

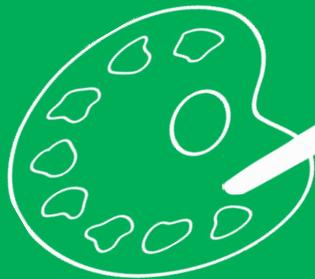
Every Summer
has a
Story



Camp Kateri



North Fork





Tell the Story of Your Summer

The world of camp is unlike any other. Camp is a lot more than songs and games and s'mores. Beyond participating in incredible activities like canoeing, kayaking, archery, swimming, tent camping, and outdoor cooking (just to name a few), when a girl goes to camp...

- She will grow in self-confidence and know that her voice counts.
- She will support others and be supported.
- She will expand her circle of friends, lead a group, follow others, compromise, and make decisions for herself.
- With other girls, she will create a community that values differences.
- She will discover that anything is possible!

Summer camp in Gateway Council is full of fun, adventure, and making incredible memories with awesome new friends — and SO much more that you haven't even imagined yet! This isn't your average summer experience. Come ready to play, explore, discover, and have the time of your life. It's going to be EPIC!

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Types of Camps

Camp is a place for every girl to experience! Girl Scouts of Gateway Council offers Resident Camp to all girls entering grades 1-12, Day Camp is offered to girls entering grades K-8, and Sampler Camps are offered to girls entering grades K-5.

Resident Camp

Open to girls in grades 1-12, GSGC's resident camp programs are held at our main camp property, Camp Kateri, near Gainesville. Camp Kateri is a safe place for girls to learn independence, test their ideas and try new things! Camp consists of 6 days/5 nights. Girls participate in classic camp activities such as swimming, kayaking, outdoor skills, arts and crafts, canoeing and archery.

Sampler Camp

Here's an opportunity to try on the overnight camp experience without spending a whole week away from home! These camps consist of either 3 days/2 nights or 4 days/3 nights, located at North Fork Leadership Center in Middleburg. This is the perfect way to check out all that camp has to offer! Life is always more fun in the water and under the sun — swim, boat, archer, make s'mores, and more! Girls will sleep in a cabin, cook over fire at night and experience a few of our favorite camp activities.

Day Camp

Girls can get the Girl Scout camp experience and go home to sleep in their own bed every night. Located at North Fork, day camp is Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and extended day care until 5:30 p.m. will be available. A day at Girl Scout Day Camp will start off with an all-camp activity to get everyone pumped up for the day ahead. Then girls will launch into activity rotations, enjoy lunch (included in camp cost) and have tons of fun in the great outdoors. If girls want to try out the full camp experience, they can sign up for an optional one-night stay. The overnight will include dinner Thursday and breakfast Friday, cooked outdoors the

Girl Scout way! Bus transportation will be provided to and from camp in select areas of Gateway Council. Pickup locations will be determined by need, so if a girl needs to ride the bus to/from camp, make sure to register in advance.

STEM Day Camp

Create! Innovate! Invent! From the natural world to virtual reality, STEM day camp at North Fork lets you dig deep, dream big and reach the stars. We'll bring you into the world of creators, spies, detectives, coders, robotics, astronomers, photographers and so much more. Camp runs Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and extended day care until 5:30 p.m. will be available. Bus transportation will be provided to and from camp in select areas of Gateway Council. Pickup locations will be determined by need, so if a girl needs to ride the bus to/from camp, make sure to register in advance.

Camp Properties

Camp Kateri

Camp Kateri is located in Hawthorne, Fla., 30 minutes southeast of Gainesville. The 550 acres hold opportunities for archery, canoeing, sailing, kayaking, hiking and exploration. With two lakes, water activities are a staple. Girls sleep in cabin units or platform tents. From sleeping in the trees or a cabin down by the lake, they are sure to have a blast!

North Fork Leadership Center

North Fork is located in Middleburg, Fla. North Fork's 250 acres include wooded areas, cabin-style sleeping arrangements and activity areas for canoeing and archery. There is sure to be lots of swimming, featuring our "beach entry" zero depth pool.





