pine has long been a cherished retreat for campers who consider it a home away from home. With lively horse stables, towering ropes courses, pristine alpine lakes, and intriguing caves nearby, Sugar Pine is a paradise for thrill-seekers. At an elevation of 5,000 feet, this scenic camp invites adventurous spirits to dive into swimming, archery, horseback riding, and more. Cozy up in rustic cabins or sleep in unique covered wagons, surrounded by babbling creeks and endless starry skies. Here, campers embark on wild adventures and build friendships that last a lifetime in our beloved mountain sanctuary.

PROGRAM

GRADES

ABOUT

[Sierra Summer Magic](#)

4-12

Discover the magic of Camp Sugar Pine! Sample horseback riding, conquer the ropes course, dive into art, and cool off in the pool. End your day with campfires, stargazing, night hikes, or field trips to scenic local lakes.

[Alpine Adventures](#)

6-12

Adventure awaits with boating, backpacking, and exploring caverns! In this 19-day Alpine Adventure, enjoy Sugar Pine favorites like high ropes and horseback riding while discovering the natural wonders of the Stanislaus National Forest.

[Squirrel Scouts](#)

6-12

Escape into nature with Squirrel Scouts! Learn survival skills like cooking, navigation, and shelter building, all while enjoying Sugar Pine's classic camp activities.

[Leadership](#)

9-12

Step into leadership at with our counselor-in-training programs! From building mentorship skills to hands-on training in camp operations, each level helps you grow from camper to confident counselor.

Session Number	1	2	3		
			3A	3B	
Session Dates	June 15-26	June 29 - July 10	July 13-19	July 20-26	July 27-31
Session Length	12 days, 11 nights	12 days, 11 nights	19 days, 18 Nights		
			7 days, 6 nights	7 days, 6 nights	
Grades 4-5	Elfins	Elfins	Elfins	Elfins	
Grades 6-8	Checkerspots	Checkerspots	Checkerspots	Checkerspots	
	Squirrel Scouts		Checkerspots		
Grades 9-12	Bluewings	Bluewings	Bluewings	Bluewings	
		Squirrel Scouts II	Alpine Adventures II		
Leadership	Introduction to CIT + PA Training	CIT I	CIT II/ CIT III		



CAMP SUGAR PINE

Sierra Summer Magic

ABOUT

Experience all that Camp Sugar Pine has to offer. Visit the horses, discover new heights at the ropes course, or tap into your creative mind at art. Spend your afternoon choosing to splash in the pool, learn a new skill, or re-visiting one of your favorite morning activities. When the stars come out get ready to bask in glow of the campfire, gaze at the stars, or enjoy a night hike with friends. You could even venture out for a field trip or two to our local lakes-- the mountains are calling you!

SESSION #	DATES	LENGTH	GRADES	PRE-AID FEE
1	JUN 15 - JUN 26	12 days/11 nights	4-12	\$2275
2	JUN 29 - JUL 10	12 days/11 nights	4-12	\$2275
3	JUL 13 - JUL 31	19 days/18 nights	6-12	\$3300
3a	JUL 13 - JUL 19	7 days/6 nights	4-12	\$1750
3b	JUL 20 - JUL 26	7 days/6 nights	4-12	\$1750

“Camp helps me feel independent and helps me try new things. It also gives me a chance to meet new people and get to do things that I wouldn't have done otherwise.”



Alpine Adventures

CAMP SUGAR PINE

ABOUT

Boating, backpacking, and big caverns, oh my! In Alpine Adventures you'll sample an overnight backpacking trip, spend more time exploring the caverns, hikes, and sights of the Stanislaus National Forrest, and paddle around beautiful lakes! This 19-day session has time for campers to enjoy the traditional Sugar Pine activities, like high ropes, horse and s'mores, while also experiencing more of the mountain's natural wonders.

