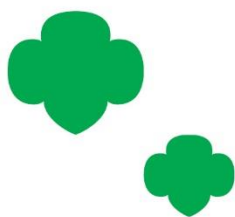




Camp Welcome Guide

Camp Hawthorne Ridge



WELCOME TO CAMP

We are excited that you have chosen Camp Hawthorne Ridge to meet your troop's camping needs. We strive to offer an excellent camping facility and great outdoor experiences.

For more than a century, camping has been a cornerstone of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. It's a tradition that endures because of the fun, friendship, and amazing adventures that take place.

Did you know 80 percent of Girl Scouts who have been camping said it was their most memorable experience? Also, Girl Scouts who have regular outdoor experiences are better problem solvers and challenge seekers, and spending time in nature promotes healthy social development and improves concentration and creative reasoning.

Inside this brochure you will find the following information:

- Emergency contact information
- Procedures and Regulations
- Attractions in the area
- Local shops: for pizza, coffee, groceries, ice Cream
- Activities & Amenities available at camp
- Answers to frequently asked camp questions

We hope you enjoy your stay and please remember:

The amazing thing about camp is it truly brings out the best in everyone, and you don't feel like you have to change who you are.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

In case of serious incident, illness, accident, or injury:

1. Determine extent of injury and give appropriate first aid, as qualified.
2. Call for emergency help.
3. Alert GSWPA at:
 - a. 800-248-3355 (business hours)
 - b. 877-359-7878 (after hours)

In case of minor emergency, such as power outage, cannot access building, etc., please call: 412-526-3205.

Local Emergency Contacts:

Hamot Hospital Center	814-877-6000
Ambulance/Fire/Police	911

Directions to Hospitals:

Hamot Medical Center
201 State Street, Erie, PA 16550

1. 1-79 North to the end and continue on to the Bayfront Parkway.
2. Continue until you come to the intersection at State Street.
3. Turn right on to State Street to the top of hill. Hamot Medical Center will be on your left.

St. Vincent's Health System
232 West 25th Street, Erie, PA 16544

1. 1-79 north to exit #182 and bear right on to 26th Street heading east.
2. Proceed until you come to the intersection of 26th & Myrtle Street. Turn left on to Myrtle Street and the hospital will be on your right.

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES AVAILABLE AT CAMP:

- Swimming pool with water slide
- Creek/gorge
- Hiking trails
- Archery range with compound bows and targets
- Field archery course
- Tomahawk Throwing
- Slingshot Range
- Playing field
- Cross country skiing
- Snowshoeing
- Sled riding
- GPS units for geocaching/orienteering
- Volleyball court
- Canoeing at Presque Isle
- Gaga pit

- Nature/Art Center
- Amphitheater
- Program Kits for selected badges

FREQUENTLY ASKED CAMP QUESTIONS:

Where are the dumpsters located? The dumpsters are located along the right side of the main road, between Curtze Cabin and Thompson Hall. One dumpster is for garbage and the other dumpster is clearly marked recyclable. Please do not put plastic bags in the recycle dumpster.

Is firewood provided and where is it located? Yes. Each cabin has a wood shed near the outdoor fire circle. The three outdoor units have firewood stored under a tarp.

Do you supply pie irons, forks, cook box, etc.? Yes. Pie irons and forks are located on a hanger inside the cabin and the cook boxes are under the hanger. In the outdoor units the hangers are in the unit shelter and cook boxes are in the tan Rubbermaid totes, located just outside the shelter.

Do you offer ice? There is an ice machine in the Thompson Hall. If Thompson Hall is occupied, please knock and ask permission to get ice. If unoccupied, please contact the Ranger.

Where can I find the activity equipment? The GPS units should be in your unit when you arrive to camp. The fishing, archery, and canoe equipment are in the shed at the respective program area and will be unlocked when the facilitator is there to run the program. The sports equipment is in the sports shed behind Thompson Hall, and the shed is unlocked when groups are in camp.

ATTRACTIONS IN ERIE:

Presque Isle State Park

301 Peninsula Drive, Erie, PA 16505

814-833-7424

Offers its visitors a beautiful coastline and many recreational activities, including swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, bicycling, and in-line skating.

Erie Art Museum

411 State Street, Erie, PA 16501-1106

814-459-5477

Features an ambitious schedule of 18 - 20 exhibitions annually, embracing a wide range of subjects.

