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# SUMMER CAMP



2025



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# Meet “Principal”



We are so excited to introduce our new Outdoor Program Manager and Camp Director, Elaine Sayre! You may know her by her camp name, “Principal.”

With a wealth of experience in outdoor education and a passion for fostering a positive camp environment, Elaine brings a fresh perspective to our team. Her background includes a master’s degree in Educational Leadership, where she served as a highschool teacher for 11 years. She has also been a part of the Outdoor Program team for Girls Scouts of Citrus for 6 years and holds multiple high adventure certificates. Her dedication to creating memorable experiences for campers and staff alike is truly inspiring.

Elaine has a background in facilitating engaging programs and a commitment to safety and inclusivity. We are confident that under her leadership, our camp will continue to thrive and provide unforgettable adventures for everyone involved. Please join us in welcoming Elaine as our new camp leader!

Welcome to Summer Camp 2025! Come experience one of our Summer Camp Open Houses with your entire family. Tour our cabins, activity areas, and get a sneak peak of the various activities the girls will explore this summer. Meet some of the summer staff and join us in welcoming our new Outdoor Program Manager and Camp Director, Elaine “Principal” Sayre. Get answers to your questions and get excited for summer fun.

Our Open House is free, but advanced registration is required. To register, visit us online at [citrus-gs.org](http://citrus-gs.org). Click on Discover and head to our Event Calendar. Open House will be held on the dates listed below from 2:00pm – 4:00 pm.

- Sunday, March 2, 2025, at Riverpoint Program Center in Merritt Island
- Sunday, March 9, 2025, at Mah-Kah-Wee Program Center in Chuluota
- Sunday, March 30, 2025, at Mah-Kah-Wee Program Center in Chuluota

### Save-the-Date!

Summer camp registration opens January 15, 2025 at noon.



## Don't forget to pick up your Camp Care Pack!

This \$50 Camp Care Pack includes: Bag, water bottle, Camp MKW patch, bandana, patch, plush and more.

\* Actual bag design may vary

Place your order through CampDoc at [app.campdoc.com/register/gsc](http://app.campdoc.com/register/gsc).

Scan the QR Code to get started!



# Registration



Girls enrolled in Grades 1 - 12 for the 2025-2026 school year may register for camp. We partner with CampDoc to provide a seamless registration and a place for you to upload pertinent forms and camp-related add-ons. Girls graduating high school (bridging to adults in Fall 2025) are invited to register for one last year of camp as a Girl Scout Ambassador. Or, if they will be 18 years old by May 1st, we would love them to consider applying to be a Camp Counselor.

When completing your camper's registration, please select the grade they will be entering for the 2025-2026 school year to see the camps available for their grade level.

All Girl Scout Members must enter the code **"MEMBER"** to receive special pricing before completing registration.

For Non-Members, you may either join Girl Scouts at [citrus-gs.org](http://citrus-gs.org) to receive the Member Discount or leave the coupon code blank.

## How to Register:

- Go to [app.campdoc.com/register/gsc](http://app.campdoc.com/register/gsc)
- Login using your existing CampDoc account or create a new one
- Create a "New Participant" or select an existing camper
- Select "Registration"
- Select "Register for a New Session"
- Select the grade your camper will be enrolled in for the 2025 - 2026 school year
- Select the session or "All Sessions" to see your options
- Select your add-ons
- Enter coupon code (use **"MEMBER"** to get GS member pricing)
- Follow the prompts and complete payment

For more information or assistance, please contact Customer Care at 407-896-4475 or [customer care@citrus-gs.org](mailto:customer care@citrus-gs.org).

There are tons of Outdoor Program opportunities for girls to choose from. Explore this Summer Camp Book with the girls in your life. The digital version of this Summer Camp Book is also available on our website at [www.citrus-gs.org](http://www.citrus-gs.org) under our Member section. We can't wait to see you this summer!

# Travel Camp

## WEEK 7 | July 20 – July 25

North Carolina Adventurers | Grades 9-12 | \$1200

Are you the adventurous type? Thrilled at the idea of zip lining through the forest? Feeling brave enough to try a guided whitewater rafting trip? Would you take a trip to North Carolina to hike on a mountain trail? Then this trip to **Nantahala Outdoor Center** in North Carolina is the trip for you. This camp is for Girl Scout members that are going into 9th grade and above in the Fall. Transportation to North Carolina is provided for all campers and included in the cost.

**This camp session will require a \$200 deposit.**



# Camps at a Glance



Let's break down the cost. The prices listed below are the regular fees. Campers who register early and pay in full by April 2, 2025 will receive the Early Bird \$50 Discount (not available for Sampler Camps).

Members can take advantage of an additional \$50 discount, so be sure to enter the code "MEMBER" at check-out (see registration instructions on page 5).

Keep in mind that camps are tailored for the grade your camper will be entering in the 2025-2026 school year. For further details, please refer to the Summer Camp FAQs, starting on page 18.