SESSION #	DATES	LENGTH	GRADES	PRE-AID FEE
3	JUL 13 - JUL 31	19 days/18 nights	6-8	\$3350
3	JUL 13 - JUL 31	19 days/18 nights	9-12	\$3350

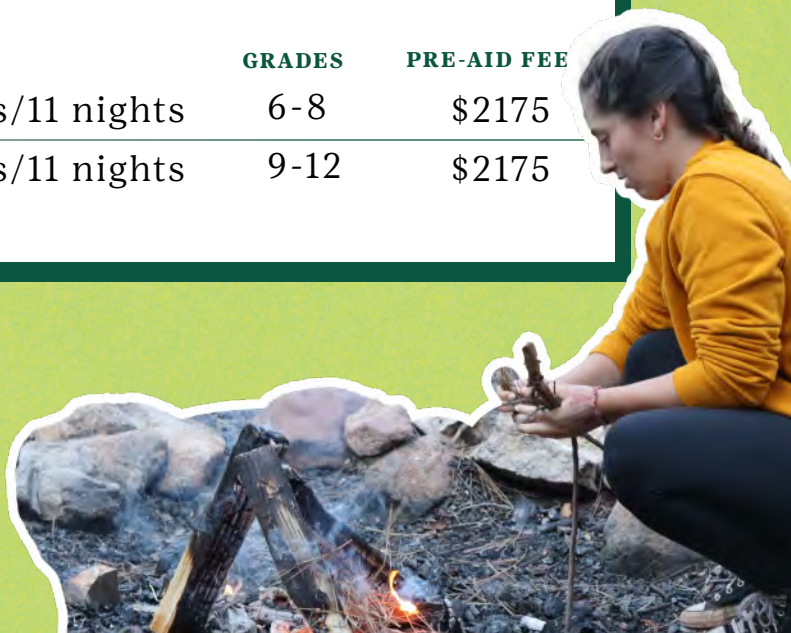
Squirrel Scouts

ABOUT

Escape from the everyday—it's time to go into hibernation! Dive into survival skills like outdoor cooking, navigation, shelter building, and more. Spend your days tucked away, cooking over an open fire, sleeping under the stars, and immersing yourself in the outdoors. This program is filled with hands-on learning, laughter, and friendship! Campers will get a taste of Sugar Pine's classic activities before "hibernating" to apply their newfound skills in Squirrel's Claim, a hidden unit set away from main camp.

Please note: campers in this program sleep outdoors, and will cook all their meals over a campfire while in "hibernation". This program offers a wilderness camping experience where children will be living in rustic outdoor conditions and taking on camping skill challenges. We advise ensuring your child is mentally and physically prepared to embrace the demands of such an environment, which is designed to foster resilience and strengthen problem solving and outdoor skills.

SESSION #	DATES	LENGTH	GRADES	PRE-AID FEE
1	JUN 15 - JUN 26	12 days/11 nights	6-8	\$2175
2	JUN 29 - JUL 10	12 days/11 nights	9-12	\$2175



Leadership

CAMP SUGAR PINE

Introduction to CIT + Program Aide Training

Are you itching to be a CIT? Feeling ready to mentor younger camps, lead games and songs, and help out around camp? Start your leadership journey with this Introduction to CIT! Explore the basics of developing and delivering camp programming and learn techniques on how to work with younger children. Gear up for your Counselor-in-Training journey by exploring leadership, while also experiencing all your favorite camp activities. You'll complete your Program Aide Training credential along the way.

SESSION #	DATES	LENGTH	GRADES	PRE-AID FEE
1	JUN 15- JUN 26	12 days/11 nights	9-10	\$2150

Counselor-in-Training I

In this first level of CIT training, participants establish the leadership and outdoor skills needed to be a camp counselor. Work with others to analyze what makes a good leader and participate in fun and challenging group games. Challenge yourself, then identify which traits you possess that can make you a positive leader. Participants will explore the basics of developing and delivering camp programs and camp operations, learn techniques on how to work with younger children, and improve camp leadership skills.

SESSION #	DATES	LENGTH	GRADES	PRE-AID FEE
2	JUN 29 - JUL 10	12 days/11 nights	10-11	\$1500

Counselor-in-Training II

The next levels of CIT training focus on refining the skills needed to work with youth at camp. In addition to building your skills in working with campers, you will learn more about the operations of camp and tackle projects to help improve camp. Your journey in leadership continues with mentorship from staff, peer-group workshopping, and lessons from experts in the outdoor education field. Learn behaviors to expect from campers and how to manage them and work as a team with staff. Spend time learning about various areas of camp operation, and learn how to be a supportive mentor to campers of all ages.