Erie Maritime Museum & U.S. Brig Niagara

150 E. Front Street, Erie, PA 16507-1554

814-452-2744

The Erie Maritime Museum is home port to the U.S. Brig Niagara, a Sailing School Vessel with an active sail training program during the summer months. When in port the ship is open for tours.

Erie Zoo & Botanical Gardens

423 W. 38th Street, Erie, PA 16508

814-864-4091

It's Wild! Get an up close and personal look at 400 animals from around the world. Visit the new Kiboka Outpost with rhinos, cheetahs and warthogs. See wildlife from the exotic areas of Africa, and don't miss a ride on the train and carousel!

ExpERIENCE Children's Museum

420 French Street, Erie, PA 16507-1541

814-453-3743

Explore more than 55 hands-on exhibits in a "please touch" environment that teaches natural sciences, social studies, arts and life experiences.

Splash Lagoon Indoor Water Park Resort

8091 Peach Street, Erie, PA 16509-4732

814-217-1111

Splash Lagoon's 84-degree tropical Polynesian atmosphere is ranked one of the Top 10 Water Park Resorts in the country by numerous industry trade magazines.

Tom Ridge Environmental Center

301 Peninsula Drive, Ste. 1 Erie, PA 16505

814-833-7424

The gateway to Presque Isle and Lake Erie and home to one of the most stimulating and memorable experiences in Pennsylvania, Tom Ridge Environmental Center is an educational center at heart.

Waldameer Park & Water World

220 Peninsula Drive, Erie, PA 16505-2036

814-838-3591

Give your family all the fun and excitement of more than 100 great rides, slides, and attractions at Waldameer. You'll find thrilling rides, including the 5th Best Wooden Coaster in the World.

Asbury Woods Nature Center

4105 Asbury Road, Erie, PA 16506

Local: 814-835-5356

The Asbury Woods Nature Center proves to be a fantastic enrichment experience for all nature lovers.

Local Pizza Shops:**Little Caesars Pizza**

9125 W Ridge Road, Girard, PA 16417

814-774-9600

Sabo's Pizza

7374 W Ridge Road, Fairview, PA 16417

814-474-4500

Local Places for a Good Cup of Coffee:**Main Street Cakery Cafe**

7403 W Ridge Road, Fairview, PA 16415

814-474-4555

Sheetz

809 E Main, Girard, PA 16417

814-774-4155

Local Shops & Grocery Stores:**Dollar General**

605 E Main, Girard, PA 16417

814-774-0275

Giant Eagle Supermarket

9125 W Ridge Rd., Girard, PA 16417

814-774-2656

Local Ice Cream stands:**Dairy Queen**

5085 Westgate Drive, Girard, PA 16417

814-774-3764

Creamland Drive In

6221 W Ridge Road, Erie, PA 16506

814-833-4523

CAMP OVERVIEW:

Camp Hawthorne Ridge has three heated cabins with indoor bathrooms, showers, and full kitchens, as well as two larger heated cabins with bathrooms nearby and a dining hall. There are also two platform tent units and one cabin unit for use during warmer weather. Camp Hawthorne Ridge offers activities like swimming in the pool, target and field archery, Gaga Ball pit, and canoeing. During winter, other activities include cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and sledding.

Athodanac Rustic Cabins Unit: Six cabins that sleep 48 with each cabin sleeping eight on four bunk beds. A large pavilion provides seating, tables, and a covered grill. There is a fire circle with benches and a bathhouse with flush toilets and showers nearby. Additional shower facilities are available in the pool house. There is no electricity or kitchen available. Cabins are only available May 1 through September 30.

Beechwood Platform Tents: Six tents that sleep 24 with four cots in each tent. There is a fire circle with benches and a large pavilion with fireplace. The bathhouse located nearby has flush toilets and showers. Additional shower facilities are available in the pool house. There is no electricity or kitchen available. Tents are only available May 1 through September 30.

Curtze Cabin: A winterized cabin that sleeps 20 on seven bunk beds and six mattresses on the floor. There is seating for 20 with chairs and tables, a full kitchen, indoor fireplace, and a restroom with a shower and indoor flush toilet. An outdoor fire circle with benches is located nearby.

