



2024

Camp Guide

Girl Scouts of Northern California



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Why Camp?

Camp is a special place; there's nothing else quite like it. At camp, youth get to explore their interests, form genuine connections, nurture a sense of belonging, and challenge themselves to grow.

What truly makes camp so special is that it's a place where youth can authentically be themselves without the fear of judgment. Campers are encouraged to express their true selves at camp, fostering self-acceptance and confidence. Truly nurturing spaces for children are hard to come by in today's world; with so many social and online pressures, camp's safe, happy community is a critical place for our kids.

Camp helps youth:

- Develop leadership skills through our youth-led programming, with supportive staff by their side.
- Discover a sense of self by participating in activities that build confidence.
- Overcome obstacles by challenging themselves to try activities they've never done before.
- Learn resilience and gain a deep appreciation of the great outdoors.
- Cultivate important life skills by interacting with fellow campers and problem-solving with a team.
- Relax & "unplug" from the every day while making lifelong friends!

The camp community is:

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

Grow with us:

Our summer camp program is designed with progression in mind. By offering programs of various lengths, each with diverse activities and exciting challenges, youth can build on their comfort level each year. We offer sessions of 3 days, 5 days, 7 days, 12 days, and 19 days.



Camp is awesome because:



We explore the wilderness. At Girl Scouts of Northern California, campers embark on a variety of activities encompassing the water's edge, forest trails, and the cozy embrace of the campsite.



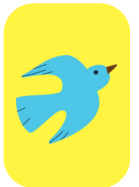
We immerse ourselves in adventure. Surrounded by nature, youth dive into thrilling activities – from mastering the art of crafting campfires and navigating scenic trails to the exhilaration of horseback riding, archery, creative arts, and the thrill of scaling high ropes.



We emphasize empowerment and growth. Camp is a place where children flourish, honing leadership skills through youth-led programs. It's a special place where self-discovery takes center stage, with confidence blooming through engaging activities and exciting challenges. Our camp program is focused on instilling lifelong skills, from problem-solving to teamwork, amidst laughter and camaraderie.



We're a community. The camp experience is built on camaraderie, friendship, and meaningful mentorship. Timeless camp experiences are scaffolded by a camp family where voices are heard, leadership is nurtured, and learning happens organically amidst the beauty of the great outdoors.



Our staff are youth development professionals. Their expertise, commitment, and high retention rates contribute to continuity and a sense of familiarity, fostering meaningful connections with campers, building trust, and creating a positive, lasting impact on their overall camp journey.

Our campers say it best:

"Going to camp is important to me because I feel like it's a place I could be myself and no one will make fun of me."

"I feel like I am more like myself than I am at home sometimes. I feel like I can do more and I feel better and happier."

"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's an escape from everything in my normal life, I know when I come to camp I will find a community that loves and supports me unconditionally."

"Camp has always been my safe place and I await returning every year."

"It's an environment where nobody knows you or has expectations about you, so you can just be yourself."



Camp Programs

Our sessions are focused on classic camp experiences, sisterhood and community, and campers having voice and choice in their experience. Our traditional camp programs make up the bulk of the summer camp schedule and focus on fostering a sense of collaboration and community between campers while enjoying all the activities they love at camp.

- **Specialty Programs:** A few of our programs offer a deep-dive into specific activities like travel, theatre, or wilderness skills. Campers will enjoy other favorite activities as well. Specialty programs are primarily offered to grades 6-12 and vary in topic each week.
- **Leadership Sessions:** The Counselor-in-Training program continues to provide an opportunity for older campers to learn leadership skills at camp. Various levels of CIT are offered to campers in grades 9-12.

Our Camps

Girl Scouts of Northern California has three locations where we host council-run overnight camp programs: Camp Bothin, Camp Hidden Falls, and Camp Sugar Pine. This year, GSNorCal is also hosting a day camp program at Camp Rainbow's End. Each of our camp locations offers essential camp activities like team-building, campfires, stargazing, and outdoor cooking. Beyond these classic camp activities, each site boasts an exclusive assortment of unique adventures. While at camp, youth have the opportunity to sample the various activities that are offered. Some activities 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
- Arts & Crafts
- Counselor-in-Training
- Drama & Performing Arts
- High Ropes
- Maker Space
- Nature Exploration
- Organic Gardening
- STEM
- Swimming

Hidden Falls (Soquel, CA)

