

Hike, Saddle, & Paddle Camp Confirmation Packet



Dear Camper and Caregiver:

Welcome to Girl Scouts Summer Camp. We can't wait for you to Capture the Moment with us this summer at camp. Thank you for choosing Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming (GSMW) for your Girl Scouts summer adventures!

Please ensure you have paid the full camp fee two weeks before the start of your camp. If you need help with camp payments, please contact customercare@gsmw.org.

READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT FROM BEGINNING TO END and refer to it as you prepare for camp.

INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET

PACKING LIST & CAMPER PREPARATION

Use a pencil to help you track everything as you pack to come to camp. Bring a copy of the list to camp to keep track of everything you should take home. Label everything you bring! Check this section for hints on how to prepare yourself and your camper for a successful week at camp.

CHECK-IN / CHECK-OUT TIMES & PROCEDURES

GSMW has defined procedures for checking in and out of camp. Directions to your camp location is also included.

PERMISSION / RELEASE / HEALTH FORMS

All forms should be completed online in your UltraCamp account. Health forms that are incomplete may prevent your child from attending camp. You are required to report all health concerns including mental health conditions. We ask you to include your camper's mental health status in the health form so we can work together to ensure success at camp.

CAMP SUCCESS GUIDE / FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Got a question? To help you and your camper prepare for this experience, we have compiled a [Camp Success Guide](#).

If you have any questions or concerns prior to your arrival at camp, please contact Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming Headquarters at (406) 252-0488 or customercare@gsmw.org.

From around the campfire,
Your 2026 GSMW Camp Team

Camper Packing List

- At camp, we dress to be comfortable and safe, and we prepare for being outdoors in all conditions.
- Do not bring anything to camp that cannot get dirty, messy, or broken. Rugged, comfy clothes work best.
- Label all belongings.
- Limit camper's baggage to one duffel plus one daypack and a neatly rolled sleeping bag & pillow.
- Campers should be able to pack, unpack, and carry their own things.
- Campers will not be permitted to wear open-toe shoes or sandals at any time other than in the showers.
- Please pack for the full length of your camp. Full Week: 5 days 4 nights

NECESSITIES

- Sleeping bag (nights may be below 30°F)
- Pillow in a pillowcase
- Shower towel & washcloth
- Sunglasses
- Day backpack (used every day, all day)
- Sturdy, closed-toe shoes (hiking or tennis shoes)
- Flip flops (for the shower only)
- Water bottle (check for leaks)
- Flashlight or headlamp & extra batteries
- Medications (in original containers, marked with dosage & campers name. Collected at check-in.)
- Boots with one-inch heel

CLOTHING

- T-shirts (cover shoulders/stomach; no suggestive logos)
- Shorts
- Jeans or sweatpants
- Warm Pajamas
- Underwear, bras, socks
- Swimsuit (for showering, sometimes swimming)
- Rain jacket or poncho
- Sweatshirts or fleece shirts
- Brimmed hat
- Winter hat & gloves
- Long sleeve shirt
- Winter coat

TOILETRIES / PERSONAL ITEMS

- Travel soap and lotion
- Deodorant
- Travel shampoo/conditioner
- Travel toothbrush & toothpaste
- Brush or comb
- Hair ties
- Sunscreen & protective lip balm
- Travel non-aerosol insect repellent
- Glasses or contact lenses
- Retainers/mouth guards
- Feminine hygiene products (even if unexpected)

OPTIONAL

- Camera (inexpensive & durable or disposable)
- Stationary, stamps, pre-addressed envelopes
- Journal & pen/pencil
- Something to read
- Laundry bag
- Small stuffed animal
- Rain Pants
- Campfire Ashes jar from previous years of camp – reuse these year after year! Bring ashes from your last campout.
- Extra spending money

Packing List *(continued)*

LEAVE THESE ITEMS AT HOME:

- Electronic devices (phones, tablets, smart watches, etc.)
- Candy, food, drinks
- Curling iron, straightener, blow dryer, makeup, hairspray
- Cash, jewelry, valuables, and things that can't get dirty
- Crop tops, tube tops, spaghetti straps, inappropriate logos, short shorts, and anything else that may be seen as offensive or unprotective from elements