Daisy Cabin: A rustic winterized cabin that sleeps 28 on 10 bunk beds and eight mattresses for the floor. There is seating for 28 with chairs and tables, a full kitchen, and a wood burning stove. The restroom is an outdoor pit latrine located between Daisy and Perry Cabins. Showers are available at the pool house nearby. A fire circle with benches is also located nearby.

Falls Run Cabin: A winterized cabin that sleeps 12. There is one room with five bunk beds and a separate leader room with two cots. There is seating for 12 with chairs and tables, a full kitchen, and two restrooms with flush toilets, one of which includes a shower. A fire circle with benches is located nearby.

Green Glen Amphitheater (Day Use): Outdoor performance area with covered stage area and bench seating for about 50 people. There is no electricity or audio/video equipment available. This is a great place for opening and closing ceremonies, as well as theater/skits activities. There is a bathhouse with flush toilets and showers nearby.

McBrier Nature/Activity Center (Day Use): A winterized space available for day use only that offers educational opportunities for about 20 in one of two rooms. One room is devoted to our nature center where taxidermy animals native to western Pennsylvania are on display, and program kits can be reserved for an additional fee. The second room is a fun space for arts and crafts with tables and benches.

Perry Cabin: A rustic all-seasons cabin that sleeps 30 on 12 bunk beds and six mattresses for the floor. There is seating for 30 with chairs and tables and a full kitchen. The restroom is an outdoor pit latrine located between Daisy and Perry Cabins. Showers are available at the pool house nearby. A fire circle with benches is also located nearby.

Tanglewood Platform Tents: Six tents that sleep 24 with four cots in each tent. The unit includes a fire circle with benches and a large pavilion with a fireplace. The bathhouse located nearby has flush toilets and showers. Additional shower facilities are available at the pool house. There is no electricity or kitchen available for this unit. Tents are only available May 1 through September 30.

Thompson Hall (Day Use): A winterized dining hall with seating to serve 80. It has a large indoor fireplace. The kitchen is equipped with the following: stove (two ovens, four burners, and a large griddle), ice machine, coffee percolators, mixer, dish sterilizer, double-door refrigerator and freezer, and a small microwave. The following equipment is available: 10 tables, 80 chairs and sets of dishes, pots, pans, skillets, cookie sheets, mixing bowls, colander, measuring cups, can opener, pitchers, cooking utensils, buckets, brooms, dust pans, mop, toilet brushes, and dish washing buckets. Restrooms are located at the pool house or composting toilets are available behind Thompson Hall.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES & DIRECTIONS FOR CAMP HAWTHORNE RIDGE:

In case of serious incident, illness, accident or injury:

1. Determine extent of injury and give appropriate first aid, as qualified.
2. Call for emergency help.
3. Alert GSWPA at:
 - a. 800-248-3355 (business hours)
 - b. 877-359-7878 (after hours)
4. Speak only to the police or proper authorities. Do not say "No comment" or release names or statements to anyone. Refer all inquiries and media requests to the council spokesperson at 800-248-3355 for more information.
5. Do not sign any statements or reports, except for police.

Arrival: Weekend users may arrive at 4 p.m. No one should be on camp property prior to scheduled time. Please follow the designated time on your User Agreement. The Camp Ranger will unlock the building before each group arrives.

Departure: Weekend users should depart by 1 p.m. Please do not lock the doors when leaving as another group may be arriving after you. It is the responsibility of the user group to clean the site. Allow enough time for this to be a part of your event. An adult should clean the bathroom sinks and toilets and wear rubber gloves. Please use the Rental Departure Form to ensure that all tasks are completed.

Parking: Park in the designated area for each unit. Carry all supplies to the building. Do not drive or park in the grass.

Telephone for Camp Ranger: 814-397-0630

FIRE BUILDING:

Build fires in established areas only. Always have a bucket of water near the fire. Be sure all fires are properly extinguished. Dispose of cold ashes in the small metal ash can. Gather small wood and leave a few large pieces for the next group. Do not dispose of partially burnt logs, these can be used by the next group in their fire. To reduce the environmental impact of wood fires, do not burn excessive amounts of wood. Use only what is absolutely necessary.

EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES:

Equipment available in lodges: The following equipment should be available: pots, pans, skillets, cookie sheets, mixing bowls, colander, measuring cups, can opener, pitchers, cooking utensils, plates, bowls, and silverware, as well as a coffee pot and a microwave.