- Archery
- Arts & Crafts
- Creek Stomping
- Eco Exploration
- Hatchet Throwing
- Outdoor Cooking
- Outdoor Skill-Building
- Primitive Camping
- Swimming
- Woodworking
- Extended Journey Travel

Sugar Pine (Arnold, CA)

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

Rainbow's End (San Jose, CA)

- Group Sports
- Imaginative Play
- Immersive Puzzle Programming
- Nature Hiking
- Outdoor Cooking
- Performance Arts
- STEM
- Wildlife Observation

Skylark Ranch Update

Wildfire recovery is a comprehensive and time-consuming process. Skylark Ranch is currently undergoing a critical phase focused on hazard tree removal and essential infrastructure repairs. Rebuilding will come after this work wraps up, and it will take some time. The camp remains in the process of restoration for the near future. This work is moving steadily along; at this time, we're focused on prioritizing safety measures and rehabilitation efforts to ensure a secure and welcoming environment for campers.

Camp Bothin

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 the 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 embodies the goals of a welcoming community, evoking a sense of belonging and comfort akin to home.

	Session 1	Session 2		Session 3	Session 4		Session 5	Session 6
		Session 2A	Session 2B		Session 4A	Session 4B		
	June 16 - June 20	June 23 - June 27	June 30 - July 4	July 7 - July 11	July 14 - July 20	July 23 - July 25	July 28 - August 1	August 3-4
Grades 2-3	Classic Camp: Discover	Classic Camp: Discover	Classic Camp: Discover	Classic Camp: Discover		Mini Camp: Discover	Classic Camp: Discover	Cookie Camp <i>Entrepreneur Reward Weekend</i>
Grades 4-5	Classic Camp: Imagine	Classic Camp: Imagine	Classic Camp: Imagine Bullseye Buddies	Classic Camp: Imagine Bullseye Buddies	Classic Camp: Imagine	Mini Camp: Imagine	Classic Camp: Imagine	
Grades 6-8	Classic Camp: Explore	Classic Camp: Explore Off Broadway Jr.	Classic Camp: Explore	Classic Camp: Explore	Classic Camp: Explore	Mini Camp: Explore	Classic Camp: Explore	
Grades 9-12	Classic Camp: Adventure			Classic Camp: Adventure	Off Broadway		Classic Camp: Adventure	
Leadership		CIT I & CIT III			CIT II			

Classic Camp

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: play games, explore the garden, swim at the pool, create art, and sit around the campfire with friends new and old.

Discover (2-3 Grade)

- Session 1: June 16 – June 20
- Session 2A: June 23 – June 27
- Session 2B: June 30 – July 4
- Session 3: July 7- July 11
- Session 4B: July 23 – July 25
- Session 5: July 28-August 1

Imagine (4-5 Grade)

- Session 1: June 16 – June 20
- Session 2A: June 23 – June 27
- Session 2B: June 30 – July 4
- Session 3: July 7- July 11
- Session 4A: July 14- July 20
- Session 4B: July 23 – July 25
- Session 5: July 28-August 1

Explore (6-8 Grade)

- Session 1: June 16 – June 20
- Session 2A: June 23 – June 27
- Session 2B: June 30 – July 4
- Session 3: July 7- July 11
- Session 4A: July 14- July 20
- Session 4B: July 23 – July 25
- Session 5: July 28-August 1

Adventure (9-12 Grade)

- Session 1: June 16 – June 20
- Session 3: July 7- July 11
- Session 5: July 28-August 1

Counselor-in-Training I

10-11 Grade

Do you have a passion for camp that you want to share with others? Are you a natural role model and eager to mentor others? Have you always been drawn to the camp counselor life? Explore the basics of developing and delivering camp program and camp operations, learn techniques on how to work with younger children, and improve your camp leadership skills in this first step of our CIT (Counselor-in-Training) 1 program.

- Session 2: June 23 –July 4

Counselor-in-Training II

11-12 Grade

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 4: July 14- July 25

Counselor-in-Training III

12 Grade

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 2: June 23 –July 4





Camp Bothin: Great books are made up of little chapters.

Off Broadway

It's showtime! From auditions to the final bow, your group 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.

6-8 Grade

- Session 2: June 23 – July 4

9-12 Grade

- Session 4: July 14- July 25



Bullseye Buddies

4-5 Grade

Campers will learn the art of target sports in this new program! Participants will start by learning how to aim on our new slingshot range, then learn the fundamentals of archery, learning how to shoot from our USA Archery certified staff! Campers will also experience other classic camp activities such as swimming, s'mores around the campfire, and more.

