

# Splash & Float

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## \*Absolutely Mandatory Items

### NECESSITIES

- Sleeping bag (nights may be below 30°F)
- Pillow in a pillowcase
- 2 Towels: water towel, shower towel & washcloth
- Sunglasses\*** (reflection off water=headaches)
- 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.)
- Water shoes\*** like Teva, Chaco, Keen, or similar style with heel strap to keep them on your feet  
(dress sandals do not work as these will be worn in boats and in the lake to prevent cuts on feet from

### CLOTHING

- T-shirts (cover shoulders/stomach; no suggestive logos)
- Pairs of Shorts (1 lounge, 1 water sports)
- Pair Lounge/Sweatpants
- Warm Pajamas & Sweatpants/long johns
- Daily underwear, bras, socks
- Swimsuit (sturdy so they don't fall off)
- Rain jacket or poncho
- 1 Sweatshirt or fleece shirts
- Brimmed hat\***
- Warm stocking cap
- Long sleeve shirt
- Rash guard

### 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

- Extra Swimsuit & rash guard
- Camera (inexpensive & waterproof)
- Journal & pen/pencil
- Something to read
- Laundry bag
- Small stuffed animal
- Extra spending money

### **LEAVE THESE ITEMS AT HOME:**

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

# Camper & Caregiver Preparation

## **Campers will be ON THE WATER daily - this is not optional.**

The only times we MAY NOT is in bad weather which will be determined by staff.

### **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](mailto: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](https://www.youtube.com/user/girlscoutvideos/playlists)

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# Check-In & Check-Out

## SCHEDULE

Camp Dates	Grade Next Fall	Check-in Date / Time	Check-out Date / Time
August 2 - August 6	Grades 7 - 12	<b>Sunday</b> , August 2 (4:00-4:30 pm)	<b>Thursday</b> , August 6 (4:00-4:30 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](mailto:blaackraam@gmail.com)

## DIRECTIONS

### ADDRESS:

3555 West Shore Drive, Yacht Basin, Helena, Montana | PHONE: Camp Director, 406-422-9931

### DIRECTIONS:

**From Great Falls:** Take the Custer Exit. Turn left (toward Costco) and travel approximately 15 miles. Custer Ave will turn into Canyon Ferry Rd. Billboards advertising Yacht Basin Marina will become visible closer to the marina. When you reach Yacht Basin, take a right turn on to W. Shore Drive. Follow the main road past the marina. After approximately .5 miles, there will be a left hand turn with a sign that says “Chalet Group Use Area”. The camp will be at the bottom of that road.

**From Butte:** Take the Capitol Exit east and proceed towards East Helena. You will travel through the town of East Helena on Hwy 12 approximately 10 miles to the flashing light at CR-284/Spokane Creek Rd. Turn left onto CR-284/Spokane Creek Rd. Travel 4.6 miles to Canyon Ferry Road and take a right. Travel about 3.5 miles along Canyon Ferry road. When you reach Yacht Basin, take a right turn on to W. Shore Drive. Follow the main road past the marina. After approximately .5 miles, there will be a left hand turn with a sign that says “Chalet Group Use Area”. The camp will be at the bottom of that road.

**From Three Forks:** Take Hwy 287 towards Helena. At approximately 54 miles the flashing light at CR-284/Spokane Creek Rd. will become visible. Turn right onto CR-284/Spokane Creek Rd. Travel 4.6 miles to Canyon Ferry Road and take a right. Travel about 3.5 miles along Canyon Ferry road. When you reach Yacht Basin, take a right turn on to W. Shore Drive. Follow the main road past the marina. After approximately .5 miles, there will be a left hand turn with a sign that says “Chalet Group Use Area”. The camp will be at the bottom of that road.

# 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. If the camper cannot arrive within the extended window of time, they will have to wait until the following day at 8:00am to be checked in by camp staff. Please notify the camp as soon as circumstances arise.
- 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".