

Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois  
**Troop Camping Planning Assistance For Leaders**

Dear Girl Scout Leader,

As a representative and caregiver of one of our great camps, I'd like to take a moment of your time to thank you for enabling your girls to have a camping experience. I sincerely hope and trust that your camp experience will be a great one and that you will come again. By taking the lead in organizing a visit to our camp(s) with your girls I trust you, surely do (or will), realize the awesome value these wonderful natural outdoor assets provide.

As a further service to you and your campers I'd be happy to assist you before and during your visit to our camp. Experience and observation of troop camping participants have taught us that it takes a considerably dedicated person(s)/leader(s) to plan, organize and fulfill a successful event with your girls. In addition to the camping information you may have discovered in the materials provided to you as a leader, by the council, I'd like to provide you with a short synopsis of what you can expect at camp. This covers basic supplies, planning concerns and a list of activities you might choose from as you put your outing together. As regimented as it may sound, we have found that a pre-planned menu and activity schedule (complete with foul weather activities options) may be of great value to you. But don't forget the "me-time"! ☺ Your girls AND you will enjoy it!

Each of our camps is unique. As you read through these materials you will notice that each camp has many similarities. Further perusal will show you that there are also several other distinct activity options at each camp. Not shown in this information are the camp site options. Our camps offer many wall tent units, cabins (from log, tree houses, Adirondacs, huts and conventional) and lodges to suit the degree of comfort you desire for your particular girls. Feel free to ask me about these options as you make your reservation or, better yet, visit the council web site: [www.gseiwi.org/camp/CampProperties.asp](http://www.gseiwi.org/camp/CampProperties.asp) with your girls and take a "virtual tour" before you make your trip.

There are many other opportunities for girls, as individuals or troops, to attend events, overnights and even short residency at camp. Winter Carnivals, Halloween parties, Camporees and many other council sponsored events are just a few. Summer camp is a great place for a girl to develop her character, confidence and courage. She'll be safe here. She'll have fun and she can learn things. It's hard to determine which way of getting a first taste of camp your girl(s) might get "hooked" on camp but I'm confident that once she's had it, she'll return for more. Many of our summer camp staff people and troop leaders were, first, here as a camper.

Thank you,  
Your camp rangers

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**Overnight Packing List**

**CLOTHING**

Long pants (jeans, sweatpants)  
Shorts (seasonal)  
Shirts (long sleeve, short sleeve)  
Socks  
Underwear  
Sturdy shoes/hiking boots/snow boots (no flip-flops)  
Slippers (optional)  
Hat/gloves/mittens  
Jacket  
Rain gear

**PERSONAL ITEMS**

Sleeping bag or sheet/blanket  
Pillow  
Flashlight/batteries  
Insect repellent (seasonal)  
Sunscreen (seasonal)  
Towel/washcloth  
Toiletries/medications  
Mess kits & water bottles  
Notebook/pen  
Sunglasses  
Camera/film

**SUPPLIES & CONSIDERATIONS**

\*Maps to/of camp  
Schedule/Agenda/Plan  
1<sup>st</sup> Aid Kit  
Menus  
Food to support menu  
\*Dutch Oven recipes  
Dish soap  
Dish towels  
Arts and crafts supplies  
\*Cooking equipment (pots, pans, etc.)  
Rope/Twine for Lashing Activities

\*Cast iron cooking equipment, pie irons and roasting forks are available at each camp for check-out at no cost.

\*Camp lodges are supplied with all cooking and personal dining wares.

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**Self-Led/Self-Supervised Activities at All Camps**

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Available in the "Sports Storage Area"</u>	<u>Activities</u>
Fire building		Badge work
Campfire/Outdoor Cooking	Miscellaneous ball games	Craft projects
*Dutch Oven Cooking	Volleyball court equipment	Lashing Exercises
(*DO recipes available from Ranger)	Parachute game	Learning Songs
Nature Hikes on marked camp trails	Sleds	Creek Stomping w/proper chaperones
Sledding	Hula Hoops	Frisbee catch
	Badminton	

**Distinct Self-Led Activities at Each Camp**

\*This equipment and supplies are available for checking out from your Ranger.

**CAMP L-KEE-TA**

- \*Nature Education box full of nature ideas
- \*Scavenger Hunt (Ask ranger for the game sheet)
- \*Orienteering w/compasses
- \*Dress-up for Plays
- "Inside" board games
- \*Ice Skating

**CAMP CONESTOGA**

- \*Scavenger Hunt (Ask ranger for the game sheet)
- Lower obstacles
- \*Sundial Garden Compass Activity
- \*Snow Shoeing

**CAMP LITTLE CLOUD**

- \*Scavenger Hunt (Game sheet provided upon request)
- \*Orienteering w/compasses
- "Inside" board games
- \*Ice Skating

**CAMP TAHIGWA**

- \*"Telescoping"
- \*Prairie Tour (Map provided)
- \*Scavenger Hunt (Ask ranger for the game sheet)
- Lower obstacles
- Norwegian Skis
- Kite flying
- Croquet
- \*9-hole Disc Golf Course
- \*Geocaching with GPS units (4, mapped, caches in CT)
- \*Orienteering w/compasses
- "Inside" board games (Located in Staff House)

\*Please feel free to ask your ranger, preferably in advance of your visit, for assistance in planning and reserving equipment.