## Overnight Camp at Mak-Kah-Wee

WEEK 1: June 8 – June 13	Grades 2-5	Wilderness Sisters	\$650
	Grades 5-7	Girl on Fire	\$650
	Grades 8-12	Survive the Wild	\$650
WEEK 2: June 15 – June 20	Grades 2-5	Camp Explorers	\$660
	Grades 5-7	Wildlife Explorers	\$660
	Grades 8-12	Where the Wild Things Go	\$675
WEEK 2: June 15 – June 20	Grades 4-8	Horseback Camp	\$750
WEEK 3: June 22 – June 27	Grades 2-5	Snack Attack	\$650
	Grades 5-7	Outdoor Chef	\$650
	Grades 8-12	Campfire Café	\$650
WEEK 4: June 29 – July 3	Grades 2-5	Splash Week	\$600
	Grades 5-7	Aquatic Adventures	\$650
	Grades 8-12	Finding Your Oasis	\$600

Please note: Week 4 is a shorter week and is reflected in the price.

## Overnight Camp at Riverpoint

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WEEK 5: July 6 – July 11	Grades 7-12	Surf Camp Session A	\$750
WEEK 6: July 13 – July 18	Grades 7-12	Surf Camp Session B	\$750

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## Sampler Camps at Mak-Kah-Wee

WEEK 1: June 8 – June 10	Grades 1-3	Courageous Campers	\$350
WEEK 2: June 15 – June 17	Grades 1-3	A Bear-y Good Time!	\$350
WEEK 3: June 22 – June 24	Grades 1-3	Marshmallow Madness	\$350
WEEK 4: June 29 – July 1	Grades 1-3	Mermaid Life	\$350
WEEK 5: July 6 – July 8	Grades 1-3	Art-Rageous Campers	\$350
WEEK 6: July 13 – July 15	Grades 1-3	Wild and Wacky Games	\$350

For more information refer to our FAQ section on page 18.

## Special Weekend Camps at MKW

June 27 – June 29	Adults	No Kids Allowed!	\$75 per person
July 11 – July 13	Grades 2-5 & Adults	Me & My Girl	\$75 per person
July 18 – July 20	Grades 4-8 & Adults	Me & My Guy	\$75 per person

Visit [www.citrus-gs.org](http://www.citrus-gs.org) to register for Special Weekend Camps.



# Overnight at Mah-Kah-Wee

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## WEEK 1 | June 08 – June 13

### **Wilderness Sisters | Grades 2-5 | \$650**

Come to camp to build self-confidence and make new friends as you prepare for fun in the outdoors! Make friendship bracelets to practice knots and go on a treasure hunt to practice compass and map reading. Practice what to do if you get lost on a trail or caught in a thunderstorm. This is a fun way to hang out with friends while enjoying the outdoors and learning survivor skills. This camp is for campers going into 2nd grade through 5th grade in the Fall.

### **Girl on Fire | Grades 5-7 | \$650**

Channel your inner Katniss as you build the skills to survive the wild. Travel to a world where survival skills are explored and encouraged. Survival themed games will develop outdoor skills such as archery, knife safety, navigating the woods, emergency shelters and first aid. You'll work as a team every step of the way as you conquer new skills. This camp is for campers going into 5th grade through 7th grade in the Fall.

### **Survive the Wild | Grades 8-12 | \$650**

What would happen if you and your friends were lost in the woods - could you survive? Campers will work in teams to face challenges and test their skills in navigation, knots, knife safety, archery, axe throwing, and outdoor cooking. Build self-reliance and confidence that you can take beyond camp. This camp is for girls going into 8th grade and above in the Fall.

**WEEK 2 | June 15 – June 20****Camp Explorers | Grades 2-5 | \$660**

Campers will discover the “great outdoors” from the comfort of camp! See what creatures make their homes at camp through hiking and nature scavenger hunts. Look for animal tracks on our trails and see what fruits and berries you can find while walking to your camp activities. Then, experience close-up animal encounters when **Amazing Animals** brings the zoo to Mah-Kah-Wee! This camp is for campers going into 2nd grade through 5th grade in the Fall.

**Wildlife Explorers | Grades 5-7 | \$660**

Celebrate wildlife every day! Walk the woods, find animal and insect tracks, and discover the animals we share the camp with. Search for creatures large and small in the lake and on land. Stay up late one night to discover the creatures of the night. During the week you’ll canoe around the lake, explore the camp, and enjoy games and crafts. Then, experience close-up animal encounters when **Amazing Animals** brings the zoo to Mah-Kah-Wee! This camp is for campers going into 5th grade through 7th grade in the Fall.

**Where the Wild Things Go | Grades 8-12 | \$675**

Let's go where the wild things go! One of the most exciting parts of hiking can be animal sightings, but do you know what to do if you come face-to-face with one? Train your instincts for wildlife encounters before you hit the trail. Hike on the west side of the camp to find tracks to make animal track casting. Then campers will be transported to the **Marine Discovery Center** for a boat tour and island exploration focused on data collection and biodiversity in the Indian River Lagoon. This is your chance to see dolphins and manatees! This camp is for campers going into 8th grade and above in the Fall.

