





Dear Camp Skymeadow Camper,

I am so excited to welcome you to Camp Skymeadow this upcoming summer. The camp staff and I are proud of the planning and preparation for the many fun and exciting activities and programs we have this season. We are thrilled that you will be joining us to go on many adventures, make new friends (and keep the old!), and make incredible memories that you will carry throughout your lifetime.

Camp Skymeadow is a magical place where a Girl Scout can be her authentic and empowered self. This confirmation packet is intended to be read by you, the Girl Scout attending camp, and has been designed to effectively prepare you for your time at camp. If you have an adult helping you plan, pack, or do anything else to prepare for camp—read this together.

This confirmation packet includes important information that you will need to review before you arrive at Camp Skymeadow. Please be sure to read it in its entirety to fully prepare you for your camp adventure!

Once again, our forms and paperwork are going digital! You will be sent the needed forms after your registration is processed. These forms are so important because they help us understand who you are, what you do and do not like, and what you're most excited for at camp. In the event you forget to submit a form, there will be copies available to complete at check-in. *These forms are required*.

We are looking forward to a fantastic summer at Camp Skymeadow, and we are excited for you to join in the fun.

See you at camp!

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Getting Ready for Camp!

Preparation Checklist

There are many ways to prepare for the adventure of summer camp! Here are a few of our best tips and tricks to ensure you have the maximum amount of fun at Camp Skymeadow:

- Read and review this confirmation packet in its entirety—a Girl Scout is always prepared! This confirmation packet is intended for you, the Girl Scout, to read and review.
- Have conversations with your friends, family, troop leader, and others who can help you prepare for your upcoming adventure!

Packing List

- □ Reusable water bottle (filled)
- □ Sunscreen
- □ Bug spray
- □ Day pack or backpack for daily use
- □ Outdoor-friendly shoes
- □ Swimsuit
- Dry bag or plastic bag to put wet swimsuit in after use
- □ Towel
- Long pants and close-toed shoes with small heels for horseback riding
- Prescription medications in original bottles (If applicable)

Optional Items

- □ Sunglasses
- □ Disposable camera
- □ Journal
- 🗆 Hat

Items to Leave at Home

Illegal drugs and/or drug paraphernalia, tobacco products and/or vaping devices, alcohol, knives, guns, or any weapon, fireworks or explosives, matches, lighters, or candles.

Needed Forms

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Camper Code of Conduct and Camp Information Form

The Camper Code of Conduct is an acknowledgment that you will abide by the Girl Scout Law and Girl Scout Promise during your time at camp. **Failure to abide by the Camper Code of Conduct by both adults and campers may result in dismissal from activities or camp**.

The Camp Information Form is an acknowledgment that your adult gives permission for you to attend camp and it is a disclosure of any health needs, dietary needs, etc. This form also acknowledges your safety at camp.

Health History Form

This form provides the camp director and healthcare manager with any crucial medical information to ensure you have a safe experience at camp, as well as any needed information in the event of an emergency. You will provide any information about allergies, medication you take, etc.

Horseback Riding Release Form

This form is for Girl Scouts attending Camp Skymeadow and allows you to participate at the barn during your time at camp.

Camp Procedures

Check-In and Check-Out Procedures

Check-In

Check-in time is 9 a.m. Early arrivals will be queued at the front gate until check-in time.

Upon your arrival at Camp Skymeadow, you will queue on the main camp road leading up to the red Camp Skymeadow sign. There you will check in with the camp director, Kayla "Cakes."

At the check-in stop, you will do the following:

- Greet Cakes, the Camp Skymeadow camp director. She will verify your name, check your forms, and communicate next steps.
- You will then drive to the drop-off location and see your day camper off!

Check-Out

Check-out is at **4 p.m. every day**. Check-out will take place the same place check-in does.

We ask that all campers are picked up no later than 4:30 p.m.

A Typical Day at Camp Skymeadow

Here is an example of what your schedule and programs might look like for the days. *Please note that weather affects camp and outdoor activities heavily and we do our best to accommodate in the event of rain.*

9 a.m.	Check-In, Flag Ceremony, and Songs
10 a.m.	Horseback Riding
11 a.m.	Archery
12:15 p.m.	Lunch + Rest
1:45 p.m.	Arts and Crafts/Games
2:30 p.m.	Swimming OR Pond Activity*
3:30 p.m.	Closing Flag Ceremony and Games at Check-Out

*Depending on weather and staff available

**This is just an example schedule. Please know each day will vary.

Emergency Procedures

Camp Skymeadow has a comprehensive and extensive Emergency Action Procedure Plan that includes emergencies such as inclement weather/flooding, fire, missing camper, etc. A copy of this plan is available to review if desired.

Inclement weather such as thunderstorms does sometimes occur during camp. During a thunderstorm, all campers will be indoors until the storm passes and there is no thunder or lightning for 30 minutes consecutively.

If you have a personal or family emergency occur during your time at camp, your adult can contact the camp director directly. At this time, an action plan can be made that includes talking about the emergency, arranging pick-up (if needed), and any other needs. The camp director for Camp Skymeadow, Cakes, can be reached at:

Kayla "Cakes" Cook

E: kcook@gswpa.org

During business hours (Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m.-noon), you may also call our customer care line at 800-248-3355 and they can patch you through directly.

Dietary Needs

If you have any dietary restrictions or any additional dietary needs that are not listed on your registration, please reach out to Cakes (Kayla) prior to your arrival. Meals consist of balanced options and alternatives (salad bar, non-nut butter and jelly, etc.). Vegetarian options are available at each meal and vegan options can be made available with advance notice. Please refrain from bringing additional snacks or food to camp or packing them in your bags. This is to prevent wildlife from intruding into our camp space.

Electronics at Camp

We strongly discourage the use of cell phones and electronic devices including electronic games, iPod/MP3 players, laptops/iPads, hair dryers, etc. during your stay at Camp Skymeadow. Electronic use at camp greatly contributes to homesickness and thus affects your camping experience.

Camp Skymeadow and Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania cannot be held responsible for items lost or stolen at camp. In addition, Camp Skymeadow does not have secure places for these items to be charged or stored.

Lost and Found

Please label all items packed for camp with your name. Any lost and found items from camp will be on display at check-out. Lost and found will be stored at camp until the conclusion of the camp season—August 30, 2024—with every effort to reunite lost items with campers. After this date, lost and found items will be donated or discarded.

Equestrian Program

Everyone will have a chance to ride a horse at camp. Please be sure to bring long pants and close-toed shoes with small heels for riding. Not sure about your shoes? Reach out to Cakes!

Additional Questions

If you have additional questions regarding your time at camp, you can visit our FAQ page.

COVID-19 Policies

Please view our <u>COVID-19 Plans & Procedures</u> on our website for all the latest policies. As we get closer to camp, we will reach out with any specifics for your session.