Camp Readiness

Camp is an opportunity for girls to learn responsibility and independence, but some children at camp may experience fear, anxiety, and worry due to various reasons like missing home, a problem at home, or a feeling of not fitting in with other children.

Is my daughter ready for camp?

If your daughter has never spent the night away from home, you might want to start with a day camp program. After that, she might be ready for a sampler program at a resident camp, then a one-week program. After a good experience at a one-week camp program, she might be ready to try multiple weeks.

Although age is one factor in readiness for camp, a girl's maturity level and personality are more important. Is she excited about camp? Talk with your daughter about camp and ask if she wants to attend. If she is genuinely enthusiastic, then she will likely enjoy camp. For more information on gauging camper readiness, visit www.acacamps.org.

Am I ready for my daughter to attend camp?

Parents often have a difficult time sending their daughter to resident camp. These questions may help you in deciding:

- Can you relax and enjoy yourself when your daughter sleeps overnight away from home?
- Are you prepared to be away from your daughter for several days?
- Are you prepared to have contact only through letters and care packages?
- Do you believe Girl Scout camp provides girls with a fun, rewarding experience that builds girls of courage, confidence, and character?
- Are you willing to trust the camp staff with the care of your daughter?

Camp preparation tips for girls and parents

- Read books together about going to camp like “The Summer Camp Handbook” by Chris Thurber or “Off to Camp” by Myra Pravda.
- Prepare your camper to care for herself by having her spend a weekend with a friend or relative.
- As a parent, emphasize your camper is “going” to camp rather than you are “sending” her.
- Write letters/e-mails to your child while she is at camp. Mail some before she leaves or bring letters to check-in. Try avoiding overly emotional letters about how much you miss her, and focus on the fun things she can experience at camp.
- If this is your camper's first time away from home, speak openly about missing home. Missing home is natural. With your camper, create a plan for what she will do if she misses home while at camp. Some ideas may be to write a letter home, tell a counselor, or try to be a friend to someone else that may be missing home as well. Avoid “pick-up deals”, aka - telling your camper that if she misses home, all she has to do is call you and you will come pick her up. This tells the camper that you do not think that she is strong enough to handle missing home on her own, undermines the counselors' efforts to help your camper become comfortable at camp, and deters resilience and independence in your daughter.



All Things Financial



Deposits

A non-refundable deposit of \$25 per camper is made at the time of registration for each camp. Payments can be made in full online or in installments.

For payment questions, contact Andrea Meires at (904) 421-3480 or ameires@girlscouts-gateway.org

Cancellations and Refunds

Cancellations must be received in writing no later than two weeks before the beginning of the

camp session to not be held responsible for the entire fee. The \$25 deposit is non-refundable.

If the program is canceled due to weather, low registration numbers or other unforeseen circumstance, the adult who registered the girl will be notified via email to the address listed at the time of registration. Plans to reschedule, postpone, or cancel the program will be included in this email. All registrants will be given the option to reschedule (if option is available) or receive a refund at the time of cancellation.

Payments

To ensure a girl's place at camp, all payments must be received at least two weeks before the session begins. If payment is mailed,

allow three business days for mailing. Payment can also be delivered to the GSGC office. If payment is not received, the girl's reservation will not be secured and her space and deposit will be forfeited. Payments can be made:

- Online by credit/debit card when registering the camper. Camper Care Packages and photos can also be ordered and paid for online at the time of registration. (The link to make additional payments is in the initial receipt, below the yellow highlighted section.)
- By check, cash or credit/debit card, delivered or mailed to Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, c/o Andrea Meires, 1000 Shearer Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32205.
- Over the phone by credit/debit card by calling Andrea Meires at (904) 421-3480.

Ways to Save

Early Registration Discount

Register for camp early! Before April 1, put down \$250 on any Resident Camp session and receive \$25 off the final camp price.

Multi-week Discount

Attend multiple camp sessions! For every additional camp you register for by May 18, receive \$20 off the final price of each session. (Offer good for an individual camper who attends multiple sessions.)