**WEEK 2 | June 15 – June 20****Horseback Camp | Grades 4-8 | \$750**

Travel to **Silver Springs Equestrian Center** each day to learn all about horses! Learn about safety on and around horses, barn management, basic anatomy, grooming, the tack and harness, and the different styles of riding. Practice basic horsemanship skills as you spend time riding. Back at camp, enjoy traditional camp activities like swimming, arts & crafts and s'mores. This camp is for campers going into 4th grade through 8th grade in the Fall.

**Snack Attack | Grades 2-5 | \$650**

Hunger can strike at any time! Work as a team to make tasty snacks to eat right away or take on your adventures. Take your snack poolside or out on the trail with you. Experiment with different recipes all week as you create your own recipe book to show your friends and family back home. This camp is for campers going into 2nd grade through 5th grade in the Fall.

**Outdoor Chef | Grades 5-7 | \$650**

Get chopping, mixing, measuring, and baking as you create food delights this week. Create some easy and tasty snacks and try outdoor cooking as you recreate some camp classics, but with a campfire spin. Maybe you'll make a batch of skillet nachos or bake a quick bread on the camp stove. The possibilities are endless! This camp is for campers going into 5th grade through 7th grade in the Fall.

**Campfire Café | Grades 8-12 | \$650**

Work as a team as you develop the ability to cook a variety of foods in different outdoor or "grid-down" situations. From backyard barbecues and camping trips to power outages and backpacking hikes, you'll become more comfortable with fire-building, cooking with limited equipment, and managing the many variables of outdoor cooking. This camp is for girls going into 8th grade and above in the Fall.

**WEEK 4 | June 29 – July 3**

This is a shortened week with camp ending on Thursday.

**Splash Week | Grades 2-5 | \$600**

Splash in the waters of camp as you play with other water-loving friends! Spend extra time at the pool, invent new corcl games at the lake, and challenge your counselors to a water duel. Make poolside snacks and plan an evening pool party. This camp is for campers going into 2nd grade through 5th grade in the Fall.

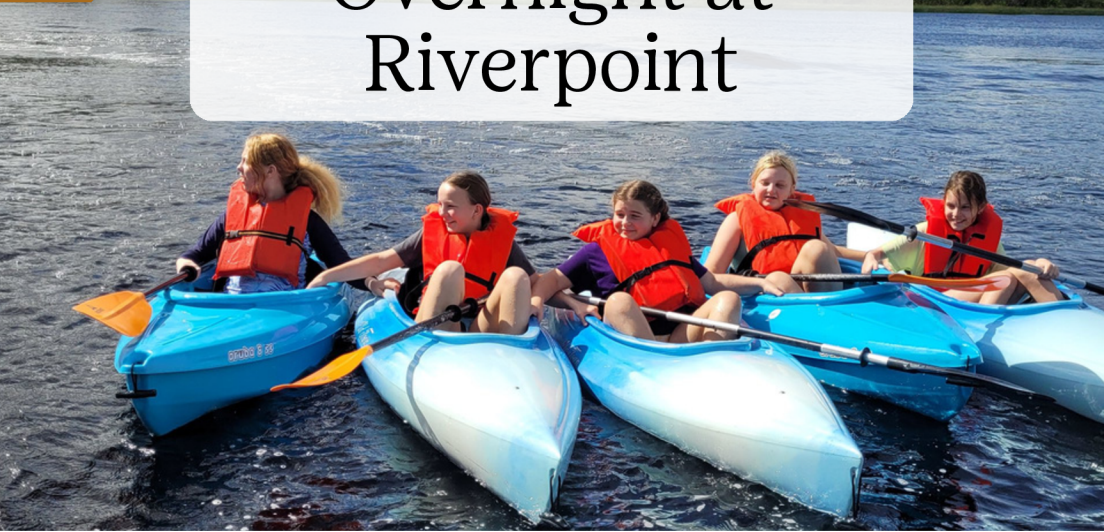
**Aquatic Adventures | Grades 5-7 | \$650**

Beat the summer heat with this week full of water fun! This camp is designed for campers who love to be in and around water. Spend your week through camp as you compete in water challenges on the lake and the land, enjoy a floating lunch, and lakeside yoga. Girls will also be transported to **Island H2O Water Park** for a great day of water adventure to complete this week of fun! This camp is for campers going into 5th grade through 7th grade in the Fall.

**Finding Your Oasis | Grades 8-12 | \$600**

Camp is an oasis where campers get away from it all and enjoy the great outdoors! No school. No constantly being "on." Come make Camp MKW your retreat, relax by the pool, and enjoy yoga in the morning (or evening!) breeze. Pick art projects to complete, watch a movie under the stars and try yoga in a corcl. This week is all about relaxing and recharging! This camp is for girls going into 8th grade and above in the Fall.

