

girl scouts[♣] of greater mississippi

Summer Camp 2024

Channel Your Inner
Wonderful



Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.



Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong,
and responsible for what I say and do,
and to respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place,
and be a sister to every Girl Scout.



Camp Wahi and Iti Kana are American Camp Association accredited! This means that we undergo a thorough, 300 standard review of our operations — from staff qualifications and training to emergency management by the American Camp Association (ACA). The ACA collaborates with experts from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Red Cross, and other youth-serving agencies to assure that current practices at our camps reflect the most up-to-date, research-based standards in camp operation.

Your Summer of Wonderful Awaits!

Welcome to Girl Scout Camp! Our campers' experiences are our top priority. Make sure you read through all of this information thoroughly. The expanded version of this guide along with more information about our camps can be found online under the member's section of our website, GSGMS.org.

Summer camp is so much more than a vacation. It's a place where campers explore the outdoors, try new activities, practice independence, learn leadership skills, make amazing new friends, and so much more! With so many options to attend, day camp, overnight camp, or troop camp, our girls are sure to have the summer of their lives!

We are also very proud to have recently become accredited with the American Camp Association! This means that all campers will have high quality experiences in a safe and nurturing environment that has been vetted and approved by the top camp association in the United States. We look forward to this summer and all of the excitement it will bring! To ensure your Girl Scout has the best experience she can have, please make sure to complete all necessary paperwork at least two weeks prior to camp check in. Once you are registered you will receive further instructions on CampDocs paperwork and other pre-camp requirements.

Laurel "DEZ" Jalufka
Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi Camp Director

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Girl Experience &
Camp Director



Registration

- To Register, visit our website at www.gsgms.org/events on or after the day camp opens for registration. Keep in mind that many sessions fill quickly.
- Once registered, you will be able to see the summer camp information packet as well as the required waivers and documentation by logging into your MyGS account and selecting My Events from the left-hand navigation.
- A deposit of (\$50 for resident camp and \$25 for troop camp per person) is required at the time of initial registration to hold the spot. Payment deadline is 30 days prior to the camp session start date. Please pay attention to registration tiers and prices. Late registration will result in a higher rate.
- Cookie Dough may not be used for the deposit, but can be used to pay the remaining balance for any camp session.
- Cancellation policy: If you cancel your camp registration at least 30 days prior to camp start date, you will receive a full refund minus the non-refundable deposit. If you cancel your registration no later than 2 weeks before the camp start date we will refund up to 50% of the cost. No cancellation requests received after that time will be eligible for refund unless there is a medical reason and we receive written notification from a medical professional. A written cancellation request must be sent to Kyna McCalpin within the cancellation timeline for a refund (if applicable).



Pricing

- Overnight Camp (Opens Feb 6th)
 - Tier 1 \$250 - Feb 6th - Feb 29th
 - Tier 2 \$290 - March 1st - March 31st
 - Tier 3 \$330 - April 1st - April 30th
 - Tier 4 \$370 - May 1st - 2 weeks before camp

 - Troop Camp (Opens March 15th)
 - Tier 1 - March 15th - April 14th
 - Tier 2 - April 15th - May 14th
 - Tier 3 - May 15th - 2 weeks before camp
- *See Website for Troop Camp Pricing

Using Program Credits

If your camper is using Girl Scout Fall Product and/or Cookie Program credits, they must register for camp following the standard camp registration process to reserve their spot and should plan to sign up early to secure their preferred session. All camp registrations require a \$50 deposit (resident camp) \$25 deposit (troop camp per person), paid by credit card, at the time of registration to hold the camp session.

We do not accept program credits to pay the deposit. Once the Girl Scout Cookie Program is complete and all rewards are confirmed, campers who want to use cookie credits towards camp must notify Kyna McCalpin at kmccalpin@gsgms.org.



Accommodation Amenities

Units at Camp Iti Kana and a few at Wahi have kitchen appliances that can be utilized to store snacks and drinks for our troop campers (resident campers are asked not to bring these items). No snacks and drinks should be stored inside the cabins/platform tents. Sleeping accommodations for buildings with A/C units will be available to select during the registration process for an additional fee of \$5 per person. There are limited number of slots so this is on a first come first served basis. In the event your troop wants to register for one of these available spaces, you must register everyone in your troop together.