- Session 2B: June 30 – July 4
- Session 3: July 7- July 11

Cookie Camp

2-12 Grade

Come camp with us and celebrate your entrepreneurial achievements! This weekend is a classic summer camp overnight, full of swimming, high ropes, campfires and outdoor adventures. We'll celebrate your cookie season together with your camp counselors, friends, and fellow entrepreneurs. Join us for two days of fun, nature, and friendship at Camp Bothin.

Please note: This session is a Cookie Seller Reward Only; registration is NOT available to the public. Check out the [2024 Cookie Program](#) for more reward information!

- Session 6: Aug 3-4

Camp Hidden Falls



Nestled amidst the towering California Redwoods in the Santa Cruz Mountains near Soquel, Hidden Falls is a serene escape. The camp boasts a sprawling central meadow for sports, including archery and hatchet throwing ranges, an eco-pond for exploration, a freshwater waterfall, a meandering creek, and an amphitheater-style campfire circle. Campers live in rustic units, sleeping under the starry skies, nestled among the trees, or in cozy pitched tents. Amidst the captivating redwoods, hone your camp skills and explore the woods, or extend the adventure with Travel Camp.

- Please note: In 2024, our BaseCamp experience at Hidden Falls includes a shift to preparing all meals cook-out style. This program design echoes a front-country camping experience with pitched tents and team meals, and serves as a skills progression for meal preparation in Travel Camp programs.

	Session 1	Session 2		Session 3		Session 4	
		Session 2A	Session 2B	Session 3A	Session 3B	Session 4A	Session 4B
	June 16 - June 20	June 23 - June 27	June 30 - July 4	July 7- July 13	July 16 - July 18	July 21 - July 25	July 28 - August 1
Grades 2-3	Base Camp: Seedlings	Base Camp: Seedlings	Base Camp: Seedlings		Mini Base Camp: Seedlings		
Grades 4-5	Base Camp: Violets	Base Camp: Violets	Base Camp: Violets	Base Camp: Violets	Mini Base Camp: Violets	Base Camp: Violets	Base Camp: Violets
				Travel Camp: Day Trippers			
Grades 6-8	Base Camp: Sorrel	Base Camp: Sorrel		Base Camp: Sorrel		Base Camp: Sorrel	Base Camp: Sorrel
						Travel Camp: Day Trippers	
		Travel Camp: Yosemite & Lake Tahoe		Travel Camp: Sequoia & Kings Canyon		Travel Camp: Big Sur & Morro Bay	
Grades 9-12	Base Camp: Ferns	Travel Camp: Santa Barbara & Channel Islands		Travel Camp: Lassen Volcanic & Mount Shasta		Travel Camp: Yosemite & Lake Tahoe	

Base Camp

Choose your own adventure. Connect with friends old and new when you get back to nature at Camp Hidden Falls! Become a wizard of outdoor cooking as you make your meals over a campfire, camp stove, or rustic grill every day. You'll get to sleep in a tent, or under the stars in a hammock or hand-tied tree bed. Take a hike or make a friendship bracelet, and build something in the woodshop. Pick something fun they won't teach you in school during free choice activity time. Enjoy the forest and explore the magic of camp!

Seedlings (2-3 Grade)

- Session 1: June 16-20
- Session 2A: June 23- June 27
- Session 2B: June 30 – July 4
- Session 3B: July 16 – July 18

Ferns (9-12 Grade)

- Session 1: June 16-20

Violets (4-5 Grade)

- Session 1: June 16-20
- Session 2A: June 23- June 27
- Session 2B: June 30 – July 4
- Session 3A: July 7- July 13
- Session 3B: July 16 – July 18
- Session 4A: July 21 – July 25
- Session 4B: July 28 – August 1

Sorrel (6-8 Grade)

- Session 1: June 16-20
- Session 2A: June 23- June 27
- Session 2B: June 30 – July 4
- Session 3A: July 7- July 13
- Session 4A: July 21 – July 25
- Session 4B: July 28 – August 1



Travel Camp

Adventure awaits! Assemble with your fellow explorers at Base Camp 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.

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.

Yosemite & Lake Tahoe

All aboard for two weeks of camping in the mountains! Experience Lake Tahoe amidst the breathtaking Sierra Nevada mountains, where the crystal-clear lake and invigorating mountain air create an ideal setting for fostering new friendships. Next, travel to Yosemite, where you'll explore massive granite cliffs, hike along waterfalls, and poke around the Merced River. It's sure to be an unforgettable adventure.