# Overnight at Riverpoint



## WEEK 5 | July 6 – July 11

### Surf Camp Session A | Grades 7-12 | \$750

Life is sweet on the water! Surf all morning at the beach and relax all afternoon back at camp. Explore the wildlife that live in the water and on land around you. Enjoy a picnic on the new dock and evening reading or sketching time. This camp is for girls going into 7th grade and above in the Fall. Campers will be transported to Cocoa Beach each day to receive surf lessons.

## WEEK 6 | July 13 – July 18

### Surf Camp Session B | Grades 7-12 | \$750

Calling all water lovers! Come enjoy the sun and surf of Riverpoint. Spend your mornings surfing the ocean and your afternoons paddling around the creek. Take some time to chill out on your paddle board and make ocean-inspired artwork. Relive your adventures as you enjoy s'mores by the fire with all your new friends. This camp is for girls entering seventh grade and above. Campers will be transported to Cocoa Beach each day to receive surf lessons.

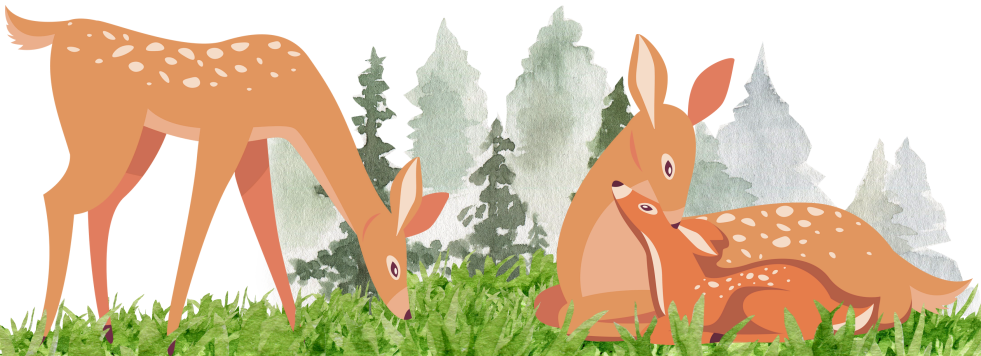
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# Sampler Camps at Mah-Kah-Wee



Try overnight camp with shorter sessions designed for younger campers to sample various activities. Each session campers will enjoy pool time, crafts, and visits to the Nature Center. Experience what Sampler overnight camp has to offer!

## WEEK 1 | June 08 – June 10

### Courageous Campers | Grades 1-3 | \$350

Build your courage, confidence, and character as you learn the skills needed to spend a night away from home! With your sister Girl Scouts by your side, you'll practice packing for a hiking adventure, play games to learn the "Leave No Trace" principles, and build forts inside the bunkhouse to learn shelter building! You'll also enjoy camp favorites like swimming and Gaga ball! This camp is for campers going into 1st grade through 3rd grade in the Fall.

## WEEK 2 | June 15 – June 17

### A Bear-y Good Time! | Grades 1-3 | \$350

Girls Scouts can bring their best "bear" friend (or favorite stuffed animal) to explore the outdoors! Take your bear on hikes with you as you learn basic trail safety and preparation. See who can find a tortoise or a borrow first! Then buddy up with your bear to practice what to do when you see wildlife while outdoors. Teach your bear new camp songs and games and help them with arts and crafts. While bears take a nap, girls can funoe and swim in the pool. This camp is for campers going into 1st grade through 3rd grade in the Fall.

## WEEK 3 | June 22 – June 24

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### **Marshmallow Madness | Grades 1-3 | \$350**

Marshmallows aren't just for s'mores! We'll use them for a variety of recipes, crafts, and games. This week is filled with ooey gooey goodness you won't want to miss! This camp is for campers going into 1st grade through 3rd grade in the Fall.

## WEEK 4 | June 29 – July 01

### **Mermaid Life | Grades 1-3 | \$350**

Splish-splash in the waters of camp as you play with other mermaid friends! Spend extra time playing at the pool and funeering around the lake with a buddy. Make delicious mermaid popsicles and mermaid-inspired artwork. We can't wait for you to unleash your inner mermaid. This camp is for campers going into 1st grade through 3rd grade in the Fall.

## WEEK 5 | July 06 – July 08

### **Art-Rageous Campers | Grades 1-3 | \$350**

Love getting creative? Love getting silly? This sampler camp is for you as we create art in new and silly ways like using our feet or painting toast! No one says you have to color in the lines at this camp! This camp is for campers going into 1st grade through 3rd grade in the Fall.

## WEEK 6 | July 13 – July 15

### **Wild and Wacky Games | Grades 1-3 | \$350**

Do you like to play games? Do you like to get messy? Well, there's no better place to have some messy fun than summer camp! Race with your new friends through an obstacle course. Cool off with water games where spilling water and getting wet is part of the fun. Then celebrate with parachute games! You'll also enjoy other wacky activities like eating with unusual kitchen utensils. This camp is for campers going into 1st grade through 3rd grade in the Fall.

