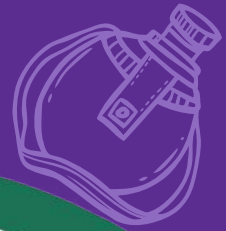


2025 Summer Camp

Program Guide



girl scouts 
hornets' nest

Have the Best Summer Ever with Girl Scout Camp!

Experience the thrill of your first campfire crackling to life, and the exhilaration of reaching the top of Phoenix Tower. How will you make your summer 2025 truly unforgettable?

At Girl Scout camp, you're the hero of your own adventure. Our resident camp program offers a unique blend of challenges and fun, designed to push your limits and create lasting memories. Discover new heights, build confidence, and return home with amazing experiences you'll cherish forever!

Don't miss out on the summer of a lifetime—enrollment is open now so secure your spot at our premier Girl Scout resident camp!

We will strive to help campers build essential life skills, such as:

- Physical, mental and spiritual well-being.
- Democratic living, teamwork and conflict resolution.
- Leadership, confidence and independence.
- Interpersonal relationships and community.
- A sense of accomplishment.
- Awareness of the scope and responsibility to conserve the natural world.



Camp is a pathway for girls to experience the Girl Scout program. Girl Scouts is girl driven, and girls have the choice of how they want to participate. Our primary mission for summer camp is the same as the overall mission of our organization - we are building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

CAMP LOCATION

Dale Earnhardt Environmental Leadership Campus at Oak Springs

1919 Turnersburg Highway, Statesville, NC 28625

Join us for an exciting summer at Oak Springs, a premier overnight resident camp, located on the expansive 800+ acre Dale Earnhardt Environmental Campus at Oak Springs in Statesville, NC. We're thrilled to welcome both members and non-members, rising 2nd through 8th graders, a high school only week, and we are bringing back the Counselor-In-Training Program for rising 9th-12th graders for Summer 2025!

Discovery Day: What's the Buzz about Camp?

**Join us on May 4th from 2-4pm at
Camp in Statesville**

for any interested or already registered campers and their families. This is a great opportunity for families and future campers to get to know and explore camp while also getting to meet some of the Camp Team that will be working over the summer!



CAMP DATES & THEMES

Week One (Full Week)

Wilderness Explorers: June 22nd - 27th

\$600

Rising 4th - 8th graders

Discovery awaits—become a wilderness explorer and uncover classic camping and outdoor skills crucial for surviving in the wild. Explore on land and water. Enjoy fishing and kayaking, then sleep out under the stars. Come for the fun but stay for the adventure!

- Juniors, Cadettes, and CIT's
 - Badges campers will earn
 - Juniors: Eco Camper, Jr Trail Adventure
 - Cadettes: Eco Trekker, Trail Adventure
 - Seniors: 1st Aid, Eco Explorer
 - Ambassadors: 1st Aid, Eco Advocate



Week Two (Short Week)

Camp Make Believe: June 29th - July 2nd

\$400

Rising 2nd - 8th graders

Camp magic comes to life during this week of unbelievable adventure! Be on the lookout for the sparkle of fairy dust and the splash of a mermaid's tail as you spend your time building fairy houses, making glow in the dark slime, and exploring the woods to find mythical creatures!

- Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes
 - Badges campers will earn
 - Brownies: Dancer
 - Juniors: Playing the Past
 - Cadettes: Book Artist



Week Three (Full Week)

Clash of the Cabins: July 6th - July 11th

\$600

Rising 4th - 8th graders

Will your cabin be announced as the Ultimate Cabin? Earn points for your cabin by competing in daily challenges and games. Battle it out during all camp activities and chant loud to earn the most spirit awards! This week at camp will have lots of sporting opportunities, as well as the chance to participate in classic camp activities such as boating, archery, climbing, crafts and more... all while competing against other cabins!

- Juniors, Cadettes, and CIT's
 - Badges campers will earn
 - Juniors: Practice with Purpose, Staying Fit
 - Cadettes: Field Day, Good Sportsmanship
 - Seniors: 1st Aid, Cross Training
 - Ambassadors: 1st Aid, Coaching

Week Four (Short Week)

Wacky Water Fun: July 13th - 16th

\$400

Rising 2nd - 8th graders

Water adventures await you during this splash-tacular week. Enjoy all things water while having fun in the sun. Lounge at the lake, play water games, and more! You'll have a blast during "dry-time" camp activities too, like crafts and archery.

- Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes
 - Badges campers will earn
 - Brownies: Making Friends
 - Juniors: Social Butterfly
 - Cadettes: Finding Common Ground

Week Five (Full Week)

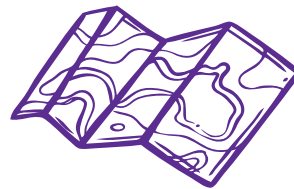
Full STEAM Ahead!: July 20th - 25th

\$600

Rising 4th - 8th graders

Get ready to use STEAM—that's science, technology, engineering, art, and math—to explore Camp DEELCOS. Investigate the environment and create your own hypothesis regarding the world around you. Work with your Girl Scout team to conduct daily experiments to prove your hypothesis while solving camp mysteries!

- Juniors, Cadettes, and CIT's
 - Badges campers will earn
 - Juniors: Robotics 1 & 2, Space Science
 - Cadettes: Robotics 1 & 2, Space Science
 - Seniors: 1st Aid, Collage Artist
 - Ambassador: 1st Aid, Outdoor Art Master





Counselor-in-Training Program

\$400

Rising 9th - 12th graders

NEW

This weeklong opportunity is for older campers who are ready to begin the pathway to camp leadership at resident camp. During the week, girls will have training on topics such as introduction to the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, age and social characteristics of younger campers, essential skills needed to be a great counselor and how to lead songs and games. The girls will split their time between training sessions and shadowing camp staff working with younger campers. They will observe the unit and program staff, evaluate experiences, and receive guidance from the CIT Coordinator as they assist in units. During the week, CITs will spend nights in their own unit and receive ongoing supervision and leadership guidance from the CIT Counselor, while building teamwork skills and observing unit staff.