6-8 Grade

- Session 2: June 23 – July 4

9-12 Grade

- Session 4: July 14- August 1

Santa Barbara & Channel Islands

Begin your two-week adventure with a scenic drive to Santa Barbara, where the golden beaches and Pacific Ocean breeze set the stage for a memorable camping experience. Your journey continues on Santa Cruz island with rustic camping, snorkeling, and salt-water kayaking. Enjoy days filled with discovery of the unique flora and fauna, and camp under the starry island sky sharing stories and laughter with your fellow scouts.

9-12 Grade

- Session 2: June 23 – July 4

Lassen Volcanic & Mount Shasta

Travel north and camp in the shadow of Mount Shasta! Check out hydrothermal features in Lassen Volcanic National Park and revel in the tranquility of mountain landscapes. Hike around Lake Siskiyou, chase waterfalls, and crawl through caves. This program is two weeks of thrilling wilderness adventures.

9-12 Grade

- Session 3: July 7- July 18



Camp Hidden Falls: Look at the stars shining bright above, and know in this place you're always loved.

Sequoia & Kings Canyon

Start your journey amidst towering sequoia trees, as you hike through the awe-inspiring landscapes of these adjoining parks. Camp under the starlit sky, sharing stories and laughter with your newfound friends. Check out the view from Moro Rock, stand in the shadow of the world's largest tree, and dip your toes into Hume Lake. Whether navigating scenic trails or reveling in the tranquility of the parks, this adventure is a two-week journey where nature's wonders become the backdrop for an unforgettable camp experience.

6-8 Grade

- Session 3: July 7- July 18

Big Sur & Morro Bay

Begin your coastal exploration in Big Sur, where towering cliffs meet the Pacific Ocean. Hike along the coast and spot wildlife in the water. Hop aboard a whale watching boat, learn about ocean life, and camp under the starlit sky. Bike along the beach, laugh with friends, and revel in the salty sea air.

6-8 Grade

- Session 4: July 21 – August 1

Day Trippers

Travel to and from basecamp on daily adventures! Meet a noble steed during a day of horseback riding. Become a wizard of outdoor cooking as you practice making meals over a campfire, camp stove, or rustic grill. Gather berries with your new friends at Swanton's Berry Farm and maybe bake them into a sweet treat when you get back to base camp! Sleep in a tent or under the starry sky in a hammock or hand-tied tree bed. Follow your days of adventure with singing around the campfire. We'll see you there!

4-5 Grade

- Session 3A: July 7 – July 13

6-8 Grade

- Session 4: July 21 – August 1



Camp Sugar Pine

Hidden within the captivating Sierra foothills, Sugar Pine is a sanctuary to generations of campers who have called it home. Boasting lively stables, a sky-reaching ropes course, nearby alpine lakes, and mysterious caverns, Sugar Pine is a haven for the adventurer. Perched at 5000 feet elevation, our beautiful camp offers ample opportunities for spirited campers to engage in activities like swimming, archery, and horseback riding. Unite in quaint cabins or our unique covered wagons, reveling in creek-side serenity and stargazing marvels. Venture into wild escapades and forge lasting friendships at our cherished mountain retreat.

	Session One	Session 2	Session 3	
			Session 3A	
	June 16 - June 27	June 30 - July 11	July 14 - 25	July 14- Aug 1
Grades 4-5	Sierra Summer Magic - Elfins	Sierra Summer Magic - Elfins	Sierra Summer Magic: Elfins	
Grades 6-8	Sierra Summer Magic - Checkerspots	Sierra Summer Magic - Checkerspots	Sierra Summer Magic - Checkerspots	
	Squirrel Scouts I		Squirrel Scouts I	
			Sierra Summer Magic: Checkerspots	
Grades 9-12	Sierra Summer Magic - Bluewings	Sierra Summer Magic - Bluewings	Alpine Adventures II	
		Squirrel Scouts II		
Leadership	Introduction to CIT	CIT I	CIT II	
			CIT III	

Busses: Charter busses run to Camp Sugar Pine on camp check-in and check-out days. Busses stop in Alameda, San Jose, Pleasanton, Santa Rosa, Chico, and Elk Grove.

Sierra Summer Magic

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-visit one of your favorite morning activities. When the stars come out, get ready to bask in the 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!