# Special Weekends at Mah-Kah-Wee



## June 27 – June 29

**No Kids Allowed! | Adults | \$75 per person**

No Children Allowed! Calling all parents and volunteers for a weekend at camp with no parental responsibilities. Adults, this is a wonderful opportunity to escape life's hustle and bustle so you can join in fellowship and the outdoors. Feel like a kid again as you experience camp traditions and activities like s'mores, axe throwing and field day games. This camp is open to all registered adults.

## July 11 – July 13

**Me & My Girl | Grades 2-5 | \$75 per person**

For girls and their significant female family member (mother, grandma, aunt, sister, etc. age 18+), enjoy a magical escape from the ordinary during our Woodland Fairy weekend. Immerse yourself in nature and our woodland trail where fairies dwell in tiny houses. Grab your fairy wings and your favorite female adult for fairy-themed activities and art projects. You'll also enjoy some traditional camp experiences like playing in the pool and s'mores at the campfire.

### **Me & My Guy | Grades 4-8 | \$75 per person**

For girls and their significant male family member (father, grandpa, uncle, brother, etc. age 18+), team up with other families as you work together to complete challenges on land and the water. Have fun solving challenges and putting your survival skills to the test. You'll explore the camp as you progress through puzzles that could include canoeing, orienteering and knot skills. Take time in between challenges for swimming in the pool, s'mores and dad jokes! This weekend will be a great opportunity for you and your Girl Scout to connect, play, and be outside with each other.



# Summer Camp FAQ's



## ACA Accreditation

The American Camp Association (ACA) is the sole national accrediting body that evaluates four types of camp operations: Short-term, Resident, Day, and Camps Serving Rentals. Their Accreditation Standards emphasize health, safety, program delivery, and risk management, serving as benchmarks for government entities and GSUSA. Camps undergo re-accreditation every five years and must submit annual compliance documents. Only accredited camps can display the ACA logo. Mah-Kah-Wee Program Center has been accredited since 2010, but in Summer 2024, it could not achieve accreditations for all modes due to the cancellation of traditional camps.

## Bad Weather

During the Summer and throughout the year, staff are constantly monitoring the weather for any indicators that weather may become unfavorable. In an event there is severe weather in the area, all campers are moved to a safe location, according to the emergency action plan. Lightning calls are made when it is recorded 6 miles away or less. While sheltering in place, the staff will keep the campers occupied with several rainy-day programs until the call has been made that it is safe.

## Badges

Earning badges is an integral part of summer camp. Each week your camper will complete one badge based upon the grade level they will enter in the Fall. There may be additional requirements that they can earn towards other badges, or they may earn a Council Own Patch. At the end of the week at checkout, they will receive the badge that was earned for that week with a badge sheet with steps they already completed or may still need to complete. If your camper attends more than one week, she may receive a duplicate badge. You can take the unopened/unused badge to the Council Shop and exchange it for another badge that she is working on.

## Birthdays

Birthdays are a fun celebration at camp. Special arrangements for giving a present or providing treats for your camper's unit can be made in advance and dropped off at check-in. Campers will celebrate their birthdays with their fellow campers and staff by being recognized during one of the meals with a cake and a big birthday song on their special day. Please make us aware if your camper does not celebrate birthdays.

## Buddies at Camp

Each camper attends Summer Camp as an individual, to make new friends, and grow in their independence and self-confidence. If they request a buddy they would like to attend camp with, they can as long as both campers are registered for the same exact session, and they must request each other during registration. Only one buddy request will be honored per session. We will make every effort to accommodate your camper's buddy request, however we cannot always guarantee it. Please do not select multiple buddies, as additional members of the same troop will not be guaranteed placement together.

## Campers With Special Accommodations

Girl Scouts of Citrus Council seeks to provide an inclusive environment. Campers requiring special accommodations, meals, or equipment must notify us in writing two weeks prior to attending their camp session. Please email Elaine Sayre, Outdoor Program Manager at [esayre@citrus@citrus-gs.org](mailto:esayre@citrus@citrus-gs.org) with specific accommodation requests. All information will be kept confidential and shared only with the appropriate staff. Remember to include these accommodations as well as any dietary restrictions in CampDoc.

## Camperships

Thanks to our generous supporters, Girl Scouts of Citrus members who express financial need are eligible to receive partial assistance towards their camp fee for a maximum of one camp session. Camperships cannot be combined with any other discounts and will be applied to the regular member camp fee – not the early bird.

To be considered for financial assistance, the camper must:

- Have a current GSUSA membership
- Must be registered online for the specific camp session and pay the \$100 deposit at the time of registration (which is refundable only in the case of non-approval or if you are unable to pay in full by the due date)
- Complete the online Campership application no later than April 17th, 2025
- Please allow up to two weeks for us to process your request.