Equipment available in Tent Units: The following equipment should be available: pots, skillets, cooking utensils.

Supplies available at Lodges & Tent Units: Buckets, brooms, dust pans, mop, rake, shovel, bow saw, commode brush, and dish washing buckets. The following paper products and cleaning supplies will be available at all units: toilet paper in each stall, paper towels, hand soap in dispensers, all-purpose cleaner, bathroom cleaner, floor cleaner, and trash bags for each trash can. Users are responsible for any items beyond what is listed above.

Equipment and Supplies groups are required to bring to camp: First Aid Kit, insurance forms, program supplies, personal gear, bedding, food, special cooking equipment, hand sanitizing products, matches, hot mitts, dish detergent, dish cloth and towel, sponge, and rubber gloves for cleaning the bathrooms. A battery-powered radio, this brochure, and a flashlight.

CAMPSITE RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Food Handling Procedures

- Stored food should be kept off the floor in properly sealed containers. Doors to food preparation areas should be closed.
- Refrigerated food should be kept in temperatures below 40°F. There is a thermometer in all refrigerators. Check the temperature to make sure that it does not exceed 40°F. If the refrigerator is above 40°F, please note it on the Site Maintenance Card.
- Garbage and rubbish cans in the kitchen are to be leak-proof and securely covered or tied when not in use. This will reduce the number of flies and other insects on or around exposed garbage in order to control/prevent the spread of disease.
- Use only clean and sanitized utensils and equipment during food preparation.
- Food contact surfaces including counters, cutting boards, and knives that contact raw food during food preparation must be cleaned and sanitized after each use. It is suggested to use a bleach solution or other commercial sanitizer between times of use.
- Anyone involved in food preparation should take the appropriate safety precautions when holding, cooling, thawing, and serving food. The minimum temperature for holding hot foods is 140°F. Food temperature should be monitored periodically.

Dishwashing Procedures

- For washing dishes by hand, the wash and initial rinse temperature should be at least 100°F. A second-rinse process should be used with sanitizing tablets or a bleach mix.
- All dishes and food service utensils must be air dried and protected from dust and contamination between uses.

Waste Disposal

Place trash in lined garbage bins. Before leaving the site, take the closed bag, including the trash from the bathroom, to the designated dumpster. Pick up all litter on the property.

Encourage girls to recycle. Place all item that can be recycled in the recycling dumpster. Please check the camp map for locations of dumpsters.

Vandalism

Discuss site usage with the group. Tell them how to respect the property and to observe the following: do not cut down live trees; do not write on walls or tents; do not destroy the natural habitat; do not pick plants or wild flowers; and do not carve into trees or tables. Graffiti is not tolerated. Once it starts, it spreads! Please stress this with the group. A fine will be assessed to individuals and/or groups defacing and/or destroying property. Groups misusing sites may be denied future reservations.

Health Care

An adult with CPR, First Aid and AED certification from a nationally recognized provider must accompany the group to provide emergency care. User groups are to provide their own first aid kit, be responsible for emergency transportation, and provide first aid and emergency care.

Health Information

User groups are to have the following information for all group members at camp: name and address of all participants; emergency contact names and numbers; a listing of any persons with known allergies or health conditions requiring treatment, restriction, or other accommodations while on site; a signed permission to seek emergency treatment or a signed religious waiver for minors without a parent on site.