SESSION #	DATES	LENGTH	GRADES	PRE-AID FEE
3	JUL 13 - JUL 31	19 days/18 nights	11-12	\$700

Counselor-in-Training III

CIT III training focuses on refining the skills needed to work with youth at camp. In addition to building your skills in working with campers, you will participate in group workshops and learn from our skilled camp staff and mentors. Use your leadership and camp programming skills as you work directly with camp staff, spend time in unit stays, have fun at your favorite program areas, and participate in mock interviews. Bridge the gap from camper to staff with this exciting session of internship adventures.

SESSION #	DATES	LENGTH
3	JUL 13 - JUL 31	19 days/18 nights
GRADES	PRE-AID FEE	
12	\$0	



Skylark Ranch

Pescadero, CA



Travel Camp

Adventure awaits! Assemble with your fellow explorers at Skylark Ranch to gather supplies and prepare your itinerary in anticipation of your upcoming travels. From there, immerse yourself in the journey to see natural wonders in our beautiful California. Campers will be split into patrols by age.

Please note: Travel Camp participants should be mentally prepared for rustic camping. The nature of Travel Camp requires campers to be adaptable, resilient, and patient. Teamwork and cooperation among campers will be vital for sharing camping responsibilities and collaborating on various activities. As always, camp will encourage and facilitate skills development in all of these areas; and we suggest setting the expectation that Travel Camp will include hard work and patience in addition to excitement and adventures.

Session Number	1	2	3	4	5
Session Dates	June 15- June 21	June 22 – June 28	June 29 – July 10	July 13 – July 19	July 20 – July 31
Session Length	7 days, 6 nights	7 days, 6 nights	12 days, 11 nights	7 days, 6 nights	12 days, 11 nights
Grades 6 -12	Adventuring Lake Tahoe	Redwoods Retreat	Volcanoes and Caves	Yosemite Bound	California Coast

90%

of campers say they are now more likely to try again when something is hard.



Adventuring Lake Tahoe

Join us for an exciting week of adventure at South Lake Tahoe. Our activities will include archery, paddle boarding, and a thrilling challenge course. We'll also spend a couple of nights camping under the stars at Skylark Ranch, making memories and enjoying the great outdoors. Don't miss out on this unforgettable experience!

SESSION #	DATES	LENGTH	GRADES	PRE-AID FEE
1	JUN 15- JUN 21	7 days/6 nights	6-12	\$1850

Redwoods Retreat

Join us for an unforgettable week exploring the majestic Redwood forests! Our journey will include exciting activities like archery, driving through a tree, and tackling a thrilling challenge course. We'll also spend a couple of nights camping under the stars at Skylark Ranch, creating memories in the heart of nature. Don't miss this amazing adventure!

SESSION #	DATES	LENGTH	GRADES	PRE-AID FEE
2	JUN 22- JUN 28	7 days/6 nights	6-12	\$1850

Volcanoes and Caves

Join us for the adventure of a lifetime as we explore Lassen Volcanic National Park, with its steaming volcanoes, and head to Lake Shasta for swimming and an exciting cave expedition. Activities will include archery, paddleboarding, and much more. We'll also enjoy a few nights of camping under the stars at Skylark Ranch. Don't miss this incredible experience!

SESSION #	DATES	LENGTH	GRADES	PRE-AID FEE
3	JUN 29- JUL 10	12 days/11 nights	6-12	\$2200

Yosemite Bound

Join us for an unforgettable week at Yosemite National Park! We'll dive into exciting activities like archery, hiking, and white-water rafting, capped off with a couple of nights camping under the stars at Skylark Ranch. Don't miss out on this incredible outdoor adventure!

SESSION #	DATES	LENGTH	GRADES	PRE-AID FEE
4	JUL 13 - JUL 19	7 days/6 nights	6-12	\$1850

California Coast

Join us for the adventure of a lifetime along California's central coast and Pinnacles National Park! Enjoy activities like archery, whale watching, and kayaking, along with a few memorable nights of camping at Skylark Ranch. Don't miss this unique opportunity to explore and connect with nature!

SESSION #	DATES	LENGTH	GRADES	PRE-AID FEE
5	JUL 20 - JUL 31	12 days/11 nights	6-12	\$2200

Group Camp

SKYLARK

For Families and Troops

Rediscover the Magic of Skylark Ranch: A Week of Fresh Air and Adventure, together!