If approved, a confirmation email will be sent with an acceptance letter stating the amount granted. The acceptance letter must be signed and returned immediately. All camp balances must be paid in full by May 15th, 2025. Please note: If the requested campership funds are not accepted or not used, those funds will not remain with or apply as a credit to the Girl Scout's account, they will be redesignated to another applicant.

## **Cancellations, Refunds, and Transfers**

Cancellations and refunds for any Summer Camp must be submitted in writing via email to [customercare@citrus-gs.org](mailto:customercare@citrus-gs.org) no later than the camp registration deadline (which is one month from the start date of the session). Any fees paid to date (beyond the non-refundable deposit) will be refunded. Any cancellations after the registration deadline will not be refunded unless it is for extenuating medical or family circumstances. Transfers must be done no later than the camp registration deadline for the camp session by contacting [customercare@citrus-gs.org](mailto:customercare@citrus-gs.org). While deposits are non-refundable, they may be transferred to another camp registration within the Summer 2025 program.

## **Confirmation Packets and Checking In**

Confirmation packets will be emailed one month prior to the start of the camp session. The packet will contain all pertinent information regarding check in/out, what to pack, and other forms and guidelines. Please read through the packet with your camper, review and complete all applicable forms and submit per the instructions. Your camper's profile in CampDoc and all information for your camper must be completed 2 weeks prior to the start of their camp session start date.

If your camper is attending multiple camps, you will only need to complete one camp profile in CampDoc. The Camper Release form is the only form that needs to be submitted per session.

Upon arrival, at check-in, all campers must participate in a pre-screen health check that will include: a temperature check, visually checking hair for lice, and checking feet and toes for Athlete's Foot. You can help expedite the process by making sure your camper's hair is visible (braids will be unraveled).

Please note that if your camper is experiencing any of the following symptoms, they will not be allowed to stay.

- A fever greater than 100.4
- Shortness of breath
- Flu-like symptoms
- Have been in contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- Lice or Athlete's Foot

After check-in at the Lodge, campers and their families will be able to walk down to their unit to see where they will be spending their time at camp and meet some of their counselors. Please remember everyone must have on closed toe/heel shoes when coming to the property and we ask that families be respectful of when it is time to leave to allow time for the campers to settle in with their fellow Girl Scout sisters.

## Check in for Overnight Camps:

Check-in: Sunday

- Counselor-in-Training (CITs): 2:00 p.m.
- Grades K-3 and/or Sampler Camp: 3:00 p.m.
- Grades 4-5: 3:45 p.m.
- Grades 6-12: 4:30p.m.

Check-out:

- Sampler Camps: Tuesdays from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
- Full Week Overnight Camps: Fridays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Short Week Camps: Thursdays from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

## **Counselors-in-Training**

Older campers that have completed the required training (GSC - Elements Training) for their grade level will complete a week of camp for their internship or once they earn their award, they can sign up for a week at camp where they will be assisting at Day or Overnight Camp.

- Counselors-in-Training (CITs) are currently registered Seniors or Ambassadors that assist at Overnight Camp. They will work with campers under the supervision of the designated adult counselor responsible for the CIT Program.

CITs will never be left alone with campers or counted in the adult/girl ratio. All Counselors-in-Training will be contacted directly to sign up for weeks of camp that are available for them to assist with during the summer.

## **Disclosure - Regarding Sickness and Communicable Diseases**

When a camper is not feeling well, they will be taken to the Infirmary to visit with the Healthcare Supervisor/Staff. If they are running a fever of 101 or higher, throwing up, or having diarrhea, their parents and/or guardians will be contacted to arrange for their camper to be picked up. They must be free of any symptoms for 48 hours before returning to camp. If they are running a low-grade fever, a COVID test may be done to rule out the virus.

## **Discounts**

Discounts may not be combined with a campership or any other discounts.

Early Bird Discount - Register and pay in full by April 2, 2025, and receive a \$50 discount for each full week of camp! This does not apply to Sampler Camps. If your camp is not paid in full by the deadline your camp fee will increase to the full fee as of April 3, 2025.

### Equal Access

No one shall be denied admission to our camp(s) because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, handicap, or age, providing specific program requirements are met.

### Grades For Camp

Campers enrolled in Grades 1-12 as of Fall 2025 can attend summer camp. Sessions may vary based on grade level. Campers who are not currently registered as a Girl Scout are encouraged to attend as a non-member for an additional \$50 or they can purchase an extended membership for \$35.

### Healthcare

Overnight Camps will have qualified medical staff that are on site 24-hours a day as well as an on-call doctor if illness or injury requires additional medical attention. All staff are certified in First Aid and CPR. Parents will be notified any time there is an incident or if there is an emergency regarding their child.

CampDoc is a secure online database that we use for all healthcare information and registration. This program allows you to turn in all medical forms electronically and keep them on file for a year. More information for new and returning campers will be in your confirmation packet. In a conscious effort to provide a safe and healthy environment for all campers, Girl Scouts of Citrus requires campers to provide the following documents:

- Overnight Camp: A physical is required for all campers, that is performed by a medical professional that includes both a health exam and a health history. This physical must be taken within 12 months of the camper's last day at camp. Health exam forms must be signed by a licensed physician as well as current shot records.
- Any camper who arrives at camp without the appropriate medical paperwork will not be allowed to stay unless she can obtain the missing documents from her physician or an Urgent Care Center on the day of check-in.

