

# GIRL SCOUT TROOP CAMPING PROGRESSION CHART

Girl Scout troop camping is defined as the effective implementation of Girl Scout program in the outdoor setting to develop a girls' mental, physical, social and spiritual growth. The primary approach is experiential learning, guided by a trained, enthusiastic volunteer with a focus on developing the girls' ability to feel good about themselves and their contributions to the success of the troop.

Progression in camping activities allows girls to learn the skills and gain the confidence they need to become competent in the outdoors, including how to plan and organize overnights. Girl Scout troop camping is different from other outdoor experiences because it is a group effort and the girls involved have planned and executed their own activities, meals and schedules to meet their own needs.



## ALMOST OVERNIGHT

An evening troop activity away from a meeting place where girls go home before they fall asleep. Appropriate for girls of any grade level.

### PURPOSE:

To prepare girls to be together with their troop away from home.

### COUNCIL APPROVAL:

No council approval is required. An attending adult must take Day Trips training.



## INDOOR OVERNIGHT

A troop activity where the group sleeps away from their home. This can occur progressively further away from a girl's home. Appropriate for Brownies and older.

### PURPOSE:

To get girls comfortable with spending the night with their troop away from their home.

### COUNCIL APPROVAL:

Council approval is required. An attending adult must take Indoor Overnights training.

## BACKYARD CAMPING

A troop activity where the group sleeps outside a house in a tent. Appropriate for Brownies and older.

### PURPOSE:

For girls to experience sleeping outdoors and to prepare to go camping with their troop further from home.

### COUNCIL APPROVAL:

Approval is required. An attending adult must take Indoor Overnights training. If planning to use fire, Outdoor Skills training is required.

## INDOOR OVERNIGHT AT GIRL SCOUT PROPERTIES

A troop activity where the group sleeps at a Girl Scout property. This can occur at progressively more remote properties. Appropriate for Brownies and older.

### PURPOSE:

A stepping stone to tent camping. This will help girls feel comfortable staying overnight with their troop, in a potentially unfamiliar setting.

### COUNCIL APPROVAL:

Approval is required. An attending adult must take Indoor Overnights training. If planning to use fire, Outdoor Skills training is required.

## TROOP CAMPING

A troop activity where the group tent camps away from home, with troop leaders only (no other volunteers, unless they are needed for ratio). Appropriate for Brownies and older.

### PURPOSE:

For girls to spend time with their troop outdoors, away from home to develop outdoor skills and participate in Girl Scout programming. This is a stepping stone to longer trips and primitive camping.

### COUNCIL APPROVAL:

Approval is required. An attending adult must take Outdoor Skills training.

## BACKPACKING/ PRIMITIVE CAMPING

An activity where the group tent camps in remote/non-established sites with no electricity, running water or toilets. Often requires hiking to reach campsite.

### PURPOSE:

Outdoor adventuring with their troop.

### COUNCIL APPROVAL:

Approval is required. An attending adult must take Outdoor Skills training.

*See Safety Activity Checkpoints for more safety requirements.*



## SERVICE UNIT CAMPING

Collective of troops working together to plan a camping experience that meets all girls at their readiness level. Troops plan and facilitate meals and activities.

**PURPOSE:** Time together outdoors as a service unit where girls and troops at every experience level can participate in Girl Scout programming outdoors.

## FAMILY CAMPING

Girl Scout troop camping to which families are invited.

**PURPOSE:** For families to participate with the troop.