Gather your friends and loved ones and escape to the serene beauty of Skylark Ranch as it moves into a new chapter of fire recovery. Whether you're painting a masterpiece in the art barn, sharpening your aim at archery, or savoring the gooey perfection of campfire s'mores, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Craving more adventure? Take a day trip to explore the stunning nearby coastline, where ocean breezes and tidepools await. When the sun sets, unwind under a blanket of stars, sharing stories and laughter around the campfire with family and friends.

We've got the cooking covered! Relish three hearty meals a day in our Dining Hall, leaving you free to focus on making memories. Each day brings a mix of drop-in and sign-up activities to keep your family entertained and engaged. Caregivers and chaperones are responsible for youth supervision, so you can tailor your experience to suit your group's needs.

Flexible Stays, Endless Possibilities

Family and Troop Camping reservations will open on a rolling basis. Stay a single night or make it a week-long retreat—the choice is yours! Whether you're reuniting with troopmates, enjoying quality family time, or simply reconnecting with nature, Skylark Ranch is ready to welcome you.

Skylark Ranch Group Camp is open from June 19 – August 4

PRE-AID FEES

Adults: \$115/day

Youth: \$110/day

Kids under 3: Free



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Registration

Registration opens for **returning campers** on **January 22, 2025** at noon. Registration opens for **new campers** on **January 29, 2025** at noon. A 10% deposit is required for each session at the time of registration.

Registration for Camp Bothin, Camp Sugar Pine, and Travel Camp at Skylark Ranch will be hosted through our camp software partner, CampInTouch. After registration, you'll be able to access a portal in CampInTouch to submit necessary forms. When registration opens, a link to CampInTouch will be available at camp.gsnorcal.org.

Registration for Group Camp for Families and Troops at Skylark Ranch will be hosted via ActiveNet. When registration opens, a link to Group Camp Registration will be available at camp.gsnorcal.org.

Cancellation Policy

Please note that our refund policy is strict, and that we are unable to make exceptions this year. We strongly recommend purchasing insurance during the camp registration process.

To cancel a registration or waitlist spot, please email registration@gsnorcal.org.

The deposit is non-refundable. For a refund of the registration fees (minus the deposit), cancellation requests must be received at least four weeks before the first day of the camp session.

The balance of the camp fee, less deposit, will be refunded only if:

- Written notification of cancellation is received four weeks before the opening date of the confirmed camp session.
- The camper does not attend due to illness or injury. A letter from a physician must accompany the refund request.
- The camper is sent home from camp due to illness or injury occurring at camp. Refunds are prorated in such cases and will not be made if the camper attends more than half of the camp session and will be made only at the written request of the parent/guardian.

The balance of the camp fee, including deposit, will be refunded only if:

- If the financial aid amount requested is not fully granted, the total amount paid will be refunded.
- If GSNorCal cancels the camp session, the total amount paid will be refunded.

Refunds are not offered for cancellations made less than 4 weeks before the session start date unless a doctor's note is available. Camper fees will not be refunded for Covid Exposures, so we recommend practicing caution in the week leading up to camp, and/or purchasing insurance.

No refunds will be made if the camper does not attend their camp session or leaves early for any other reason, even if their space is filled by another participant.

Make refund requests in writing no later than **August 1, 2025** to the Girl Scouts of Northern California.



Fees & Financial Aid

GSNorCal recognizes that the cost of sending a child to camp is a significant consideration for families during the registration process. As part of our mission, we are dedicated to making sure that our programs are financially accessible. A seamless sliding fee scale is embedded into our registration process.

Campers pay sliding fees based on income eligibility and county. When registering for camp through Camp-InTouch, one of the first questions you will be asked is “Would you like to apply for financial aid?”. When you select “yes”, the system will reduce your deposit to a flat \$50 fee. This holds your camper’s spot while your financial aid application is processed. After you complete registration, you will find the Financial Aid Form in your account to complete.

Financial Aid Eligibility

Financial aid is available to campers who reside in the service counties of Girl Scouts of Northern California. Because most of our funds are provided by location-based grants or local donations, we are currently unable to provide aid to families outside of our service counties.