Elfins (4-5 Grade)

- Session 1: June 16 – June 27
- Session 2: June 30 – July 11
- Session 3A: July 14 – July 25

Checkerspots (6-8 Grade)

- Session 1: June 16 – June 27
- Session 2: June 30 – July 11
- Session 3A: July 14 – July 25
- Session 3: July 14 – Aug 1

Bluewings (9-12 Grade)

- Session 1: June 16 – June 27
- Session 2: June 30 – July 11

Alpine Adventures

Grades 6-8 & 9-12

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 3: July 14 – Aug 1



Squirrel Scouts

You have been stranded in the wilderness at Camp Sugar Pine, and now must learn survival skills like outdoor cooking, orienteering, shelter building and more. Enjoy your days hidden away cooking over a fire, building your own tree beds, and sleeping out under the stars - becoming one with nature! This program takes place in our newly available Squirrel's Claim unit, and is full of learning, laughter, and love! Campers will sample some of Sugar Pine's activities before "hibernating" to practice their newly acquired outdoor skills away from main camp.

Please note: campers will be building their own tree beds to sleep in, and will cook all their meals over a campfire while in "hibernation". This program offers a wilderness camping experience where youth 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.

9-12 Grade

- Session 2: June 30 – July 11

6-8 Grade

- Session 1* : June 16 – June 27
- Session 3A: July 14 – July 25

*Session One Squirrel Scouts: Nights remain chilly at Sugar Pine through the first two weeks of camp. Please anticipate a rustic camper experience that may involve colder weather conditions, particularly during the evenings. The Squirrel Scouts programming for this specific session is tailored to equip campers with essential cold-weather techniques to ensure a safe and enjoyable outdoor experience.

*Camp Sugar Pine:
Wild and free and home to me.*

Introduction to Counselor-in-Training 9-10 Grade

Are you itching to be a CIT (Counselor-in-Training)? Feeling ready to mentor younger campers, 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.

- Session 1: June 16 – June 27

Counselor-in-Training I 10-11 Grade

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 program and camp operations, learn techniques on how to work with younger children, and improve camp leadership skills.

- Session 2: July 2 – July 13

Counselor-in-Training II 11-12 Grade

The next levels of CIT training focus on refining the skills needed to work with youth at camp. In addition, 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 3: July 14 – Aug 1

Counselor-in-Training III 12 Grade

The next levels of CIT training focus on refining the skills needed to work with youth at camp. In addition, 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. 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, carry out an individual project, and learn more about camp management, too. Bridge the gap from camper to staff with this exciting session of internship adventures.

- Session 3: July 14 – Aug 1



Rainbow's End Day Camp

NEW! Nestled within San Jose, Rainbow's End offers an enchanting setting for a simple yet adventurous day camp experience. Surrounded by lush greenery and embracing a serene ambiance, campers delve into a variety of outdoor activities. From engaging nature walks along picturesque trails to imaginative arts and crafts sessions, campers find solace in a peaceful retreat conducive to exploration and creativity. With access to an inviting meadow for outdoor games and ample space for fun-filled group activities, Rainbow's End fosters a joyful environment where campers discover, learn, and create lasting memories in the heart of nature.

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6	Session 7
	June 17 - June 21	June 24 - June 28	July 1 - July 5	July 8 - July 12	July 15 - July 19	July 22 - July 26	July 29 - August 2
Grades K-1	Tutus & Tiaras	Icky Sticky Science	Tutus & Tiaras	Crazy for Candy	Tutus & Tiaras	Icky Sticky Science	Crazy for Candy
	Toys & Games	Animal Observers	Wacky Sports	Toys & Games	Animal Observers	Toys & Games	Wacky Sports
Grades 2-3	Brownies on Broadway	Dream Team	Brownie Bakers	Brownies on Broadway	Brownies on Broadway	Brownie Bakers	Brownie Bakers
	Glitter Bugs	Things with Wings	Glitter Bugs	Silly Science	Dream Team	Things with Wings	Silly Science
Grades 4-5	Extreme Cuisine	Center Stage	Summer Sleuths	Center Stage	STEM Stars	Extreme Cuisine	Summer Sleuths

Day camp runs from 9:00am to 5:00pm from Monday through Friday.

Day Camp: Daisies (K-1 Grade)

Tutus & Tiaras

Camp made for royalty! Take princess lessons then make a tutu and a tiara at Arts and Crafts. End your week with a Princess party!

