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Your Guide to
2025
Camp and
Outdoor
Fun!



www.gssem.org/summercamp

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Dear Camp Families:

Girl Scout overnight summer camp is a long-cherished tradition at GSSEM. Our campers, families, volunteers, and staff look forward to spending time singing songs, trying new activities, and gathering around the campfire. Summer 2025 will be a chance for your campers to find their own adventure!

Campers will get the chance to try a variety of traditional camp activities and badge earning opportunities. All Girl Scouts will earn at least one badge during their time at camp.

In this Summer Camp and Outdoor Guide, you will also find GSSEM programs offered around Southeastern Michigan, Camp Hawthorn Hollow, and Camp Playfair!

Yours in Girl Scouting,
Camp Team

Questions?

Email us at camp@gssem.org



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Who goes to camp?

Summer Camp is for campers going into 2nd grade to 12th grade in the fall! Girl Scout Summer Camp is all about trying new things, meeting new friends, and having fun! Whether campers are interested in archery, the challenge course, swimming, hiking, art, or all the above, it's going to be a great summer at Camp Hawthorn Hollow!



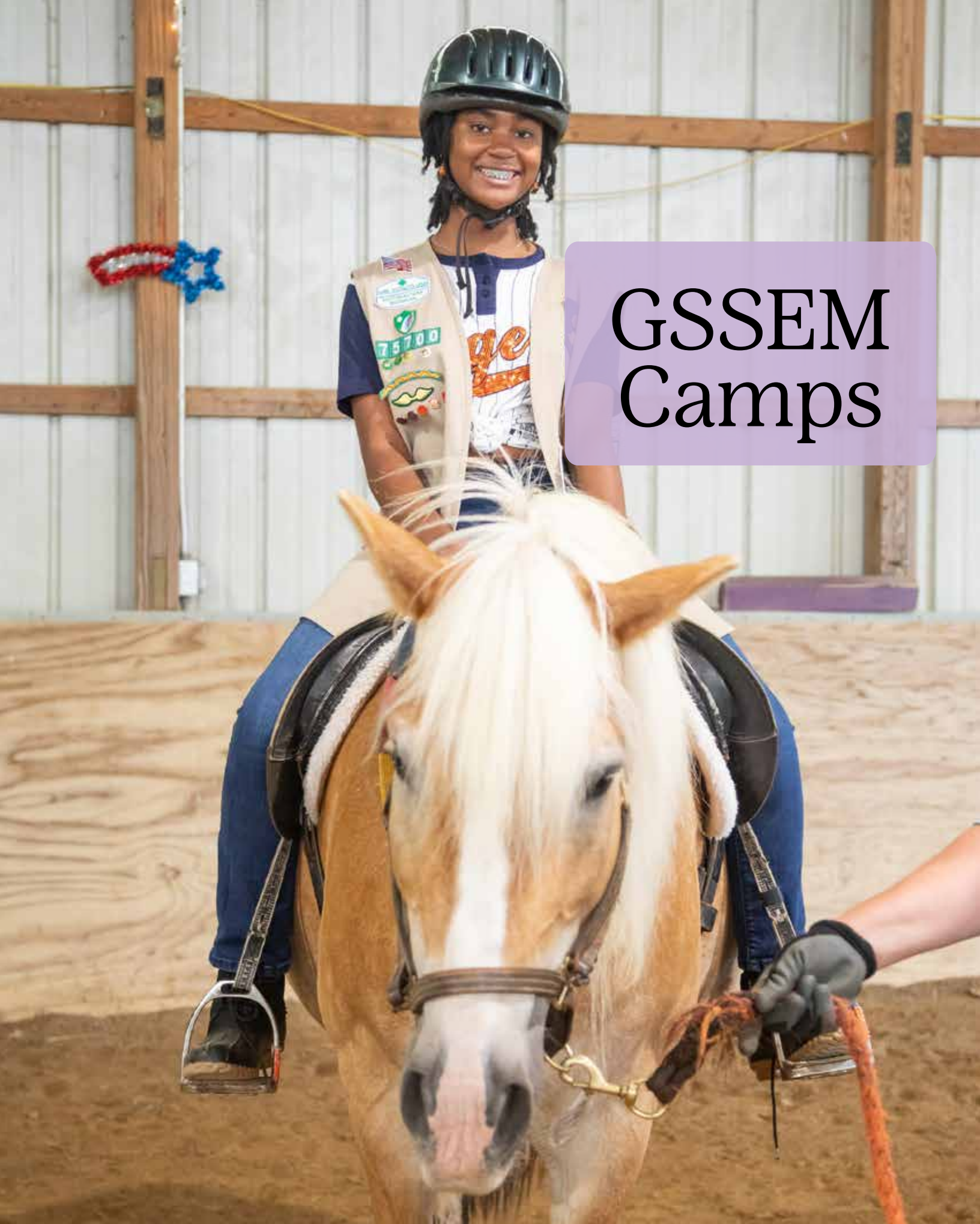
Outdoor life = skill building and happiness. Studies show that girls today are not spending nearly enough time outdoors. Technology and structured activities leave less time for girls to get outside and enjoy nature. But as a Girl Scout, they'll have plenty of opportunities to create their own outdoor adventures and develop a lifelong appreciation for nature and the out-of-doors, whether with a troop, at camp, or with friends and family.