Parents and girls that register separately may or may not receive that accommodation based on availability and/or additional payment receipt.



Things to Know

Camp Docs & Requirements

As soon as you complete your registration, your camp session will appear in the My Events section of your MyGS account. Clicking on the camp session name will display important information about the camp including location, dates, times, and our cancellation policy. Scroll down to additional documentation to see the camp information packet. The link to CampDoc forms will be emailed to you within 3 working days. CampDoc (health forms) are due no later than two weeks prior to the start of your camp session. No Documentation will be accepted at camp check-in. You will also see the summer camp caregiver guide that provides information about camp policies and expectations as well as a packing list. If you do not receive your email for CampDocs within 7 business days of registering, please contact Kyna McCalpin at kmccalpin@gsgms.org.



Before You Go

Trading Post

The Trading Post is our camp store. It has a variety of items from ice-cream to blankets and everything in between. (Items may vary from camp to camp) Girls may use unexpired cookie dough earned through the cookie program or cash may be deposited at check-in with the registrar.



Registration Add-Ons



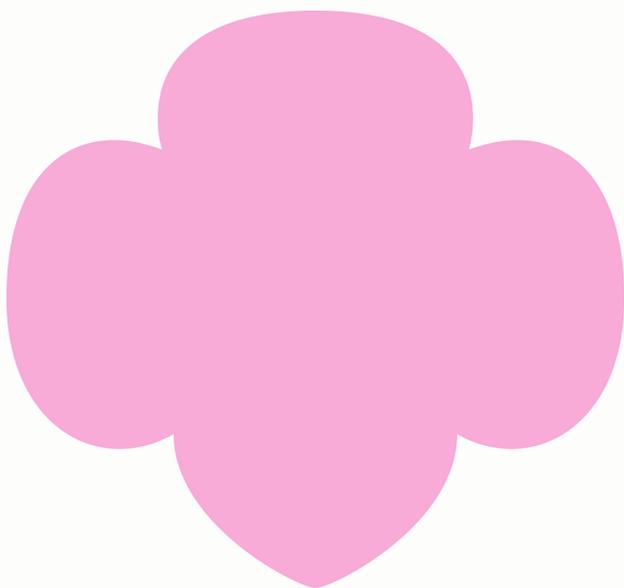
Fiber Optic
Glow Wand - \$3



Camp T-Shirt:
\$12/\$15



Plush
Swan: \$10



Health & Wellness

To Keep the entire camp community safe and ensure a positive experience for everyone, we will check for the following during camper check-in:

- A fever of 100.0 degrees or higher
- Symptoms of any contagious condition
- Head lice or evidence of lice in any form
- Any injury or condition that needs immediate medical attention

Campers may not remain at camp with a fever, signs of a contagious condition, or signs of head lice. If a camper is sent home at check-in, they may return with a signed letter from their physician stating that they do not have any contagious condition and are in good health.

Arrangements to attend a later session may also be made with the Camp Director if space is available. All campers will be required to have their appropriate health forms submitted through CampDocs 24-hours prior to their scheduled camp session. No forms will be accepted the day of camp check-in.



Who Goes To Camp

Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi Provides safe and affirming camping experiences to the girls. We proudly offer a wide variety of activities, with the goal of providing enriching experiences in areas that girls enjoy. We support campers wherever they are in life and feel privileged to create a safe space for those who join us.