Below you can find the Financial Aid Award Percentage for your household. Our FA program is based on cost-of-living data, income, and household size.

How to find your estimated FA Award:

1. Open the [GSNorCal Guidelines for Financial Aid](#).
2. Find the section with the county you live in.
3. Once you’re looking at your county, find the sub-chart for your household size.
4. Once you’re in the right chart, look across the household income row to find your estimated household income.
5. Beneath the income line, you’ll find the Financial Aid award percentage your family qualifies for.
6. Take that percentage, and multiply it by the cost of the program & session your camper would like to attend to find the cost of the program for you.

For Example:

$$1400 \times 50\% = \$700$$

If your income exceeds the upper limits listed, or if the award that’s listed at your income level is not sufficient for your family to access camp, **please still apply!** Extenuating circumstances can substantially affect your eligibility, so let us know how to help.



Application Processing Time

Financial aid applications are processed manually and individually, so it usually takes about a week to process a financial aid application and apply funds to your camp registration. At the beginning of the registration period, it can sometimes take two weeks or more. Once a financial aid amount is determined, families are notified by email how much financial aid was awarded and applied to their account, as well as their remaining balance. If your financial aid award is shy of what you need, we can discuss, on a case-by-case basis, if GS NorCal is able to award further aid, or, you may cancel your registration for a full refund, including the deposit.

Application Details

The information you will be asked to submit includes:

Income – Your current total family income per year, before taxes. This may not necessarily be what was listed on your previous tax return. If you experienced a lay-off or job change since your last tax filing, please put what your current income is as if it was earned for the year. We do not require you to submit proof of income.

Dependents – Include both child and adult dependents. Examples of adult dependents include grandparents living in the home who you fully support, adults in the home over 18 with disabilities, or other adults in your household that you claim as dependents on your taxes.

Amount Requested – This is the amount that you are requesting for financial aid. If you are eligible for more financial aid than you requested, you will automatically be given the higher amount. If you are eligible for less financial aid than you requested, GS NorCal will try to provide as close to your requested amount as possible.

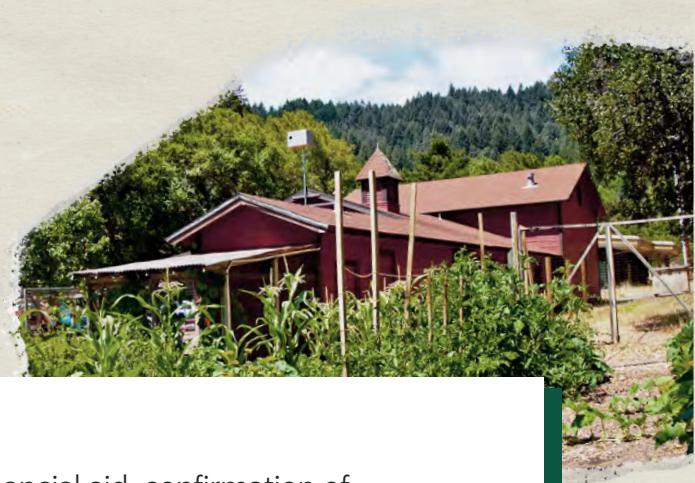
Additional Factors – Here is where you can provide a brief comment about what other factors might affect your income or take-home pay. Examples could include medical expenses, emergency circumstances, employment changes, etc. We review each comment and will reach out to you directly if we require more clarification or details.

We welcome the opportunity to work with your family to send your child to camp. We are committed to ensuring camp is inclusive and accessible to all Girl Scouts. For questions or assistance with the financial aid process, please email us at registration@gsnorcal.org.

We look forward to seeing your camper this summer!



Learn More



For additional information regarding waitlists, deposits, financial aid, confirmation of registration, payment of fees, cancellations, our refund policy, camper needs & accessibility, food allergies, accessibility, or any additional questions, please visit camp.gsnorcal.org, or contact our Member Services department (Monday–Friday, 9AM–5PM):

Phone:

800-447-4475, select option #3

Email: registration@gsnorcal.org

It's all online!

Did you know GSNorCal has a dedicated website just for camp? At camp.gsnorcal.org, you'll find a treasure trove of information, including common program questions, registration guidelines, and comprehensive resources aiding in camp preparations such as packing lists and safety guidelines.

camp.gsnorcal.org



Frequently Asked Questions

What age group does my camper fall into?

