

# Safety at Camp

## Safety Statement

We cannot wait for your campers to join us! Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming Summer Camp values the trust caregivers place in our staff and programs. We work year-round to ensure comprehensive safety measures are in place so your camper has a safe and enjoyable time at camp. Whether you're joining us for the first time at Family Camp or sending your camper for their fifth summer adventure, we take pride in knowing that when campers are in our care we are prepared, trained, and equipped to keep them safe.

## Staff Members

Members of our camp staff come from all around the globe and are thoughtfully selected to help enrich your camper's experience. Most of our staff members are college students, college graduates, and camp professionals.

All driving staff members will:

- be at least 21 years of age
- pass a driver's background check
- complete training with our large passenger vans

## Emergency Procedures

Camp staff are trained to anticipate and respond to situations that might arise at camp, including, but not limited to:

- Fire Emergencies
- Flood
- Inclement Weather
- Camper Location Unknown
- Unauthorized Visitor
- Off-site Emergencies
- Medical Emergency
- Mental Health Emergency
- Injuries and Illnesses
- Animal on Camp

## Staff Training

At each of our camps, there is a leadership team who are over the age of 21 and there are two adult counselors per unit area. All staff members are background-checked and trained in the following:

- First Aid and CPR
- Child development
- Behavior management
- Bullying intervention
- Abuse and neglect prevention
- Safety procedures

In addition to the trainings listed above, GSMW has worked with a clinical psychologist to support our goal of creating a welcoming and safe environment for all campers and staff.

## Communication at Camp

Communication between units is maintained by walk-throughs and walkie-talkies, especially at night. In addition, we have an agreement and working relationship with the local emergency services to assist with emergency response as needed.



## Camper Medications

Please bring all your camper's medication to the check-in table for the Healthcare Supervisor to log and count. This includes over the counter medications (melatonin, vitamins, ibuprofen, etc.). All medications need to be in their **original container** with dosage and directions still printed on the bottle. We can not accept them if they are not. We recommend bringing only what your camper needs to ensure a smooth check-in process.

## Camp Provided Medications

Camp will provide over-the-counter medications in both adult and child doses such as the following:

- Acetaminophen
- Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)
- Calcium Carbonate (Tums)
- Ibuprofen
- Cough drops
- Bismuth Subsalicylate (Pepto)

Please note on the Camper Health Form if any of the medications listed should not be given to your camper. Also, if your camper takes one of these medications daily, please bring them with you to camp.

## Medical Training

The health and safety of campers and staff is our first priority. Our healthcare policies meet or exceed standards set by Girl Scouts. Our camp staff are trained in First Aid, CPR, and other health care certifications as required by their positions. Our Camp Manager will hold a Wilderness First Responder Certification.

## Healthcare Supervisor

We strive to hire a Healthcare Supervisor with high-level medical training, childcare experience, and dedication to mental health support.

## Working with Partners

Whether your camper is on or off property it is our top priority they are safe and in the hands of responsible adults. The members of our council check-in with every partner annually to ensure they are still working at the Girl Scouts Standards. All partners are expected to hold proper certifications and insurance. Council staff ensures all partners meet the [Girl Scout Safety Activity Checkpoints](#).

## Required Partner Documents

- Certificate of Insurance
- W-9
- Waivers

## Inclusion at Camp

Campers and staff come from many different backgrounds and cultures, and we are committed to cultivating a safe space for everyone to explore who they are. At camp, we welcome counselors from different countries, campers from different states, and volunteers of all ages. Discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated on camp property.