We want everyone to be successful, and we find that campers have the best experience if they can do the following:

- Be fully independent with hygiene (with reminders from staff)
- Use the bathroom, shower, and get dressed unassisted
- Live, shower, and dress in communal spaces. Privacy is an essential and fundamental right of everyone at camp, including toilets, changing areas, and showers, which are single-use. Typical of most public bathrooms, many single-use bathroom stalls are located in one facility.
- Sleep in a room with other people and/or fall asleep without assistance. Our cabins and tents all hold multiple campers; there is no situation in which a child will have their own room.
- Follow verbal directions
- Understand and follow camp rules and expectations
- Be able to verbalize if they need assistance, are hungry, are hurt, etc...
- Be able to reasonably and age-appropriately self-regulate social and emotional needs

Overnight Cabin
Camps for
Grades 2-5



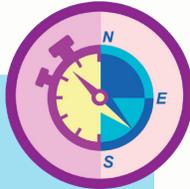
Camp

Girl Scouts in Adventureland

June 9 - June 12, 2024

Girls will earn their Trail Adventurer Badges

What better way to spend your summer days than exploring and playing in the nature around you. Girl Scout Adventureland at Camp Iti Kana will be a week of trying new things outdoors, learning valuable camping skills; pitching tents, building fires, purifying water, cooking over coals, and harnessing your hiking boots as you trek Mt. Iti Kana. Don't forget about our traditional camp activities such as swimming, kayaking, archery, craftsmanship, s'mores and songs!



Saddles & Stir-Ups

June 9 - June 12, 2024

Girls will earn Brownie Outdoor Adventurer and Junior Horseback Riding Badges

Girl Scouts, SADDLE UP! At this year's horse camp, girls with various levels of riding skills are invited. With an emphasis on skill development, progression, and expanding your knowledge of horses and how to care for them, this camp is designed to help girls grow in confidence and compassion through horseback riding. Whether you are a first-time rider or seasoned equestrian, you will experience the joys of connecting with a lovable horse. Don't forget, you'll also enjoy other camp activities such as swimming, archery, waterfront, and crafts. This will be a week you will not want to miss!



Drama O'Rama

June 16 - June 19, 2024

Girls will earn their Brownie Dancer and Junior Playing the Past Badges

Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts are invited to Drama O'Rama where we will partner with Gulf Coast Eco Tours in Barbie Shops for a Career theater and drama camp. This fun filled play requires actresses, directors, managers, and more! Come aboard on an adventure of summer fun where Barbie shops at The Aerospace Academy, Sea School, University of Southern Mississippi, and Beauty College to narrow down what she wants to be when she grows up. At the end of theater camp, Girl Scouts will put on a theatrical performance showing their knowledge of different careers and how working as a team can be thrilling fun! You'll also participate in traditional camp activities like swimming, canoeing, archery, crafts, and more.



Iti Kana



Wiggins, MS



Infinity & Beyond

June 16 - June 19, 2024

Girls will earn their Brownie and Junior Space Science Adventurer & Investigator Badges

Girl Scout Brownies and Juniors are invited to spend their week at the Iti Kana Space Station where they'll venture through the Solar System and beyond investigating the Sun, Moon, planets, and stars. Understand how the Earth orbits, build a model solar system, and use tools to explore space and find out that it's even bigger than we could ever imagine. Participate in traditional camp activities such as hiking, songs and skits, crafts, swimming, kayaking/paddling, and archery.