All Health Histories, Health Exams and Shot Records need to be uploaded to the CampDoc website no less than two weeks prior to camp start date. The Privacy Act of 2001 protects all personal and medical information. The disclosure of confidential information is only available to health personnel or designated staff.

## Homesickness

One of our summer camp goals is to make sure that every child at camp has a safe, fun, and positive experience. As a parent or guardian, you can help with the process of preparing your child from feeling homesick while at camp in the following ways:

- Have your child practice being away from home prior to attending camp. Perhaps encourage her to stay at a friend or relatives' home for a night or weekend.
- Do not promise to pick up your child early from camp. This can make campers focus only on going home, and not being able to focus on the fun they will have at camp.
- Use a calendar at home to show that the time spent at camp is not an eternity, but actually a very short amount of time.
- Do not tell your camper how badly you will miss them while at camp. Do tell them how much you love them, even while they are away from home, and how excited you are for them to have so much fun at camp!
- Communicate before, during, and after the camp experience.
- Do not promise your camper that she can call home while at camp. If a camper is experiencing extreme homesickness or minor homesickness for a sustained period, the camp staff will contact the parents and determine next steps. If you are concerned about your camper, we encourage parents to call camp and speak to the camp director. She will work with you in assuring your camper is having a successful experience.
- Encourage your camper to write home about all the new activities that they have tried.
- Share your own positive camp stories with them.
- Let your camper help pack their bags for camp. Pack one favorite picture, stuffed animal, or blanket.
- Spend quality time with your child upon returning home from camp to “reconnect” after the separation period. Keep in mind that campers may experience a boost in self-confidence and independence while at camp.
- Drop off an encouraging note for each day at check-in. Her counselors will deliver them throughout the session.

## Insect Bites

Insect bites can and will occur when participating in activities outdoors. To avoid major incidents, it is highly recommended to pack bug spray with deet and apply it multiple times per day. If your camper needs assistance applying, please make a note in your campers CampDoc profile under needs assessment under the medical concerns. If your camper is allergic to bug spray or insect bites, please enter that information in CampDoc so the medical staff is aware.

## **Kapers**

Kapers are minor chores campers participate in while attending camp. Each staff member will model and teach campers proper ways to care for the environment and their camp surroundings. Each unit is responsible for the upkeep and cleaning of their area, in addition to any additional daily camp responsibilities. This may include cleaning the dining hall, restrooms, grounds, etc. Campers are closely monitored to make sure that established health and safety procedures are used in completing cleaning tasks. Campers will never directly handle any chemicals while doing kapers.

## **Mail/Sending Items to Campers**

Mail time is the best part of a camper's day! We encourage parents to send mail for their child like packages, letters, or e-mails through Bunk1. Bunk1 is a service that allows you to send e-mails to your camper and view the pictures that are taken during the week. We do ask that you please send mail in a timely manner so that your child can receive it the week that she is at camp. We highly recommend that you drop mail off during check-in so that there is a guarantee that your child will receive the mail while at camp. If you would like to have your child, send you mail, please pack pre-addressed and stamped envelopes.

## **Male Staff**

Male staff members (paid and volunteer) are a valued part of all aspects of Girl Scouting including Girl Scout camp. Additional guidelines are followed when men are present to ensure the privacy of the campers as well as of the male staff members. They are never allowed to enter a unit before contacting the staff in charge, they are never alone with any campers, and they are never in the same sleeping areas with the campers. In all situations, Safety Activity Checkpoints standards for involving men in Girl Scout activities are followed.

## **Meals and Snacks**

While attending Summer Camp, all meals and daily snacks will be provided beginning with dinner on the day they check in and ending with lunch on the day they check out. If your camper has any special dietary needs or allergies, please list them in CampDoc and we will have our Food Service Supervisor contact regarding the menu for the session and to discuss options if necessary.

## **Open House**

Open houses are scheduled to allow families and opportunity to visit the different camps, meet the staff, take a tour and hear about the opportunities that are available for the campers this Summer. Open house will be held on the dates listed below from 2:00 pm. – 4:00 pm. While there is no cost everyone must register at [www.citrus-gs.org](http://www.citrus-gs.org). Below are the dates and locations:

- Sunday, March 2, 2025, at Riverpoint Program Center in Merritt Island
- Sunday, March 9, 2025, at Mah-Kah-Wee Program Center in Chuluota
- Sunday, March 30, 2025, at Mah-Kah-Wee Program Center in Chuluota

### **Payments**

All camp sessions require a non-refundable deposit that must be made at the time of registration. The balance of the camp fee can be made in payments or in a one lump sum through your CampDoc account. All camps must be paid in full by the deadline of one month prior to the camp start date. Deposits are non-refundable except if the camp session has been canceled by the council or for extenuating circumstances.

