

Please share this information with your troop leaders.

Camp Conestoga, Camp Little Cloud, Camp L-Kee-Ta, and Camp Tahigwa are excited to invite your girls to camp this summer. Resident camp is mainly geared towards individual girls, letting her explore personal interests through camp sessions focused on art, outdoor skills, horseback riding, space, and water, just to name a few. Girls can sign up to go to camp with one buddy. We have progressive programs available for girls entering 1st grade to girls entering 12th grade.

For Daisy & Brownie Girl Scouts: Camp Little Cloud and Camp L-Kee-Ta are pleased to offer day camp programs in conjunction with resident camp. While Camp Little Cloud has offered this option for many years, L-Kee-Ta's program is brand new this summer. Day camp provides girls a taste of what resident camp has to offer: swimming daily, crafts, songs, and a cookout. Weekly themes are available. Day camp is held from 9 AM to 4 PM for a week-long session. Most sessions include an optional Thursday night overnight where girls sleep "slumber-party" style in a group facility. Bus transportation is available from Dubuque for Camp Little Cloud. This program is an excellent progressive step for first time campers.

For Junior Girl Scouts: A very exciting opportunity is available for girls entering grades 4-5 in 2010 through a session called Space Explorers. Our council will be the first Girl Scout council in the nation to a program with NASA based on the 21st Century Explorer program. Girls will be participating in many awesome activities that will have her thinking about exploring space in the future. Girls participating will bring home NASA souvenirs and a special patch. Camp staff leading this program will be trained by NASA scientists. The camp will focus on space activities, but will also give girls plenty of time for other activities that the group chooses, like swimming, arts and crafts, and many more. We are working on other fun and exciting surprises for this session. This session will be held at all four council camps during July.

For girls entering 7th grade and older, we have added some really fun sessions.

- Iowa Travelers: We know our older girls are loyal to their "home" camps, but this gives them the best of all worlds! The opportunity to enjoy time at their favorite GSEIWI camp, and the excitement of traveling to each GSEIWI camp as a group. This gives girls the opportunity to experience the best of each camp and meet girls from all over our council.
- Paddle and Sail: Camp Little Cloud is offering a special 10-day session that will have girls out on the water. They will be dragonboating on the Mississippi River near Dubuque and sailboating at Camp Tanglefoot, a Girl Scout camp near Clear Lake, Iowa in the Greater Iowa Council. Girls from both camps will be together for the entire session. We are also hoping to continue these friendships through dragonboating in Dubuque during September.
- Adrenaline Rush, for girls entering 7th-10th, was a very popular program at Camp Little Cloud last summer. Girls did some fun experiments with physics and then took a trip to Six Flags Great America. This program has been added to Camp Conestoga as well.
- Wyoming Adventure: Camp Tahigwa will be sponsoring a backpacking trip to Wyoming during the first week of August. Girls will be hiking in the Rocky Mountains, visiting a historic mining town, and will stay at a Girl Scout camp in Nebraska during the trip. No previous backpacking experience is necessary.
- Boundary Waters: Camp Conestoga and Camp Little Cloud will collaborate to offer a 13-day Boundary Waters canoeing trip open to girls entering 8th-12th grade. Girls can check

in at Little Cloud or Conestoga. Then they will work on their skills at Conestoga before embarking on their trip. No previous canoeing experience is necessary.

- Bear Basin Trip: Camp Conestoga is sponsoring a special horse trip to the Bear Basin Ranch in Colorado in July. Girls need to be entering grades 8-12 and have completed a level 4 horse camp or have at least 15 hours of Western riding experience. Girls will stay at the ranch, ride trails in the mountains, and learn to team pen cattle.

Troop Camping: If you've been nervous about taking your girls camping during the school year, or have girls who are nervous about attending resident camp, we are excited to let you know about troop camping options available at Camp Conestoga, Camp L-Kee-Ta, and Camp Tahigwa. Troop camps are designed to be a group experience including leaders and girls. They'll get to experience camp with the comfort of knowing the group. Each troop camp has a special theme and girls will experience activities related to that theme as well as other common camp activities. You will have camp staff members who will help facilitate camp activities. You will also have time for your own troop activities too. See the brochure for more details on this program.

Registration for camp opened on March 1st. You can register for camp by using the printed forms in the brochure or online. A \$25 deposit will hold your camp registration with final payment due June 1. Cookie program credit and Camp credit (for girls selling 500 boxes or more) are accepted for camp. Grants for Girls are also available. No girl will be turned away from camp due to financial need. All girls should have received a brochure in the mail in February. The brochure is also available online as well as at each of the local service centers. Sessions are starting to fill up fast, so please remind your girls to get signed up for camp!

If there are any questions related to camp, please contact Debby Stork, camp coordinator, at DebbyS@GSEIWI.org. Debby is the director at Camp Little Cloud. Kara Delaney will be the new director at Camp Conestoga. She worked previously at Camp Little Cloud for eight summers. Amanda Wellner will be the new director at Camp Tahigwa. She worked at Camp Tahigwa last summer.