And that's great news—because when Girl Scouts go outside, they:

- Discover that they can better solve problems and overcome challenges
- Develop leadership skills, build social bonds, and are happier overall
- Become team players and care more about protecting our environment

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Michigan.





GSSEM Camps

Daily Camp Schedule

Every day at CHH truly is a new adventure. While weekly themes are used to differentiate our sessions, all campers enjoy traditional camp activities like swimming, hiking, target sports, arts and crafts, and much more! Weekly themes influence decorations, music, skits, crafts, costumes, and all-camp activities. Whatever the week holds, campers are sure to have an adventure at Camp Hawthorn Hollow.

A typical camp day:

- 7:00 AM Wake up
- 8:00 AM Breakfast/flag ceremony/kapers (chores)
- 9:30 AM Morning activities
- 12:00 PM Lunch and rest time
- 2:00 PM Afternoon activities/unit time
- 5:00 PM Dinner/flag ceremony
- 7:15 PM All-camp activity
- 9:30 PM Shower time and lights out

Important Dates

- Information about all upcoming events and sessions can be found at www.gssem.org/events
- Registration is open February 1 until June 6
 - April 19: Camp Open House at CHH
 - May 13: Prepare your Camper for Summer Overnight Camp! *Virtual*
 - June 1: CampDoc Forms and final balances are due



Camp Activities

During your camper’s time at Camp Hawthorn Hollow, they will participate in a variety of activities. Below is a list of activities that are offered during Overnight Camp. Depending on the session, they may get to participate in other activities that are not listed below, such as hiking or tent camping.

Your camper will get the chance to participate in evening activities which will range from All Camp to campfires, or even flashlight tag! The evening activities will change daily and will depend on the session week you have chosen.

Archery

Girl Scouts will develop skills based on proper form, handling the bow and arrow, using the right stance, sighting, and observing safety procedures.

Age Levels: Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

Arts and Crafts

While at camp, Girl Scouts may try a variety of art projects for them to take home! These may include painting, beading, sewing, etc.

Age Levels: Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

Axe Throwing

Girl Scouts will learn how to take aim with an axe and hatchet! They will learn proper safety techniques and how to aim for the target with accuracy.

Age Levels: Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

Badge Earning

Each Girl Scout will earn one badge during their time at camp. Each badge will correlate with the theme of the week. For example, if there is a Space Adventure week, Girl Scouts would earn a STEM-based badge from their program level.

Age Levels: Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors



Sling Shots

This activity has been around for centuries! Girl Scouts will learn how to use a sling shot and practice hand-eye coordination.

Age Levels: Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

BB Guns

During overnight camp, Girl Scouts will learn about good marksmanship and safety when gun handling is important.

Age Levels: Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

High Ropes Course, Zip Line, and Climbing Tower

Campers will reach new heights as they explore obstacles while suspended in the air.

Age Levels: Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors*
**climbing tower only*

Low Ropes Course (Team Building Initiatives)

Girl Scouts will work together to accomplish mental and physical challenges.

Age Levels: Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

Swimming

Camp Hawthorn Hollow has a pool on the property that goes to 5 feet in depth. All campers will be required to take the swimming challenge to categorize their swimming ability level.

Age Levels: Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

Music Garden

Campers can create a musical masterpiece at the outdoor Music Garden.

Age Levels: Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors



Leadership Opportunities for Older Girls

Camp Fury

June 22 – June 27

Level: Seniors and Ambassadors entering 9 – 12 grade
Cost: \$575

Join the ranks of those who ensure public safety for our communities. During this experience, you'll:

- Train alongside firefighters, law enforcement personnel, and other public safety departments
- Learn first aid and CPR, defensive tactics, arrest techniques, and active shooter response
- Participate in physical fitness drills, so be prepared to sweat
- Meet women who are breaking down barriers in these male-dominated careers

The hands-on activities promote the development of leadership skills, teamwork, respect, and self-confidence. If you're curious about a career in public service, Camp Fury is perfect for you!