- Session 1: June 17 – June 21
- Session 3: July 1 – July 5
- Session 5: July 15- July 19

Toys & Games

This week is all about fun! Use your imagination to design a brand-new toy then create a model of your invention using recycled materials. Spend lots of time playing games with your new friends.

- Session 1: June 17 – June 21
- Session 4: July 8 – July 12
- Session 6: July 22- July 26

Icky Sticky Science

Let's make a mess! Can you guess why frogs are slimy? What makes volcanos explode? Learn the science behind making your own drippy, sticky ice cream, then mix up some ooblek and slime for the messiest science experiments ever!

- Session 2: June 24 – June 28
- Session 6: July 22- July 26

Animal Observers

Calling all animal lovers! Learn about animals' senses by playing games. Go on a nature walk and see how many types of animals you can spot. Make art inspired by your favorites!

- Session 2: June 24 – June 28
- Session 5: July 15- July 19

Wacky Sports

Have you ever played soccer with a pillow or volleyball with a balloon? Spend the week playing silly versions of classic games. Can you come up with your own?

- Session 3: July 1 – July 5
- Session 7: July 29 – August 2

Crazy for Candy

This week is going to be sweet! Make chocolate lollipops, candy sushi and other sweet treats. End your week by playing a life-sized game of Candy Land.

- Session 4: July 8 – July 12
- Session 7: July 29 – August 2



Day Camp: Brownies (2-3 Grade)



Brownies on Broadway

Get ready to put on your dancing shoes, sing your best and shine! Play theatre games with all your new friends, learn some new dance moves and write a camp song. At the end of the week put on a performance for the whole camp.

- Session 1: June 17 – June 21
- Session 4: July 8 – July 12
- Session 5: July 15- July 19

Glitter Bugs

Nature and art combined! Go on a nature scavenger hunt, try your hand at birdwatching, and gain a new appreciation for bugs by learning about why they are so important. Create art (with plenty of glitter) inspired by what you see and learn!

- Session 1: June 17 – June 21
- Session 3: July 1 – July 5

Dream Team

Have fun on the playing field! Spend time each day playing different sports like Soccer, Volleyball, and Ultimate Frisbee. Design your own logo to represent the team of your imagination.

- Session 2: June 24 – June 28
- Session 5: July 15- July 19

Things with Wings

Explore the winged world! Make fairy houses and go on a dragon hunt, then learn about butterflies and dragonflies in nature.

- Session 2: June 24 – June 28
- Session 6: July 22- July 26

Brownie Bakers

The Little Camp Bakery is open! Make cupcakes, cookies and other sweet treats, and then decorate pretty packages to take them home. Decorate your own chef's hat in Arts and Crafts, and then learn the science behind how your recipes work. You'll even learn the original Girl Scout Shortbread recipe!

- Session 3: July 1 – July 5
- Session 6: July 22- July 26
- Session 7: July 29 – August 2

Silly Science

How high can you make a rocket fly? What does it take to make your own ice cream? Take part in fun experiments and learn a thing or two along the way.

- Session 4: July 8 – July 12
- Session 7: July 29 – August 2

Day Camp: Juniors (4-5 Grade)

Extreme Cuisine

Explore the world of food! Make food from all over the world and participate in our Chopped competition.

- Session 1: June 17 – June 21
- Session 6: July 22- July 26

Summer Sleuths

Help solve a summer camp mystery! Learn different skills to help you figure out “who-done-it”. Take a break from your sleuthing to participate in a mystery lunch theater.

- Session 3: July 1 – July 5
- Session 7: July 29 – August 2

Center Stage

Get ready to stand in the spotlight! Singing, dancing and acting are just a few of the things you’ll do this week. Play theater games and create a performance to show the whole camp at the end of the week.

- Session 2: June 24 – June 28
- Session 4: July 8 – July 12

STEM Stars

Have you ever made magnetic slime or a really good paper airplane? Do you like to learn about the planets and stars? Spend your week at camp trying fun experiments and learning about our solar system.

- Session 5: July 15- July 19



Transportation to Rainbow's End Day Camp

Bussing is included in Rainbow's End Day Camp registration fees, and families can choose a convenient bus stop during the registration process. Our summer day camp busses make 4-5 stops each morning, strategically spaced 15-20 minutes apart to accommodate families from a wider area. It's important to note that since busses do not make frequent, close-together stops, families should plan for minor travel time in order to meet the bus at the closest available location.