Dr. Zoo-Little & Friends

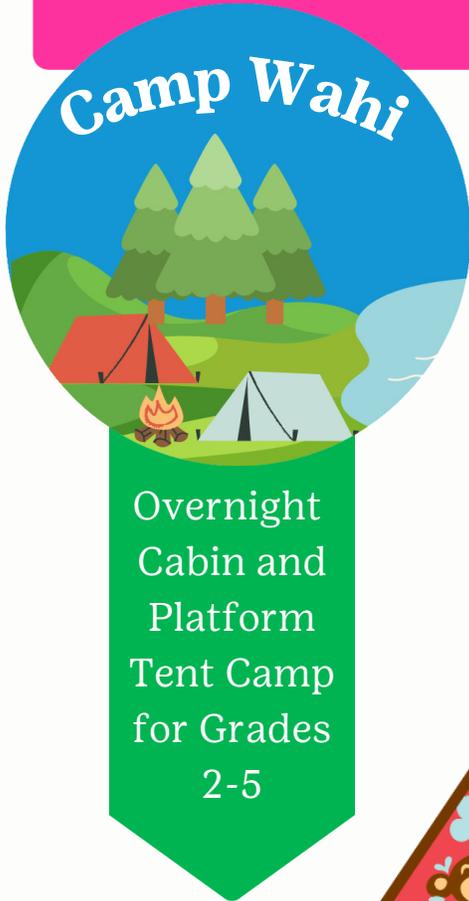
June 23 - June 25, 2024

Girls will earn their Brownie Pets and Junior Animal Habitats Badges

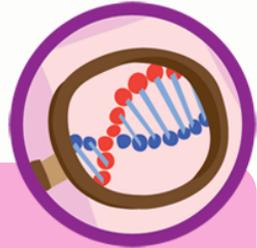
Girl Scout Brownies and Juniors are invited to spend their week at Zoo Iti Kana learning all about animals and their friends that take care of them. You'll explore what different habitats they live and thrive in and research the many creatures that swim, fly, scurry, and gallop. As we partner with the Hattiesburg Zoo, girls will talk with a zookeeper and become true animal helpers and advocates. Participate in traditional camp activities as we hike, sing songs, make crafts, play games, swim, paddle around the lake, and shoot an arrow from a bow.



Camp Wah!



STEAM it Up!



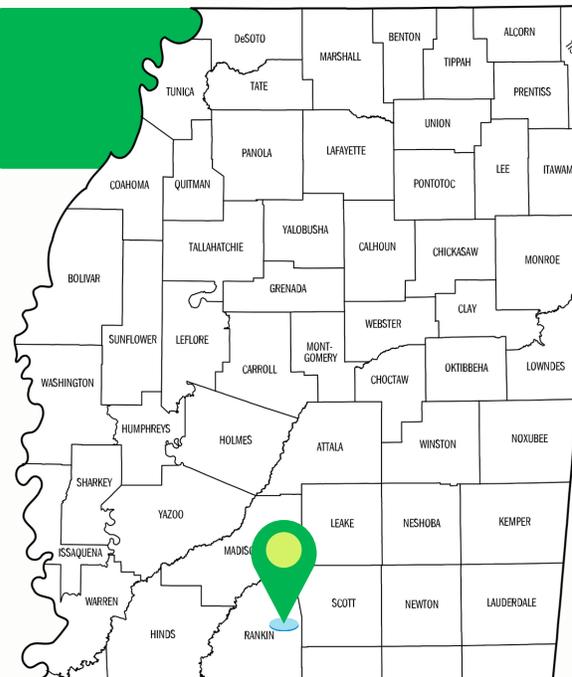
June 23 - June 25, 2024

Girls will earn their Brownie Home Scientist and Junior Detective Badges

Girl Scout Brownies and Juniors are invited to STEAM camp where they will dive into the wonders of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. From investigating nature and theater and arts to exploring our solar system, your Girl Scout's days and nights will be filled with magical moments and lasting memories. Participate in traditional camp activities such as hiking, songs and skits, crafts, swimming, kayaking/paddling, and archery.



Brandon, MS



Day Camp

Only At Camp Wahi



Your Truly Uniqua

June 10 - June 14, 2024
\$25 a Day / \$100 for the Week

Who's ready to spend a fun week at camp? Daisy, Brownie, and Junior Girl Scouts are invited to expand their imaginations and express what makes them so "UNIQUE." You'll get the opportunity to dress up and show your Girl Scout spirit with themes each day!

Monday: Marvel Monday (dress as your favorite Marvel character)

Tuesday: Tie-Dye Tuesday (show off your tie-dye fashion)

Wednesday: Walt Disney Wednesday (dress as your inner Disney Character)

Thursday: That's INCREDIBLE Thursday (It's all about talent and what makes YOU special! Get ready to share your favorite song or best talent)

Friday: Fairytale Friday (calling all fairies)

Girls will participate in regular camp activities such as swimming, archery, waterfront, and crafts, so this will be a week your Girl Scout will not want to miss!



Day Camp is a great way for new and old campers alike to get a taste of camp in a shorter time frame!



Timely Celebrations

June 17 - June 21, 2024
\$25 a Day / \$100 for the Week

Who's ready to spend a fun week at camp? Daisy, Brownie, and Junior Girl Scouts, are you ready to jump and celebrate what makes you special? You'll get the opportunity to dress up and show your Girl Scout spirit with themes each day!