Cookie Program Credits

Through the Girl Scout Cookie Program, girls can earn credits to help offset the cost of summer camp. Girls can stack earned and gifted credits: up to \$50 for Day Camp, \$100 for Sampler Camp and \$200 for Resident Camp. Girls can also earn a \$425 credit to cover a full week of Resident Camp or both weeks of Sample Camp! Girls participating in the Counselor-in-Training program may use up to \$50 in Overnight Camp credits. If a girl wants to use her camp credit, the certificate must be mailed or brought to the office by the payment deadline. If mailed, send to Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, c/o Andrea Meires, 1000 Shearer Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32205. If credits are gifted to another Girl Scout, write the name of the recipient on the certificate.



The Ins & Outs

Check-In/Check-Out

Resident Camp

Sunday Check-In: 2-4 p.m. (Counselors in Training: 1 p.m.)

Friday Check-Out: 3-4:30 p.m.

Sampler Camp

Thursday/Sunday Check-In: 4:30-6 p.m.

Saturday/Wednesday Check-Out: 10-11:30 a.m.

Day Camp

Daily Check-In: 8:45 a.m.

Daily Pick-Up: 4 p.m.

Extended Day: 4-5:30 p.m.

Campers should arrive during the designated check-in time with all required paperwork completed (including CampDoc), along with any other items to turn in, e.g., medication or Trading Post money. During check-in, all campers visit the Heads & Toes station to check for fever and communicable conditions. All campers should wear closed-toe shoes.

At Resident Camp and Sampler Camp, family members accompanying girls to check-in should also wear closed-toe shoes for walking campers to their units. Parents and guests are asked to check girls into the unit and leave shortly after to allow time for counselors to prepare campers for their swim test, dinner and evening program.

ACA Accreditation



The American Camp Association is an independent national agency which imposes the highest standards of health, safety, program and staffing for camps across the country. Camps are visited every 3-5 years to maintain these high marks.

Both North Fork Leadership Center and Camp Kateri meet these standards and are ACA accredited.

Badges

Although badge work is not the focus of camp, every girl who attends camp can receive a Girl Scout badge each week. Girls can work on one badge for the week or work toward several badges and keep coming back to complete the badges by the end of the summer — or finish them with her troop. At check-out she will receive the badge that she has earned for that week.

Health Information

Gateway Council will utilize CampDoc to help provide the best possible care for our campers. CampDoc is an electronic health record system for camps in which forms can be uploaded and completed online. Camp staff will have easy access to the information, and when your camper returns to any of GSGC's camps, the information only needs to be updated.

Additionally, if a camper's health exam on record is within the 12-month requirement, it will not need to be provided again.

CampDoc is secure, confidential, and safe. The site is encrypted and password-protected. Only authorized staff members will have access to camper health information. The camper's parent/guardian will receive a welcome email from CampDoc with information about how to complete the camper's health information forms. *(If you do not receive this welcome email within two weeks of receiving your camp confirmation, check your spam/junk mail folder. If it's still missing, call Andrea Meires at (904) 421-3480.)*

Any girl who arrives at camp without the appropriate medical paperwork will not be allowed to stay unless she can obtain missing documents from her physician or an urgent care center. All health history, health exam and shot records need to be uploaded to the

Did you know?

Outdoor exposure contributes to girls' challenge seeking and problem solving — important qualities for leadership development and beneficial both academically and personally.

The Ins & Outs

CampDoc website no less than two weeks prior to the camp start date. Physicals are required for both Resident Camp and Sampler Camp but not for Day Camp. The physical must be less than 12 months from the last day of camp that your camper will attend. For Day Camp only health history and immunization record are required.

Trading Post

The Trading Post will be open at check-in for campers to purchase items. Parents/guardians will also be able to leave money for a camper to purchase items during her stay at Resident Camp. The Trading Post will be available at check-in only at Day Camp and Sampler Camp. The store offers a variety of items including water bottles, stuffed animals, T-shirts, fun patches, jewelry, and more.

Photos

Group photos will be taken during each week of camp and can be purchased before the camp session or at check in. Photos can be ordered for \$10 each, payable by cash or check only.