Parking is limited at camp, so we do request that local families utilize the close-to-camp bus stops whenever possible.

As our day camp program at Rainbow's End is new this year, we're currently in the process of determining and confirming bus stop locations. The bus schedule below is subject to changes, and is intended to give families a preliminary idea of where stops may be near them. Confirmed stop locations and times will be available during the registration process.

Approximate AM Drop-off Time	Potential Stop Location	City	Approximate PM Pick-up Time
Bus 1			
8:00 am	Costco	Mountain View	6:00 pm
8:25 am	Mercado Shopping Mall	Santa Clara	5:35 pm
8:40 am	H-Mart	San Jose	5:20 pm
8:50 am	Vinci Park Elementary	San Jose	5:10 pm
9:00 am	Camp	San Jose	5:00 pm
Bus 2			
8:00 am	Best Buy	Union City	6:00 pm
8:15 am	NewPark Shopping Center	Newark	5:45 pm
8:40 am	Safeway	Milpitas	5:20 pm
8:50 am	Brooketree Elementary	San Jose	5:10 pm
9:00 am	Rainbow's End	San Jose	5:00 pm

Approximate AM Drop-off Time	Potential Stop Location	City	Approximate PM Pick-up Time
Bus 3			
8:00 am	Gilroy Outlets	Gilroy	6:00 pm
8:10 am	Lawrence Oaks Shopping Center	Morgan Hill	5:50 pm
8:25 am	Oak Grove High School	San Jose	5:35 pm
8:45 am	Ocala STEAM Academy	San Jose	5:15 pm
9:00 am	Rainbow's End	San Jose	5:00 pm
Bus 4			
8:00 am	Redwood Middle School	Fruitvale	6:00 pm
8:15 am	Homestead Square Shopping Center	Cupertino	5:45 pm
8:25 am	West Valley Middle School	San Jose	5:35 pm
8:35 am	FoodMaxx	San Jose	5:25 pm
8:50 am	Mayfair Community Center	San Jose	5:10 pm
9:00 am	Rainbow's End	San Jose	5:00 pm



Registration

Registration opens for returning campers on January 22, 2024 at noon. Registration opens for new campers on January 29, 2024 at noon. A 10% deposit is required for each session at the time of registration.

Registration 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. [CampInTouch Link](#).

Financial Aid

Any youth member living in one of our nineteen GSNorCal counties is eligible to receive financial aid! Our Financial Aid program is robust and flexible, and we will happily consider any information you'd like to share in order to determine eligibility. Applicants will not be automatically excluded based on income guidelines alone.

We enthusiastically welcome all campers to apply! Our commitment to accessibility ensures that nearly every applicant receives some form of financial aid, with the application seamlessly

integrated into the camp registration process. Families will encounter the option to complete the financial aid form during their online registration.

Fees

As a non-profit organization, our fees are a direct reflection of the operational cost to run camp. The rising costs of food, vendors, and most significantly, staffing, are reflected in the 2024 Camp Fees. Variance in session fees represents amenities offered at each site, such as food service, included transportation, horse programming, etc. The full balance of the camper fees is due for all sessions on June 5th.

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 [our FAQs](#), or contact our Member Services department (Monday–Friday, 9AM–5PM):

- 408-287-4170
- 800-447-4475
- Email: registration@gsnorcal.org



2024 Camp Fees

Camp Bothin Fees	
Session 1	
Classic Camp	\$1350
Session 2	
Off Broadway	\$2200
CIT I	\$1450
CIT III	\$0
Session 2A	
Classic Camp	\$1350
Session 2B	
Classic Camp	\$1350
Bullseye Buddies	\$1350
Session 3	
Classic Camp	\$1325
Bullseye Buddies	\$1325
Session 4	
Off Broadway	\$2200
CIT II	\$650
Session 4A	
Classic Camp	\$1650
Session 4B	
Classic Camp	\$675
Session 5	
Classic Camp	\$1325
Session 6	
Cookie Camp	n/a

Camp Hidden Falls Fees	
Session 1	
Base Camp	\$1075
Session 2	
Base Camp	\$2000
Travel Camp	\$2200
Session 2A	
Base Camp	\$1075
Session 2B	
Base Camp	\$1075
Session 3	
Base Camp	\$2000
Travel Camp	\$2200
Session 3A	
Base Camp	\$1400
Travel Camp	\$1600
Session 3B	
Base Camp	\$535
Session 4	
Travel Camp	\$2200
Session 4A	
Base Camp	\$1050
Session 4B	
Base Camp	\$1050