Monday: Music Monday (dress up as a rockstar from the past or present)

Tuesday: Totally Rad Tuesday (show off your 80's spirit)

Wednesday: Wild West Wednesday (grab your boots and hats and get ready to learn a line dance or two)

Thursday: Throwback Thursday (pick an era and dress it to the max)

Friday: Fiesta Friday (it's time to celebrate)

Girls will participate in regular camp activities such as swimming, archery, waterfront, and crafts, so this will be a week your Girl Scout will not want to miss!

Troop Camp



Time Travelers At Camp Iti Kana

June 21 - June 23, 2024

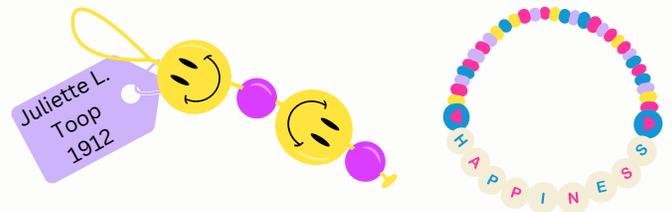
Travel from one era to the next through time machines specially designed to transport you to the past. Once you enter the machine, what fun and interactive activities will be waiting for you? Everyone will have their turn at crafts, archery, waterfront, and swimming adventures. Come prepared to share your favorite skit or perform a Girl Scout song around the campfire. Troops are encouraged to bring SWAPS to share with their Girl Scout sisters.



Party in the USA At Camp Wahi

June 28 - June 30, 2024

What better way to get to know the states than to party with your fellow Girl Scout sisters at camp? Learn how the Native Americans used the buffalo for everyday survival as you travel through Texas. Visit Hawaii and learn to hula at our luau. Become a polar bear in Alaska and catch your fish for food. As you visit New York be prepared to strut your stuff in our runway model competition at our fire ring. Bring your best dress and a skit or song to share with the entire camp. As we visit Montana we'll learn about farm to table as you plant your very own vegetables and make shell jewelry while traveling through Florida. Don't forget to visit California and the red-carpet gala to watch a special show, Country Bear Jamboree! With regular camp activities like swimming, archery, waterfront, and crafts, this will be a weekend you and your troop will not want to miss. Troops are encouraged to bring SWAPS to share with their Girl Scout Sisters.



**SWAPS: Small Keychains or Pins
That Represent You and are Made to
be Traded With Other Girl Scouts**

Program Aid Experiences



Learn to Lead in a Fun, New Way!

Take the lead and become a Program Aide! This foundational leadership program is for Girl Scouts who are just starting their leadership journey. Program Aides mentor younger Girl Scouts by sharing skills, testing their knowledge, and trying out their new roles as budding leaders. Experience all your favorite parts about camp while learning exciting leadership skills! No experience necessary. Applications are required. There are 4 camp opportunities for Program Aides to Choose from.

- Wahi: Your Truly Uniqua Day Camp
June 10 - 14, 2024 / \$100
- Wahi: Timely Celebrations Day Camp
June 17 - 20, 2024 / \$100
- Iti Kana: Time Travelers Troop Camp
June 21 - 23, 2024 / \$125
- Wahi: Party in the USA Troop Camp
June 28 - 30, 2024 / \$125

Day Camp
Programs are
Come and Go Daily

Counselor-in-Training Experiences

Take Your Leadership Skills to the Next Level!

Create the magic of camp for other Girl Scouts! Counselors-in-Training (CIT) will shadow camp staff, learn about ages and stages, and hone your skills as mentors. Learn how to plan and implement programs, the secrets of summer camp operations, and help make camp an exciting place for young Girl Scouts. Plus, gain essential leadership experience that looks great on your resume!

- Girl Scouts must have earned Program Aide to be eligible for CIT I, and must have earned CIT I to be eligible for CIT II.
- Applications will be required.
- CIT I will choose any 1 Week of overnight camping experience, CIT II will choose 2 overnight weeks.