### **Phone Calls**

The camp phone is for emergency and business calls only. In case you need to contact the Outdoor Program Office during camp, the phone number will be included in your confirmation packet. We ask you to please be understanding if you are unable to initially reach someone at camp. We will be checking and returning phone calls regularly. Campers are not allowed to bring cell phones or electronics of any kind to camp. If a camper is found with a cell phone it will be taken away and held in the camp office until check out when it will be returned to the parent. An important part of the camping experience is being “unplugged”.

### **Photos**

Group photos will be taken during each week of camp and can be purchased before the camp session through CampDoc for an additional fee of \$10 per group photo.

### **Program Disclaimer**

We reserve the right to cancel/alter any program activity when weather conditions are unfavorable or severe. Alternative options will be offered at that time. Our primary concern is for the safety of the campers and every effort will be made to reschedule the activity. No refunds or adjustments in fees will be made if the activity cannot be rescheduled.

### **Ratio**

Safety is our number one priority, and we strive to meet or exceed all established safety standards for staffing. Below are our minimum adult/girl ratios:

- 2 adults to the first 6 campers currently in kindergarten or 1st grade
- 2 adults to every 12 campers currently in 2nd or 3rd grade
- 2 adults to every 16 campers currently in 4th or 5th grade
- 2 adults to every 20 campers currently in 6th - 8th grade
- 2 adults to every 24 campers currently in 9th - 12th grade

## Registration

Summer Camp Registration opens January 15, 2025. Once you select your camp session, you will be directed to CampDoc to register. If you do not already have an account with them, you will need to create one. This is also the location where you would upload all your required forms, order camp packs, and input medical information. As previously stated, this is a secure site that is only accessible to those that are required to view the information.

## Sleeping Quarters

Campers will be assigned to a specific unit/room for the week they are at camp.

- The cabins at Eagles Roost and Shady Pines can sleep up to 8 campers
- The tiny houses at Raccoon Run can sleep up to 6 campers
- The yurts at Shady Oaks can sleep up to 6 campers
- The bunkhouse at Skeeter Hollow can sleep up to 12 campers
- The bedrooms at Riverpoint sleeping capacity varies per room

Counselors will sleep in separate sleeping quarters, but within the same unit as campers so that they are always accessible if a camper needs them. (With the exception of the Bunkhouse for Sampler Sessions. The staff will sleep in a center room between the two campers sleeping areas) Riverpoint Lodge and all units listed above at Mah-Kah-Wee cabins are equipped with fans and/or air conditioning.

## Summer Staff and Training

Staff are selected based on their previous experience, character, maturity, personality, teamwork, education, leadership ability, skills, and certifications in specific program areas. Staff members can include college students and graduates, certified teachers, and program professionals. All staff that are directly responsible for campers are a minimum of 18 years old and have graduated from High School. Many staff return each year to make a difference in campers' lives.

All new and existing staff members are required to go through an intensive interview process including, but not limited to multiple interviews, receiving a favorable Level 2 background check, and clearance from a National Sex Offender Public Website.

All staff participate in a weeklong mandatory training designed to prepare the staff to create a positive and supportive camp environment. During this period, the staff learn child development, the Girl Scout Program, camp skills, group dynamics, safety and emergency procedures, regulations, cooperative learning, and more.

Leadership staff are also required to attend additional training courses such as; group management, team dynamics and leadership.

If you know someone that may be interested in spending their summer working as a counselor, please check the website at [www.citrus-gs.org](http://www.citrus-gs.org) for open positions.

### **T-Shirts and Patches**

Each camper will receive a camp T-shirt and patch, which is included in their registration fee. When you register your camper, please be sure to choose your camper's t-shirt size. If you did not select your camper's shirt size, please log into CampDoc to add the shirt size to your registration.

### **Trading Post**

The trading post will be open during check-in on Sundays, and during the week for one additional time for campers to purchase items like water bottles, stuffed animals, T-shirts, jewelry, and snacks. Each unit will be visiting the trading post at a designated time to purchase items when available.

Trading Post Credits – Parents will be able to purchase Trading Post Credits for their camper to use, when they register for each camp session through CampDoc as an add on in \$5 increments. You can also leave cash in an envelope at check in as well.

Camp Care Packages are available for purchase in advance through CampDoc during or after registration as an add on item. You can also purchase them during check-in when you visit the trading post.

- Please note that if you do not purchase your Camp Care Package in advance, there is a chance that your camper may need to wait until the following day to receive it if we run out.

### **Transportation**

Parents are responsible for the transportation of their children to and from all camps. The camp will provide transportation for special activities and field trips that are included within the camp session. Most out-of-camp trips that require transportation will be provided by council-owned or leased vehicles driven by staff members who are at least 25 years of age and have a favorable driving record. Some trips may require the use of charter buses or other vehicles. These approved vendors would provide their licensed staff members for transportation.



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