2024 Camp Fees



Camp Sugar Pine Fees

Session 1

Sierra Summer Magic	\$2210
Squirrel Scouts	\$2150
Intro to CIT	\$2100

Session 2

Sierra Summer Magic	\$2210
Squirrel Scouts	\$2150
CIT I	\$1475

Session 3

Sierra Summer Magic	\$3255
Alpine Adventures	\$3300
CIT II	\$700
CIT III	\$0

Session 3

Sierra Summer Magic	\$2185
Squirrel Scouts	\$2125

Camp Rainbow's End Fees

Session 1

Themed Day Camp	\$700
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Session 2

Themed Day Camp	\$700
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Session 3

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Session 6

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Session 7

Themed Day Camp	\$700
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FAQ

How many spaces are there?

Our camp capacities have stabilized compared to the limited availability experienced from 2021 to 2023, yet due to Skylark Ranch's continued closure, GSNorCal still has fewer available spaces than pre-pandemic numbers. Early registration is highly recommended, as many sought-after programs tend to fill up within minutes of opening. Upon selecting a program, CampInTouch secures your space for 20 minutes while you complete the registration process.

We aim to offer as much of our high-demand programs as is feasible. However, certain sessions remain more popular than others, notably the initial two weeks which experience the highest demand. To enhance your registration experience, we advise preparing a few backup choices and utilizing the waitlists, which historically have seen substantial movement. In 2023, almost all waitlists were cleared by May. While securing preferred programs on registration day can be competitive, we assure you that there is considerable space available for campers. Flexibility increases the chances of completing registration early.

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 2024.

Where do campers sleep?

Campers sleep in typical camp sleeping arrangements with their group.

- Camp Bothin: Yurts, Cabins, or Dorms
- Camp Hidden Falls: Hammocks, Tree Beds, or Pop-up Tents
- Camp Sugar Pine: Cabins or Covered Wagons

You can learn more about sleeping arrangements within the drop-downs on [Our Camps](#) page.

How are campers supervised?

Our 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 drop off mail and we will distribute on the date requested. Care packages without food are also welcome.

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

Can my camper bring their cell phone?

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.

It's all online!

Did you know GSNorCal has dedicated webpages just for camp? 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 pages](#)

FAQ continued

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.

School busses are available at Rainbow's End for local campers at the start and end of each day. Families have the opportunity to sign up for the bus after registration has been completed.

Can my child attend with a friend?

Yes! Just list them as "Camper Buddies" on the Camper Buddy Form after you've registered your camper. A maximum of two names together will be accepted.

Can I register a group of kids to camp together?

Our camp program is designed to facilitate making lots of 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 do not guarantee that we can place them in groups larger than pairs. They may be split into more than one cabin in order to avoid 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 prior experience as 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.

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.

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 and 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 Council Credit to pay for camp.

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!



FAQ continued

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; youth 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](#).



Refunds:

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.

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

- 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.

Partial refund: The balance of the camp fee, minus the deposit, will only be refunded 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.

Prorated refund:

- If the camper is sent home from camp due to illness or injury occurring at camp, a prorated refund may be given but will not be made if the camper attends more than half of the camp session. The prorated refund will be made only at the written request of the parent/guardian.

What is the cancellation policy?

To cancel a registration or a wait list spot, send an email or written notification to registration@gsnorcal.org or fax to (408) 287-8662.

The deposit is non-refundable. To receive a refund of the registration fees paid less the deposit, a notice of cancellation must be received four weeks prior to the first day of the camp session for which the cancellation is being made.




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 her camp session or leaves early for any other reason, even if her space is filled by another participant.

Make refund requests in writing no later than August 1, 2024 to the Girl Scouts of Northern California.



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.

Volunteer-Run Sleep Away Camps (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](#)
- [Camp Tall Trees | Humboldt, CA](#)
- [Camp Butano Creek | Pescadero, CA](#)
- [Kamp Konocti | Marin, CA](#)

Volunteer-Run Day Camps (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. Volunteer-Run day camps are located across Northern California, and are held at a variety of locations, such as local community sites, parks, and GSNorCal properties. These camps vary in length and number of sessions, some even end with an overnight. 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 the Volunteer-Run Days Camps section of [Our Camps](#) or email volunteercamps@gsnorcal.org for information on the camp nearest to you.