Summer camp programs reflect ages and grades in the upcoming school year. Please register your camper for the grade they will be entering in Fall 2025.

Where do campers sleep?

Campers sleep in typical camp sleeping arrangements with their group.

- Camp Bothin: Yurts, Cabins, or Dorms
- Camp Sugar Pine: Cabins or Covered Wagons
- Camp Skylark Ranch: Cabins or Pitched Tents

You can learn more about sleeping arrangements on each camp's page on camp.gsnorcal.org

How are campers supervised?

Our resident camps are managed by a competent administrative team comprised of experienced youth development professionals. This team is overseen by the Camp Director, and they are responsible for training and supervising our unit staff. Unit staff are referred to as "counselors," and they are typically aged between 18 to 25 years. Counselors serve as the primary caregivers for campers. All staff participate in an intensive one-and-a-half-week training program to ensure they are prepared to care for the safety, well-being, and rewarding experiences of all campers. Additionally, all camp staff undergo thorough background checks before the campers' arrival, ensuring a secure and reliable environment.

Campers are continuously under adult supervision; however, there might be brief instances where they are momentarily out of direct sight during activities like fetching items from their cabins, utilizing restrooms/showers, or following the nightly bedtime routine. It's important to note that counselors don't share living spaces with campers; instead, staff accommodations are located within 10-20 feet from camper cabins and are easily within hearing distance. Staff members actively oversee the units, including mornings and evenings, ensuring constant supervision and prompt assistance when needed.

Can I send mail?

Mail is accepted at all of our camps. You can also bring mail to drop-off and we will distribute on the date requested. Care packages without food are also welcome. Camp in Touch also has a one-way email function for you to email your camper.

If attending Camp Sugar Pine, we strongly recommend dropping off care packages and mail at the bus. The mail system is slow in our remote mountain town, and things often arrive after campers have left.

Are there busses?

Coach bussing is available at Camp Sugar Pine only. We have stops at Santa Rosa, Alameda, San Jose, Pleasanton, Chico, and Elk Grove.

Can my child attend with a friend?

Yes! To register two campers for the same program, list them as "Camper Buddies" on each other's registration. A maximum of two names together will be accepted.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can my camper bring their cellphone?

No. In order to allow campers and staff to fully enjoy and benefit from camp, we do not allow campers to have cell phones. The exclusion of phones from our camp program is intentional, backed by research, and is considered an industry best practice by the American Camp Association. We reassess this decision every year to ensure it is in the best interest of our campers so that they will get the most out of their time at camp.

One of the biggest benefits of coming to camp is the opportunity for campers to be independent for a short period of time. We want the campers to truly engage in their camp experience and enjoy their time outdoors with their new camp friends. Campers and families are expected to adhere to this policy. Please understand that cellphones in the unit actively disrupt the wellbeing and experience of other campers. Please do not assist your camper in “sneaking” a phone onto camp, and please account for their devices before drop-off. This policy is part of our program design and is highly purposeful. If you and your camper feel that having their personal cell phone is a true necessity, our programs may not be the ideal fit for them.

Can I register a group of kids to go to camp together?

Our camp program is designed to facilitate independence and making new friends, so we don't recommend sending large groups together. If you have a group that wants to attend together, please keep the following in mind:

- Our registration system is designed for individual campers. Caretakers must register their own campers.
- You may list your campers as buddies at registration, but we will not place them in groups larger than pairs. Groups of three or more will be split into more than one cabin in order to avoid cliques and other campers being left out.
- We cannot make any special exceptions to waitlists, etc, in order to get a group of friends into a session together. It can be very difficult to get groups of more than 2-3 campers into the same program. If you try to register several children at once, and one member of the group doesn't get in at that time, we will not be able to make a waitlist exception to move them into the program.

Do I have to be a Girl Scout to attend camp?

You don't have to have previous Girl Scout experience to enjoy Girl Scout camp! Our camps are open to every camper who identifies with the girl experience-- no matter their race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability. While being a Girl Scout is not required, all participants will need to complete Girl Scout registration before attending camp.

How will I know how to prepare my child for camp?