REGISTER

Outdoor Adventure: Cadette LIA Camp Weekend

May 2-4
Camp Hawthorn Hollow

Levels: Brownies, Cadettes, Adults

Join the Outdoor Education Team for a weekend at Camp Hawthorn Hollow! Cadettes will earn their Leader in Action Award! Cadettes will be required to attend two "pre-planning" meetings on the following dates: Saturday, April 5th from 1-4 PM AND Wednesday, April 23 from 6:30-8:30 PM



Counselor in Training (CIT)

July 6 – 11, 13 – 18, & 20 – 25

Level: Seniors and Ambassadors entering 9 – 12 grade
Cost: \$545

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APPLY HERE





Camp Weeks at a Glance

Get ready for an adventurous six weeks of GSSEM’s camping season! Each week is packed with overnight camps tailored to each Girl Scout level, offering unique experiences and new skills. Mini Camps are perfect short but robust experiences, while full weeks provide an extended opportunity to foster independence! Themed weeks focus on a central theme, catering the activities, crafts, and dinners to fit within! Specialty Camps are a way for your Girl Scout to have a unique camp experience that caters to their interests and require staffing to have additional training and certifications to give your Girl Scout the best week possible. We’ve also brought back horse camp! Whether you’re a beginner or an experienced camper, this season promises unforgettable memories and lifelong friendships. Please register your girl based on her Fall 2025 Girl Scout level. Summer camp registration is available for Girl Scouts entering grades 2-12 during the 2025-26 membership year (MY26). Please register your girl based on her MY26 Girl Scout level.

Overnight Summer Camp Week 1: June 22-27	Overnight Summer Camp Week 2: June 29-July 2	Overnight Summer Camp Week 3: July 6-July 11
Camp Fury (CSA) Mini Week (BJ) Wilderness Explorers (JC)	Mini Week (BJ) Total Teen Takeover (CSA) Starry Nights (JC)	Survivor (BJC) Sky High (CSA) Horse Camp (CSA) CIT: Counselor In Training (S, A)
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Overnight Summer Camps at CHH, Week 1: June 22-27, 2025

Summer camp registration is available for Girl Scouts entering grades 2-12 during the 2025-26 membership year (MY26). Please register your girl based on her MY26 Girl Scout level.

Mini Camp June 22-25

Levels:
Brownies entering grades 2-3
Juniors entering grades 4-5
Cost: \$410* (Early-bird discount: \$380**)

Brownies and Juniors can experience independence and enjoy the benefits of overnight camp without staying the entire length of time with mini camps. Each overnight mini camp runs for three days starting on Sunday and ending on Wednesday. This is great for first-time campers who would like to experience camping on their own but might not be ready for a full week away from home. Each mini camper will leave with a badge, fun patch, and mini patches.



Specialty Camp: Wilderness Explorers June 22-27

Levels:
Juniors entering grades 4-5
Cadettes entering grades 6-8
Cost: \$575* (Early-bird discount: \$500**)

This is your chance to learn about the great outdoors! You'll spend most of this session like junior park rangers, getting into the nitty gritty of nature! You'll participate in hiking, learning leave no trace, animal tracking, fire building, and more along with some traditional camp activities. Each camper will leave with a badge, fun patch, and mini patches.



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(or sooner if event reaches capacity)

Camp Fury June 22 – June 27

Level:
Seniors and Ambassadors entering 9 – 12 grade
Cost: \$575

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- Train alongside firefighters, law enforcement personnel, and other public safety departments
- Learn first aid and CPR, defensive tactics, arrest techniques, and active shooter response
- Participate in physical fitness drills, so be prepared to sweat
- Meet women who are breaking down barriers in these male-dominated careers

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REGISTER FOR CAMP FURY

- Included in Girl Scout Registration Cost:**
- | | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| • Meals & snacks for the week | • Badge and mini patches |
| • Lodging for the week | • Camp Hawthorn Hollow t-shirt (full weeks) |
| • Camp Hawthorn Hollow patch | • Take-home craft |
| • Bandana (Mini Camp) | |

Non-Girl Scout members are welcome, but membership is required to register. Membership can be purchased online or through the Customer Care department. For program questions, please email camp@gsssem.org. For registration questions, please email Customer Care at helpdesk@gsssem.org.

Similar sessions may be offered throughout the summer. If a session is sold out, please check other weeks for availability or email the camp team at camp@gsssem.org to have your camper placed on a waitlist.

** A \$50 deposit will reserve your camper's spot. The session must be paid in full by June 6 or your camper's reservation will be cancelled. Deposits are non-refundable.*

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Overnight Summer Camps at CHH, Week 2: June 29-July 2, 2025

Summer camp registration is available for Girl Scouts entering grades 2-12 during the 2025-26 membership year (MY26). Please register your girl based on her MY26 Girl Scout level.