Camper Care Packages

Treat your camper to a special care package just for her! Choose from one of three options with items specially selected for campers from the GSGC Shop.

- Camper Care Packet Option #1: The Basics - \$25
- Camper Care Packet Option #2: The Happy Camper - \$35
- Camper Care Packet Option #3: Camper's Delight - \$50

Not a Girl Scout?

You don't have to be a Girl Scout to attend Girl Scout Camp — all girls are welcome! If a camper is not currently a Girl Scout, an additional \$25 will be added to the camp fee, registering camper as a Girl Scout until Sept. 30, 2018. Membership is non-refundable.



Confirmation Packet

The camper's parent/guardian will receive a confirmation packet and all forms after registering for summer camp. Adults should review the packet with the camper and complete all necessary forms. Campers should turn in these forms at check-in. The health forms need to be completed and sent two weeks prior to the camper's session through CampDoc. Any questions or issues with forms can be directed to Jamie at (904) 421-3490 or jmeador@girlscouts-gateway.org.

Transportation

Parents are responsible for the transportation of their girls to and from camp. Transportation will be provided for special trips included in the camp session. For Day Camp, bus transportation will be provided with stops at several locations around the council area; registration and an additional fee are required. Carpools are encouraged. A photo ID is required to pick up a girl from camp.



A Day at Camp

It's a busy time at camp! Girls will experience a variety of activities day to day depending on the program they've selected. All campers will enjoy traditional camp activities like cookouts, hiking, arts and crafts, songs, and games. Within each program session, girls will decide with their counselors what program activities and Girl Scout badge work they wish to complete during their session. Each day's events are slightly different, but girls can expect something like this:

Resident Camp Snapshot

7 a.m. — Wake up
7:45 a.m. — Flag raising
8 a.m. — Breakfast
9 a.m.–Noon — Activity blocks
Noon — Lunch
1–2 p.m. — Feet on Bunk (rest time)
2–5:45 p.m. — Activity blocks
5:45 p.m. — Flag lowering
6 p.m. — Dinner
7–8:30 p.m. — Evening programs
8:30–10 p.m. — Turn down, Cabin Chats, and goodnight girls!

Sampler Camp Snapshot

Check-In Day

6 p.m. — Opening Campfire/Dinner
8 p.m. — Evening Program
10 p.m. — Turn Down

Activity Day

7 a.m. — Wake up
7:45 a.m. — Flag raising
8 a.m. — Breakfast
9 a.m.–Noon — Activity blocks
Noon — Lunch
1–2 p.m. — Feet on Bunk (rest time)
2–5:45 p.m. — Activity blocks
5:45 p.m. — Flag lowering
6 p.m. — Dinner
7–8:30 p.m. — Evening programs
8:30–10 p.m. — Turn down

Check-Out Day

6:30 a.m. — Sunrise Swim
8:30 a.m. — Breakfast poolside
9 a.m. — Pack up

Day Camp Snapshot

8:45 a.m. — Check In
9–9:30 a.m. — Get Movin'
9:30–11:30 a.m. — Swim Time
Noon — Lunch
1–2 p.m. — Activity Blocks
2–4 p.m. — Afternoon Programs
4–5:30 p.m. — Extended Day

Did you know?

When girls get outdoors, they learn to recognize their strengths, do something they thought they couldn't do, and gain skills that will help them do better in school.



Camp Sessions

Camp, Camp, Camp It Up!

June 10-15 • \$450 • Register by June 2
Camp Kateri • Resident Camp/CIT I/CIT II
Grades K-8

Kick off the Summer Camp 2018 season with all your closest friends! We've got all your favorite camp traditions, plus the opportunity to create some new ones. Come experience all that Camp Kateri has to offer: canoeing, archery, kayaking, art in the outdoors and so much more!