Families will be provided with a robust camper guide ahead of the camp season. The Camper Packet will include all of the essential information needed to prepare for your camper's session. It includes things like packing lists, pick-up instructions, camp rules, policies, and a wealth of additional essential information. If you'd like to see this content in advance of registration, you can find it at camp.gsnorcal.org.

Can camp meet my child's particular needs?

We are dedicated to supporting your camper's well-being. Our team diligently crafts individualized success plans in collaboration with camper families, prioritizing comprehensive support for their physical, emotional, and mental needs. To connect with us about medical needs, accessibility, neurodivergence, dietary needs, or other concerns, please reach out to registration@gsnorcal.org

Frequently Asked Questions

What medical information is required to attend?

All campers must have a physical exam within 12 months of their camp session. You'll also be required to complete a health history form. You will also be asked to complete a mental health questionnaire about your camper. Camp families will be able to submit this paperwork using the CampInTouch platform after registration.

Can we use cookie rewards to pay for camp?

Yes! Girl Scouts can use their Fall Product and Cookie Program Council Credit to pay for camp. Camp is also part of the Adventure Points Rewards Program, so campers will qualify for discounts as part of their participation in the cookie program.

What is it like to live at camp?

Campers can expect to live in nature and to participate in group activities planned through the camper planning process. Campers are accommodated in living units with other program-matched campers. Living units vary by camp, but may include cabins, dorms, yurts, or pitched tents. During their stay, campers engage in morning activities with their unit groups, participating in areas like art, archery, or high ropes. Afternoons include "choice time", where campers can select specialty activities they want to attend. Camp is an outdoor experience that may include wildlife encounters, insects, and wilderness safety considerations. We live outdoors in a community of friendship!

Does everyone at camp identify as a girl?

Not necessarily. GSNorCal extends camp opportunities to campers and staff who identify with the girl experience. Girl Scouts serves campers who have been historically marginalized and systemically excluded from outdoor spaces. This can and does include cisgender girls, gender-expansive youth/ non-binary youth, and trans-female and trans-male youth. Camp is a space where everyone's identity is respected and celebrated; children should not have to keep their identity a secret to retain a place in our program. Your camper will be invited to share how they would like us to refer to them during their time at camp, and to share their pronouns if they are comfortable doing so.

Our camps work diligently to create a space where everyone is emotionally and physically safe. Our policies surrounding restrooms, cabins, swimsuits, etc all support this work. You can find these policies in detail in our [Camp Culture Code](#).

What is the cancellation policy?

Go to page 18 for more information about our cancellation policies.

Volunteer-Run Camps

Check Out GSNorCal's Volunteer-Run Camps!

Volunteer-run camps are all staffed by dedicated screened and trained volunteers. Parents can often attend with their camper in exchange for helping in different areas of the camp operation. Each camp handles registration differently. To obtain information about volunteering or registration, contact us at volunteercamps@gsnorcal.org

Sleepaway VRCs

Our volunteer-run camps offer enriching summer programs and quality camp experiences—just like our council-run camps. Overnight camps take place on GSNorCal properties or rented sites. Each of these camps offer high-quality programming. You can learn more about these camps on their individual web pages.



Two Sentinels | Kirkwood, CA
www.twosentinels.org



Camp Tall Trees | Humboldt, CA
www.redwoodgirlscouts.org/camp



Camp Butano Creek | Pescadero, CA
www.campbutanocreek.org



Kamp Konocti | Marin, CA
www.kampkonocti.org

Day VRCs

Attending day camp can be an important part of the camp progression, helping campers to gain the confidence and emotional readiness to try sleepaway camp. Our volunteer-run camps offer enriching summer programs and quality camp experiences—just like our council-run camps. Day Camps are spread throughout Northern California in areas such as Santa Clara County, San Mateo County, Marin County and Sonoma County at our Girl Scout properties as well as parks and community sites. Volunteer-Run Day Camps are often run by service units and serve local Girl Scouts.

There are many Volunteer-Run Day Camps throughout GSNorCal. Please visit camp.gsnorcal.org/about/volunteer-run-day-camps or email volunteercamps@gsnorcal.org for information on the camp nearest to you.

We are always looking for volunteers who are interested in starting/forming new Day and Overnight camps. For more information, training and requirements please contact volunteercamps@gsnorcal.org.