Mini Camp June 29-July 2

Levels:
Brownies entering grades 2-3
Juniors entering grades 4-5
Cost: \$410* (Early-bird discount: \$380**)

Brownies and Juniors can experience independence and enjoy the benefits of overnight camp without staying the entire length of time with mini camps. Each overnight mini camp runs for three days starting on Sunday and ending on Wednesday. This is great for first-time campers who would like to experience camping on their own but might not be ready for a full week away from home. Each mini camper will leave with a badge, fun patch, and mini patches.



Specialty Camp: Starry Nights June 29-July 2

Levels:
Juniors entering grades 4-5
Cadettes entering grades 6-8
Cost: \$440* (Early-bird discount: \$410**)

During this session, Girl Scout campers' main focus and activities will be centered around learning about the night sky, nocturnal animals, nature, and more! Go on night hikes, learn fire building, and outdoor cooking along with some traditional camp activities. Each camper will leave with a badge, fun patch, and mini patches.



Register by June 6
(or sooner if event reaches capacity)

Specialty Camp: Total Teen Takeover June 29-July 2

Levels:
Cadettes entering grades 6-8
Seniors entering grades 9-10
Ambassadors entering grades 11-12
Cost: \$440* (Early-bird discount: \$410**)

As Girl Scouts, you're carving out your unique place in the world, using your intuition and special talents to blaze a trail that's all your own. Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors will work on team building, learn what it means to be a Girl Scout, and participate in traditional camp and teen-centric activities! Each camper will leave with a badge, fun patch, and mini patches.



Included in Girl Scout Registration Cost:

- Meals & snacks for the week
- Lodging for the week
- Camp Hawthorn Hollow patch
- Take-home craft
- Badge and mini patches
- Camp Hawthorn Hollow t-shirt (Specialty Camps)
- Bandana (Mini Camp)

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Overnight Summer Camps at CHH, Week 3: July 6-July 11, 2025

Summer camp registration is available for Girl Scouts entering grades 2-12 during the 2025-26 membership year (MY26). Please register your girl based on her MY26 Girl Scout level.

Survivor Camp July 6-11

Levels:
Brownies entering grades 2-3
Juniors entering grades 4-5
Cadettes entering grades 6-8
Cost: \$545* (Early-bird discount: \$470**)

Time to test your Survivor (and survival) skills! Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes will not only learn fire building, outdoor cooking, first aid, and more, but you'll also participate in team challenges and competitions just like your favorite characters on Survivor! You'll also enjoy some traditional camp activities with a Survivor twist. Each camper will leave with a badge, fun patch, and mini patches. The Council has spoken!

Specialty Camp: Sky High July 6-11

Levels:
Cadettes entering grades 6-8
Seniors entering grades 9-10
Ambassadors entering grades 11-12
Price \$575 (early bird \$500)

Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors will spend most of their week on the Challenge Course! When you aren't in the sky—scaling our low ropes, rock wall, and high ropes—you'll participate in some traditional camp activities. Each camper will leave with a badge, fun patch, and mini patches.

Register by June 6

(or sooner if event reaches capacity)



Horse Camp July 6-11

It's
Back!

Levels:
Cadettes entering grades 6-8
Seniors entering grades 9-10
Ambassadors entering grades 11-12
Cost: \$675* (Early-bird discount: \$600**)

For a few hours each day, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors will accompany camp counselors to Rattle Run Farms in St Clair to learn all about horses and develop their equestrian skills. Get ready for horse riding, grooming, stable management, horse care, and more! When you aren't at the equestrian center, you'll participate in some traditional camp activities. Each camper will leave with a badge, fun patch, and mini patches.

Counselor in Training (CIT) July 6-11

Levels:
Seniors and Ambassadors entering grades 9-12
Cost: \$545 (Early-bird discount: \$470***)

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- Take-home craft

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Overnight Summer Camps at CHH, Week 4: July 13-18, 2025

Summer camp registration is available for Girl Scouts entering grades 2-12 during the 2025-26 membership year (MY26). Please register your girl based on her MY26 Girl Scout level.

Camp Olympics July 13-18

Levels:
Brownies entering grades 2-3
Juniors entering grades 4-5
Cadettes entering grades 6-8
Cost: \$545* (Early-bird discount: \$470**)

On your mark...get set... GO! In 2024 you watched your favorite Olympians compete for the gold, and now it's your turn. Practice sportsmanship, compete in camp games, and enjoy some traditional camp activities with an Olympic twist. Each camper will leave with a badge, fun patch, and mini patches.

Specialty Camp: Bullseye Sharp Shooters July 13-18

Levels:
Juniors entering grades 4-5
Cadettes entering grades 6-8
Seniors entering grades 9-10
Ambassadors entering grades 11-12
Cost: \$575 (Early-bird discount: \$500**)

Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors will practice their aim until they're getting bullseyes every time! Learn and improve techniques for the different target sports at Camp Hawthorn Hollow, including slingshots, archery, BB guns, and axe throwing (only available for Cadettes and above). When you're not at the ranges, you'll participate in some of our traditional camp activities. Each camper will leave with a badge, fun patch, and mini patches.