Badges

Daisy: Buddy Camper/Brownie: Cabin Camper/Junior: Eco Camper/Cadette: Archery

Outdoor Artist

June 17-22 • \$450 • Register by June 9
Camp Kateri • Resident Camp/CIT I/CIT II
Grades K-8

Paint it, wear it, create it – outdoors! Discover your inner artist in this weeklong camp. Experience new media and see your ideas come to life while using nature to spark your creations

Badges

Daisy: Outdoor Art Maker/Brownie: Outdoor Art Creator/Junior: Outdoor Art Explorer/Cadette: Outdoor Art Apprentice

Enchanted Forest

June 25-29 • \$200* • Register by June 11
North Fork • Day Camp
Grades K-8

North Fork's fairies are excited to welcome you to their magical home! Learn their secrets by exploring Black Creek, enjoying the wonders of nature and making fairy houses. Also experience the magic of other camp activities such as archery and canoeing.

*Optional additions, extra fees apply: Bus transportation, 1-night overnight, extended day.

Badges

Daisy: Buddy Camper/
Brownie: Outdoor Adventurer/Junior: Gardner/Cadette: Archery

Mermaid Mania

July 5-7 • \$200
Register by June 22
North Fork
Sampler Camp
Grades K-5



You love the water, so come splash and play in our pool and polish your swimming skills, or boat on the lake. Plan a mermaid party or create a new underwater dance! There's always fun on land too: singing, cookouts and archery!

Badges

Daisy: Buddy Camper/Brownie: Outdoor Adventurer/Junior: Camper

Sugar N Spice

July 8-11 • \$225 • Register by June 29
North Fork • Sampler Camp
Grades K-5



Experiment with outdoor cooking, creating new recipes and taste testing old favorites. Bring your sweet tooth and save some energy for singing, swimming and archery, too!

Badges

Daisy: Buddy Camper/Brownie: Snacks/Junior: Simple Meals

Wondrous Wilderness

July 15-20 • \$450* • Register by July 6
Camp Kateri • Resident Camp
Grades 6-12



Join us for our first ever CSA ONLY camp at your favorite place on





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earth! Test your outdoor skills and learn some new ones as we work toward earning the new Troop Camping badges. Hang out, swim and dine with friends new and old. We're even going camping! This week only, girls who would like to test their skills can attend a primitive camping trip to a state park. This will be a week you'll never forget!

*Optional addition, extra fees apply: Primitive camping trip (limited availability).

Badges*

Cadette: Primitive Camper/Senior: Adventure Camper/

Ambassador: Survival Camper

*Girls must attend primitive camping trip to fulfill badge requirements.

Story Weavers

July 22-27 • \$450 • Register by July 13
Camp Kateri • Resident Camp/CIT I/CIT II
Grades K-8

Write and perform your own play for the whole camp! Make costumes, paint a backdrop and share a story! Sing, swim, cook out while you're at it — we've got time for it all during your week here!

Badges

Daisy: Buddy Camper/Brownie: Making Friends/Junior: Playing the Past/Cadette: Public Speaker

Zip! Zoom! Zow!

July 30-Aug. 3 • \$200* • Register by July 20
North Fork • Day Camp
Grades K-8

Find your spark at our brand new Outdoor STEM Day Camp. Each



day, girls will experience a different STEM emphasis with help from our program partners while completing their Citizen Science Journey. Girls will make discoveries through hands-on activities that incorporate science and the outdoors. Come learn with us!

*Optional additions, extra fees apply: Bus transportation, extended day

Badges

Daisy-Junior: Outdoor STEM: Think like a Citizen Science Journey/Cadette- Science of Happiness

CIT I/CIT II

June 10-15 or June 17-22 or July 22-27

\$150 + \$25* • Register by April 1
Grades 9-12 (completed)

Girls who have completed grade 9-12 have an opportunity to earn their Counselor in Training designation. This program is for high school-age girls who have a desire to mentor and

work with younger girls in a camp/outdoor setting. Girls must apply online and interview with the camp director, as well as attend one Aquatics Weekend in the spring to complete pre-training. After completing these prerequisites, girls can choose a Resident Camp session to attend and finish their training. CIT II is available for those who have already completed CIT I. Girls may complete both CIT I and CIT II in the same summer by attending a second week of Resident Camp, with approval from the camp director.

Non-Girl Scouts: Add \$25 to listed price for each session.