Camper & Caregiver Preparation

Before your camper comes to camp, it's important to prepare them for being on their own:

- With support and advice, let your camper pack their own bag, and teach them how to roll their own sleeping bag so they gain independence.
- Have them practice being away from home by having a sleepover at a friend's house.
- Before camp starts, have regular talks about what to do if they miss home while away.
- Parents, prepare yourself for camp! Children can easily pick up on their parent's feelings. So, if you're nervous about camp, they will be, too. Show your camper that you're excited about their camp opportunity and discuss with them how it will be a great experience for both parent and child!
- Listen to the campers' concerns and provide answers to their questions. If they have questions about camp that you can't answer, feel free to ask customercare@gsmw.org.

Prepare your camper to use coping strategies, like these, at camp:

- Try to play every game and try every offered activity at least once.
- Talk with a Camp Counselor or other trusted camp staff.
- Write letters home (or keep a journal) to tell your family about all the fun activities and your new friends.
- Look forward to the new skills and adventures each day at camp.
- Introduce yourself to at least one new friend every day!

Missing Home

While at camp, campers do not have access to the phone to call home, and parents will not be able to call their campers unless it's an emergency. Campers can write letters and receive letters given to staff at check-in. For more hints on preparing for camp, check out GSUSA's "Camp Hacks" videos at:

www.youtube.com/user/girlscoutvideos/playlists

Check-In & Check-Out

SCHEDULE

| Camp Dates | Grade Next Fall | Check-in Date / Time | Check-out Date / Time |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| July 12 - July 16 | Grades 7 - 12 | Sunday, July 12 (3:00 pm) | Thursday, July 16 (12:00 pm) |

More details will come from camp staff. If you need to get in touch with the camp staff, please use the following contact information.

- Tolly Patten - call 406-422-9931 or email blaackraam@gmail.com

DIRECTIONS

ADDRESS:

5242 US-89 (US Forest Service Office), Livingston, Montana | PHONE: Camp Director, 406-422-9931

DIRECTIONS:

From Billings: Take I-90 West toward Livingston 117 miles. Take exit 333 toward Yellowstone National Park. Turn left onto US-89 S/Park St S. Drive approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile and turn left on Strong Lane. Destination will be immediately on your left.

From Butte: Take I-90 East toward Livingston 108 miles. Take exit 333 toward Yellowstone National Park. Turn right onto US-89 S/Park St S. Drive approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile and turn left on Strong Lane. Destination will be immediately on your left.

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Check-In / Check-Out Procedures

CHECK-IN DAY

- Campers must be checked in & out on the date & within the time period assigned to your session.
- Late arrivals are accepted ONLY in case of emergency circumstances and will need to be arranged with camp staff.
- Please have any updated address/phone/health history information, and medications ready and available for the Camp Director.
- Please leave all non-human family members at home or in the car. Pets are not allowed on property.
- Caregivers are not permitted on the premises after check-in is complete. We do not allow campers to have visitors, and campers are not permitted to call home during the camp session. Prepare yourself and your camper for this. Should an emergency arise, camp staff will contact you.

CHECK-OUT DAY

Caregivers are asked to pick-up their campers within the assigned check-out time range specific to your camp location and theme. Refer to the table for the correct pick-up time. Check-out times are firm and cannot be negotiated.

- *Please be prompt* in picking up your camper. Upon arrival at pickup, parents will be met in the parking lot and given directions.
- For your camper's safety, *a photo ID is required and the pick-up person MUST be listed* as an authorized "Camper Pick-Up". Please list nearby family & close friends in case of an emergency.
- If you are picking up a camper other than your own child, you will need to have a photo identification and be on their "Camper Pick-Up" list. Campers WILL NOT be released from camp without an authorized "Camper Pick-Up" with a photo ID.
- All campers will be signed out with the "Camper Pick-Up" at the check-out tables before leaving camp. At this time, any medication will be released to the "Camper Pick-Up".