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Horse Camp July 13-18

Levels:
Cadettes entering grades 6-8
Seniors entering grades 9-10
Ambassadors entering grades 11-12
Cost: \$675* (Early-bird discount: \$600**)

For a few hours each day, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors will accompany camp counselors to Rattle Run Farms in St Clair to learn all about horses and develop their equestrian skills. Get ready for horse riding, grooming, stable management, horse care, and more! When you aren't at the equestrian center, you'll participate in some traditional camp activities. Each camper will leave with a badge, fun patch, and mini patches.



Counselor in Training (CIT) July 13-18

Levels:
Seniors and Ambassadors entering grades 9-12
Cost: \$545 (Early-bird discount: \$470***)

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Overnight Summer Camps at CHH, Week 5: July 20-25, 2025

Summer camp registration is available for Girl Scouts entering grades 2-12 during the 2025-26 membership year (MY26). Please register your girl based on her MY26 Girl Scout level.

Summerween July 20-25

Levels:
Brownies entering grades 2-3
Juniors entering grades 4-5
Cadettes entering grades 6-8
Cost: \$545* (Early-bird discount: \$470**)

Who said Halloween is only for October... it's time for Halloween in July! Go on a haunted hike, bring your favorite Halloween costume for a costume party, and participate in some traditional camp activities with a spooky twist! Each camper will leave with a badge, fun patch, and mini patches.

Specialty Camp: Sky High July 20-25

Levels:
Cadettes entering grades 6-8
Seniors entering grades 9-10
Ambassadors entering grades 11-12
Cost: \$575* (Early-bird discount: \$500**)

Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors will spend most of their week on the Challenge Course! When you aren't in the sky—scaling our low ropes, rock wall, and high ropes—you'll participate in some traditional camp activities. Each camper will leave with a badge, fun patch, and mini patches.

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Horse Camp July 20-25

Levels:
Cadettes entering grades 6-8
Seniors entering grades 9-10
Ambassadors entering grades 11-12
Cost: \$675* (Early-bird discount: \$600**)

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Counselor in Training (CIT) July 20-25

Levels:
Seniors and Ambassadors entering grades 9-12
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Overnight Summer Camps at CHH, Week 6: July 27-Aug. 1, 2025

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Specialty Camp: Wilderness Explorers July 27-Aug. 1

Levels:
Juniors entering grades 4-5
Cadettes entering grades 6-8
Cost: \$575* (Early-bird discount: \$500**)



This is your chance to learn about the great outdoors! You'll spend most of this session like junior park rangers, getting into the nitty gritty of nature! You'll participate in hiking, learning leave no trace, animal tracking, fire building, and more along with some traditional camp activities. Each camper will leave with a badge, fun patch, and mini patches.

Specialty Camp: Starry Nights July 27-Aug. 1

Levels:
Juniors entering grades 4-5
Cadettes entering grades 6-8
Cost: \$575* (Early-bird discount: \$500**)



During this session your main focus and activities will be centered around learning about the night sky, nocturnal animals, nature, and more! You'll go on night hikes, learn fire building, and outdoor cooking along with some traditional camp activities. Each camper will leave with a badge, fun patch, and mini patches

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Specialty Camp: Bullseye Sharp Shooters July 27-Aug. 1

Levels:
Juniors entering grades 4-5
Cadettes entering grades 6-8
Seniors entering grades 9-10
Ambassadors entering grades 11-12
Cost: \$575* (Early-bird discount: \$500**)



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Specialty Camp: Sky High July 27-Aug. 1

Levels:
Cadettes entering grades 6-8
Seniors entering grades 9-10
Ambassadors entering grades 11-12
Cost: \$575* (Early-bird discount: \$500**)



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Horse Camp July 27-Aug. 1

Levels:
Cadettes entering grades 6-8
Seniors entering grades 9-10
Ambassadors entering grades 11-12
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Troop Camping

Whether Troop Camping at Camp Hawthorn Hollow OR Camp Playfair, Girl Scouts can spend the weekend enjoying the great outdoors together, as a troop. Each has troop the choice to enjoy a planned itinerary of staff-led activities or come with the troop's programming. Feel free to also use all our free program areas while staying at either camp during the weekend!

Camp Hawthorn Hollow

Campers can enjoy a planned itinerary of staff-led activities or come with their troop's programming. All of the free program areas are accessible while staying at camp during the weekend! Troops are responsible for providing their own meals throughout the weekend. Troops must also meet the proper Adult Volunteer to Girl Scout Ratio as well as have a Troop First Aider.