*No prerequisites, online training, or additional time is required for this course.



EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF CAMP

At GSHNC Camp, the adventure never stops. From the secret trails in the forest, to our enchanting fairy village, to enjoying thrilling waterfront activities, our camp is designed to provide a diverse range of fun and engaging experiences. Our joyful and highly trained staff are dedicated to creating a supportive and inclusive environment where lifelong friendships are formed, and confidence is built.

Camp Activities Include

- **Archery:** Test your aim and precision in a fun and safe environment (all ages).
- **Arts & Crafts:** Unleash your creativity and make unique camp souvenirs. Each week campers will tie-dye a unique Oak Springs Camp shirt.
- **Badge Work:** Earn badges and gain new skills while having fun. Campers will go home with 1-3 GSUSA badges and several fun patches!
- **Canoeing & Kayaking:** Explore our beautiful lake with guided water adventures (all ages).
- **Corcl Boating:** Enjoy a unique and exciting boating experience (all ages).
- **Stand-Up Paddleboarding:** Experience the water in a new and exhilarating way (cadettes and up only).
- **Lake Swimming:** Cool off and have fun in our safe and supervised lake. The swimming area is enclosed by a brand new state of the art dock!
- **Fishing:** Try your luck and enjoy a peaceful time by the water. The lake is swimming with beautiful sunfish!
- **Field Sports:** Participate in various sports and games to stay active. We have a softball and soccer field and a sand volleyball court.
- **Phoenix Tower:** Challenge yourself with our thrilling climbing adventure (for cadettes and up only).
- **Co-operation Course:** All ages will get to experience obstacle course and group challenges at our one-of-a-kind co-op course.



Sample Camp Schedule

7:30 a.m. - Wake Up

8:30 a.m. - Breakfast/Flag Ceremony/
Kapers (chores)

9:15 a.m. - Morning Activities

12:00 p.m. - Lunch

12:30 - 2:30 p.m. - Turtle Time (nap,
rest, or reflect time)/Snack

2:30 p.m. - Afternoon Activities

6:00 p.m. - Dinner/Flag Ceremony/
Kapers (chores)

7:15 p.m. - All-Camp Activity and
Nightly Sweet Treat

8:00 - 9:30 p.m. - Shower Time/Get
Ready for Bed

10:00 p.m. - Lights Out

IMPORTANT NOTES AND CAMP INFORMATION

- **Camp Discounts**

- Early Bird Discount: \$100 off each camp session, must register by Feb. 15th
- Mid-Level Discount: \$50 off each camp session, must register by March 31st
- Full Price: Starts April 1st
- Financial Aid is available through registration by request
- Final payment is due 2 weeks before the start day of each session a camper is registered for.
- Buzz Bucks and GSHNC gift cards can be used to pay for camp sessions. Please call **704-731-6500** or email customercare@hngirlscouts.org.
- Check-in for full week sessions is from **2 - 4 pm on Sunday**, and check-out is from **2 - 3 pm on Friday**.
- Check-in for short week sessions is from **2 - 4 pm on Sunday**, and check-out is from **2 - 3 pm on Wednesday**.
- ALL CAMPERS must submit the 2025 Summer Camp Physical form. A copy of a school or sports physical is an acceptable substitute as long as it was completed less than 12 months before the first day of camp, and has been signed by a Physician, PA or Nurse Practitioner. The physical form must be uploaded to CampBrain before the start of the camper's camp session.
- If your camper has any specific medical, mental health, dietary needs or allergies, please make sure this is noted in their camp registration. If you have any concerns, please contact us at customercare@hngirlscouts.org or **704-731-6500**.
- Campers are covered by supplemental insurance for accidents and sickness that may occur while participating in activities; pre-existing conditions are not covered. All camp staff are certified in First Aid/ CPR and a First Aid Captain will be on site at all times.

- At check-in, your camper will be screened for lice/nits. **Campers will NOT be allowed to stay if they have lice/nits**, and parents/ guardians are responsible for treatments. No refunds are given for lice/nits.
- Campers will also have their feet checked for athlete's foot, and their temperature will be taken to ensure that they are not ill. Campers with athlete's foot will be allowed to stay at camp but will need to use shower shoes at all times.
- Telephone and Electronics Policy
 - **Cell phones are NOT allowed at camp** – this includes smart watches that can send text messages or make phone calls, and any other electronics that act as communication devices. Having these devices can create a lot of homesickness and other issues amongst campers. Camp is an opportunity to unplug, become an active member of the camp community, and experience the outdoors free of technology.
 - Campers are not allowed to receive or make phone calls while at camp. If there is a problem or your camper is not adjusting well, someone from the Camp Team will contact you.
- Program Cancellation & Refund Policy: Girl Scouts, Hornets' Nest Council reserves the right to cancel or modify any program if insufficient registrations or any extenuating circumstances should occur.
 - Refunds will only be given if: 1) The camp session is canceled by GSHNC due to lack of minimum participation or other extenuating circumstances, in which case all registered participants will receive a full refund; or 2) A request for cancellation is received no later than 2 weeks prior to the event; this refund will be minus the \$50 non-refundable deposit.
 - Registrations may be transferred to another camp session with openings in the same age range. Transfer requests must be received no later than 1 week prior to the event and will incur a \$20 transfer fee.



For any questions please contact Gabby Colarusso, the Director of Outdoor Programming, at gcolarusso@hngirlscouts.org or by phone at **704-731-6506**.