Safety Procedures and Regulations

- Gas, liquid flammables, explosives and hazardous or poisonous materials must be handled only by persons trained or experienced in their safe use and disposal. They must be stored with access limited to trained persons, in closed safe containers that are clearly labeled and in locations separate from food. Some cleaning products may be poisonous and children should be supervised in their use. Such materials should be stored out of the reach of children when not in use.
- Campers should alert an adult if they see a “stranger” in camp. Adults should approach anyone perceived as a stranger (if appropriate) and ask them why they are in camp. If the person(s) are not a member of another user group, they should be told to leave camp. If an adult does not feel comfortable approaching a perceived “stranger,” call the Ranger or the police for assistance.
- Use the “buddy system.” Girls should be supervised and must let an adult know where they are at all times.
- Do not transport campers in non-passenger vehicles, such as the back of pick-up trucks or wagons, where seats are not attached to the vehicles.
- Drive slowly and follow posted speed limits and directional signs.
- Running is encouraged at camp during games and on grassy areas. Please walk on gravel roads and unstable trails.
- Socks and closed toe shoes or sturdy sports sandals with heel straps must be worn at all times. NO FLIP FLOPS OR CROCS!
- NO FOOD IN THE TENTS.
- Treat all campers in your group and in other groups with respect.
- Clotheslines should be removed when not in use.
- Group leaders should organize and carry out a fire drill on the first day of camp.
- Open flamed candles are not permitted to be burned inside buildings and tents.
- An adult must be designated to supervise camper arrival and departure.
- Hunting is not permitted in camp. During October, November and December, campers are advised to wear bright clothing and not stray from the group.
- The council leases sites to non-Girl Scout groups. Girl Scout groups have first priority. User groups with boys or men are not to enter living areas other than the one they have reserved. They are to limit exploration of the grounds to common areas such as the road, trails, and other program areas. An adult must accompany groups with males to areas outside of the unit/building.
- Minimal Impact Camping - Leave no trace of activities. Preserve the landscape of the site, as well as the solitude and spirit of the wilderness.

Personal Property Regulations

- The possession and/or use of illegal drugs and alcohol is prohibited.
- Smoking is not permitted in cabins, tents, yurts or buildings. User groups should designate a smoking area that is away from children and nonsmokers.
- Personal sports equipment such as archery equipment, canoes, or other equipment that should be stored and handled safely for the protection of all individuals, should be stored away from campers when not in use.
- All vehicles are to be locked and parked in the designated parking areas. At no time should any vehicle be driven off road or parked on the grass.
- Personal pets are not permitted in camp.
- Firearms and weapons are not permitted on camp property.
- Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania (GSWPA) is not responsible for the loss or damage of user group personal property.

CAMPER SUPERVISION RATIOS:

Adults must be present in the following ratios at all times for general camp activities that do not require special technical skills, equipment or safety regulations:

- **Girl Scout Daisy* (grades K-1):** 1 troop leader & 1 unrelated approved volunteer to every 6 campers, plus one approved volunteer for each additional 4 campers
- **Girl Scout Brownie (grades 2-3):** 1 troop leader & 1 unrelated approved volunteer to every 12 campers, plus one approved volunteer for each additional 6 campers
- **Girl Scout Junior (grades 4-5):** 1 troop leader & 1 unrelated approved volunteer to every 16 campers, plus one approved volunteer for each additional 8 campers
- **Girl Scout Cadette (grades 6-8):** 1 troop leader & 1 unrelated approved volunteer to every 20 campers, plus one approved volunteer for each additional 10 campers
- **Girl Scout Senior (grades 9-10):** 1 troop leader & 1 unrelated approved volunteer to every 24 campers, plus one approved volunteer for each additional 12 campers
- **Girl Scout Ambassador (grades 11-12):** 1 troop leader & 1 unrelated approved volunteer to every 24 campers, plus one approved volunteer for each additional 12 campers

*Under the leadership of an adult, and with parents, guardians, or other family members participating, a Girl Scout Daisy troop may participate in an occasional overnight camping experience.

An adult should never be alone with a camper(s). A minimum of two adults must be present at all times.

DIRECTIONS:

From Pittsburgh:

Travel I-79 North toward Erie. Take Exit 166 for US-6N toward Albion/Edinboro. Turn left on 6N. Travel approximately 2.6 miles. Turn right at the light on PA-98. After approximately 6 miles, turn left onto Hawthorne Rd. Follow the road to the camp.

From Dubois/Clarion:

Travel I-80 West. Merge onto I-79 north toward Erie. Take Exit 166 for US-6N toward Albion/Edinboro. Turn left on 6N. Turn right at the light on PA-98. After approximately 6 miles, turn left onto Hawthorne Rd. Follow the road to the camp.

From Erie:

Travel I-79 South toward Pittsburgh. Take Exit 178B to merge onto I-90 West toward Cleveland. Travel about 6.8 miles. Take Exit 16 for PA-98 toward Franklin Center/Fairview. Turn left onto PA-98. Approximately 3 miles down PA-98, turn right onto Hawthorne Rd. Follow the road to the camp.