And if a staff-led add-on or self-led backpack activity is on the troop's agenda, the Camp Program team will provide each troop with a schedule a week before the Troop Camping weekend. Check out CHH [Add-Ons](#) or [Backpack Activities](#).

Camp Playfair

Troop Camping at Camp Playfair is a beautiful location for your troop, family, or Juliettes to plan their own outdoor activities, meals and all things Camp! Troops will have access to free program areas at camp, like the National Exhibit, Nature Center, and more! Self-led activity backpacks will be available to purchase. Troops are responsible for providing their own meals throughout the weekend. Troops must also meet the proper Adult Volunteer to Girl Scout Ratio as well as have a Troop First Aider. Check out CPF [Backpack Activities](#).

Register the Troop!



June 22 – 27, 2025
Camp Hawthorn Hollow

For more information, please email camp@gssem.org.



U.S. Customs and Border Protection



Camp Fury is Back!

This summer, girls aged 14–18 will join the ranks of those who ensure public safety in our communities. During this six-day, five-night experience, you'll train alongside firefighters, EMS workers, and law enforcement personnel to learn first aid and CPR, defense tactics, arrest techniques, physical fitness drills, and traffic stop procedures.

You'll meet women who are breaking down barriers and stereotypes in these male-dominated career fields. The hands-on activities promote the development of leadership skills, teamwork, respect, and self-confidence. You'll also have time to partake in traditional camp activities.

Register



Outdoor Education Events

Girl Scouts participating in Outdoor Education events will discover the wonders of nature, experience the thrill of adventure, and challenge themselves and one another to reach new heights. These experiences are offered throughout the GSSEM council area, and help girls hone their outdoor and leadership skills, inspire them to take action to protect the environment, and reinforce friendships to last a lifetime.

Events are offered ALL YEAR LONG!

Outdoor Education Events

Outdoor Adventure: Hook, Line and Bobber Multiple Dates throughout the summer

All levels

GSSEM's Outdoor Education team and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service will work together this summer to teach you how to fish! Each Girl Scout will receive their own fishing pole and tackle box. Participants will be guided by two U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Park Rangers and GSSEM Staff on the proper techniques for successful and safe shoreline/dock fishing skills, safe and ethical fish handling practices, and some basic Great Lakes fish identification skills! Participants will get a full two hours to fish!



Outdoor Adventure: Bees in the D - Active Hive Visits Multiple Dates throughout the summer

All levels

Have you ever wondered what it is like to put on a beekeeper suit and learn how to take care of an active beehive? Join us at the hives with Bees in the D to learn about bee conservation! Brian Peterson from Bees in the D will share his passion about the education and conservation of the all-important pollinator, the honeybee. He will share his journey into the world of beekeeping, explaining common misconceptions, and the fascinating life of the honeybee. Workshop participants will learn the basics of beekeeping and tools needed, and visit active hives! Join us to find out what all the buzz is about with beekeeping!



Outdoor Education Events

Outdoor Adventure: Discover Detroit Day

May 18, 1-4 PM

Downtown Detroit

All levels

Discover Detroit Day is BACK and better than ever! Join your Outdoor Education Team in downtown Detroit to earn your Discover Detroit, People Mover, and Urban Explorer patches! Learn the rich history of the largest city within council boundaries - Detroit! There is a walking tour through the city, stopping at stations along the way where we will take a deep dive into the history of the site taught by a knowledgeable tour guide. Participants will be given a detailed map and a passport that they will get stamped at each station.

GSSEM Walleye Fishing Tournament

May 31: 2 Sessions

Levels: Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

Cost: \$75

Join the Master Anglers of the Detroit River for an afternoon of specialty fishing on the Detroit River in search of Walleye! Once you catch your limit (or you have reached your 2-1/2-hour time limit), you'll head back to the dock for a fish fry!

Outdoor Adventure: Pirate Paddle

July 12, 12:30-4 PM and 5-8:30 PM

Milford

All levels

Join your Outdoor Education team on a pirate-themed canoe treasure hunt! Your quest will follow a map down river and you'll make stops along the way to barter with pirates for clues, and end at the treasure! Rumor has it that there is treasure hidden along the banks of the Proud Lake Recreation area and you have been assigned a canoe quest to find it.

REGISTER FOR EVENTS



Overnight at Sloan Museum of Discovery, Flint

Aug. 8-9, 5:30 PM - 9 AM

Levels: Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors

Come join your fellow Girl Scouts for an evening filled with hands-on learning, experiments, and some serious overnight fun!



Outdoor Adventure: National S'mores Day

August 10, 1-6 PM

White Lake

All levels

Celebrate possibly the best day ever - National S'mores Day! Participants will start the event by making their own s'mores stick out of a golf club (to take home after the event). Taste test several combinations, and vote for your fave at the end! This fun event will sneak in basic fire-building skills and fire safety, too!



Outdoor Adventure: Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend - Belle Isle Patch Day

September 14, 12:30-3:30 PM

Detroit

All levels

This is a council-wide opportunity for participants to earn both the GSUSA's "I Love State Parks" patch and GSSEM's Belle Isle patch. Here's your chance to visit all four partners on Belle Isle and work on various service projects with the DNR! Event includes Michigan-themed snack and drink!



Outdoor Adventure: Brownie Wonders of Water Journey and Cadette LIA Camp Weekend

September 26-28

Camp Playfair

Levels: Brownies, Cadettes, Adults

This weekend, Brownies will be earning their COMPLETE Wonders of Water Journey and Cadettes will earn their Leader in Action Award! Cadettes will be required to attend two "pre-planning" meetings on the following dates: Sunday, September 7 from @ 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM and Wednesday, September 17 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM.



REGISTER FOR EVENTS

GSSEM Campgrounds

Camp Hawthorn Hollow (CHH)
1046 B Mayer Rd.
Columbus, MI 48063

CHH Map



Camp Playfair (CPF)
3135 Lakeshore Beach
Lexington, MI 48450

CPF Map



S'More than a Job!

Summer Camp positions open for Camp Hawthorn Hollow Summer 2025



GSSEM is hiring staff for our summer camp at Camp Hawthorn Hollow. Staff members receive a salary, meals, housing, and training.

We are looking for:

- Aquatics Supervisor
- Challenge Course Supervisor
- Kitchen Assistant
- Lifeguards
- Seasonal Camp Director
- Camp Counselors
- Health Supervisor
- Lead Camp Counselors
- Program Counselors

Apply online at
www.gssem.org/campjobs



Staff Training
June 8-June 20

Questions? Contact us at camp@gssem.org



Frequently Asked Questions

FAQ Online

Q: Who can attend Girl Scout camp?

A: Camp is open to campers entering grades 2nd-12th in the fall. The grade level requirements or prerequisites for some of the programs must be met to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of all campers.

Q: My camper is not a member of GSSEM but would like to attend camp. Can they attend? Are there additional fees?

A: Out-of-Council Girl Scouts will pay an additional \$25.00 on their total camp bill, per summer camp session. Additional fees vary for other summer options.

Q: Where will campers sleep?

A: Campers are grouped in units. Depending on their camp and program choice, campers may sleep in cabins or villages. Each unit has trained counselors housed in separate quarters within the living unit, but close enough to supervise campers. Lodging assignments will not be given prior to check-in at camp.

Q: Can my camper attend camp with a buddy/friend?

A: When you receive your camper paperwork, there will be a spot on the form to request a buddy. Buddies must be in the same age group, must register for the same session, and be mutually requested. **We are not able to honor requests for more than one buddy.**

Q: Who is a part of the camp staff?

A: Each member of the camp staff is enthusiastic, talented, and caring. They are selected based on program experience and genuine desire to work with campers. All summer camp counselors are 18+ years old. Leadership staff oversee program areas. In addition, we have rangers and a camp management team who handle operations year-round.

Q: What type of training does the camp staff receive?

A: Before camp begins, staff attend an intensive onsite training for activity programming, outdoor skills, first aid and safety, emergency procedures,

team building, program age level characteristics, homesickness, bullying, conflict resolution, and more. Staff may also receive program area certifications including American Red Cross Lifeguarding, Archery Instructor I, Belay Training, and ACCT Practitioner Certification.

Q: My child has specific needs. Can they attend camp?

A: Each year, many campers with specific needs participate in our camp program. Campers must be able to function in an age-based, camper-to-adult ratio. Specific needs may include a range of physical, medical, developmental, dietary, behavioral, or communicative abilities. It is our hope to be able to serve all Girl Scouts wishing to attend camp. Providing a safe and positive experience for all campers is of utmost importance to us. We reserve the right to make decisions about participation based on the extent of the camper's needs and our ability to meet those needs in the camp setting, as well as other factors as deemed appropriate. We are concerned about the health and safety of all campers, and we want to ensure we have appropriate professional and medical services to meet your needs. Please contact the camp team at 810-720-9020 to discuss the camp program and the nature of your camper's needs.

Q: My camper has specific dietary needs or restrictions. How are menus managed at camp?

A: Menus are planned with the general camp population and economy of associated costs in mind. Dietary restrictions and allergies must be described in detail in your summer camp registration paperwork to give the kitchen staff ample time to plan. Please contact camp staff at 810-720-9020 for more information. Our commercial kitchen is managed by a ServSafe Certified Manager and run by ServSafe Certified staff.

Q: Does GSSEM allow gender-expansive and transgender youth at camp?

A: All registered Girl Scouts are welcome at camp.

Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan recognizes and acknowledges that sex and gender identity exist across a spectrum and that existing and aspiring members may identify outside of the male/female binary. GSSEM welcomes camp for:

- Cisgender girls (gender identity and sex assigned at birth is female)
- Gender non-conforming/non-binary/gender-neutral
- Transgender
- Gender identity female and sex assigned at birth is male.
- Gender identity male and sex assigned at birth is female.

Cabin assignments for gender-expansive and transgender youth are treated on a case-by-case basis.

Q: Can my camper bring their cell phone to camp?

A: The camp team has made the tough choice to no longer allow cell phones while at camp. All other tablets, electronics, etc. are not permitted at camp unless it is for medical purposes. Campers are encouraged to send letters by mail, and you may also send letters/packages to camp during their week. We also encourage parents to send emails to campers, which we print out for campers daily.

Q: Can my camper call home during the week?

A: Campers are not permitted to make or receive phone calls. We encourage independence and self-reliance during camp. The camp director will contact parents if a camper has a medical problem, is excessively homesick, or has an emergency. Please let your child know before camp that she will not be able to call home and that you are comfortable with this. We are partners with you in your child's summer experience, and we hope that you will support us with this camp policy.

Q: Can I visit my camper during a camp session?

A: To help maintain program continuity and ensure the safety of campers, visitors are only allowed at camp during arrival/departure hours.

Q: What happens if my camper has a difficult time adjusting to camp?

A: Camp staff will do everything possible to help campers adjust to camp life. However, resident camp staff reserve the right to send home any camper who consistently exhibits inappropriate behavior, endangers themselves or others, or negatively affects the experience of other campers. A camper's parent/guardian is responsible for picking her up and fees will not be refunded.

Q: What measures are taken to ensure my child's safety while at camp?

A: We provide safe and secure camps. Each camp follows the guidelines set by the State of Michigan. Staff are housed in close proximity within the buildings, and grounds are checked nightly. All camp staff have successfully completed a criminal background check.

Q: If our plans change, how do I cancel my child's session? Can I get a refund?

A: Please notify our Customer Care team as soon as possible if plans change and your camper can no longer attend camp. Once you register for a session, you have made a commitment to that session and are responsible for payment in full. Refunds minus the non-refundable deposit are available under special circumstances. Please contact Customer Care at helpdesk@gssem.org or 800-482-6734 for assistance.

Q: When is the last day to register for camp?

A: Camp registrations will close June 6. Exceptions can be made if space is available. Please contact Customer Care at helpdesk@gssem.org or 800-482-6734 for assistance if registration has closed.

Q: When can I expect to receive confirmation information about Summer Camp?

A: Once you have completed your registration for camp, you can log back into your myGS account and see your camper's registration confirmation on the myEvents tab. Parents/Guardians can also attend our virtual session on May 13: Prepare your Camper for Summer Overnight Camp.

Register for Summer Camp

Summer camp registration is open for everyone NOW! Any Girl Scout who will be entering 2 – 12 grade in Fall 2025 can register for Summer Camp. Below is information on how to register your camper for summer camp.



Register NOW to save your spot! For more information and to register: www.gssem.org/summercamp

Deposit

A \$50 deposit is required for all summer camp registrations. The balance in full is due two weeks prior to the camp session.

Final Payments

Camp fees must be paid in full by June 1. If not, your camper's registration may be cancelled, and no refund will be made if registration is cancelled for non-payment. Depending on the number of campers on the waitlist, your camper's slot may be filled immediately. Payments can be made online, via check, or credit card by contacting our Customer Care team at helpdesk@gssem.org or 800-482-6734 ext 3 for assistance. Financial Assistance is also available for those in need.

- Pay online with a credit card.
- Pay with GSSEM Retail Gift Cards or Juliette Program Credits GSSEM. Contact our Customer Care team at helpdesk@gssem.org or 800-482-6734 ext 3 to use either payment methods.
- Financial Assistance Any registered Girl Scout who wishes to attend camp but is unable to pay the entire fee may apply for financial assistance to cover a portion of the cost. The Financial Assistance Application can be found at www.gssem.org/fa.
- Refunds and Cancellations Refunds for cancellations (minus a 25% cancellation fee) are available when requested in writing (email is acceptable) no later than 15 days in advance of the arrival date. After this, no refunds of any amount will be issued. Refunds will not be made in the case of alterations in activities due to weather, early release of a camper, or loss of time at camp for medical or behavioral reasons.

Registration Questions? Please call Customer Care at 800 482-6734 ext 3.



Give the Gift of Camp!



Girl Scouts love the Great Outdoors! And what better place to explore nature than at Girl Scout Camp? At camp, girls will gain independence, learn new skills, and make memories that will last a lifetime. Your support of GSSEM means more girls will have the opportunity to GO (Get Outdoors)!



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