

Troop Camping Guidelines (updated April 2021)

GSCI Camps will be available to rent for overnight camping beginning May 1st. At this time, overnight camping is only available for Girl Scouts groups. You may also camp at other facilities.

While troop camping is permitted, family camping is recommended. While family camping, one family would share a tent and would eat their meals together.

Please note, overnight camping is permitted as long as the region is in Illinois' phase 4 with no mitigations. Overnight camping reservations will be canceled and refunded or rescheduled if the region moves backward through the COVID-19 mitigation phases.

In addition to all the mitigation guidance outlined in this document, the following additional considerations must be made for overnight camping.

- In addition to pre-screening all attendees before arrival, all participants must be screened for COVID-19 symptoms, including a temperature check, each day while at overnight camp. Any attendee who begins exhibiting symptoms must leave the camp out as soon as possible. Parents/guardians should be prepared to pick up their Girl Scout in a timely manner at any time during the campout.
- Masks must be worn at all times with the following exceptions. Please note that the IDPH does not make exceptions for physical distance or being outdoors for mask use at camps. These are the ONLY exceptions.
 - While sleeping
 - While eating.
 - While swimming
 - While showering
- When sleeping, campers should be oriented so that heads are a minimum of six feet apart. Depending on the facility, campers may need to sleep toe-to-toe or in alternating directions.
- If primitive camping in pitched tents, individuals from different households may not share tents.
- Individuals must use the same bed each night.
- Individuals from the same household should sleep near each other or share a tent/cabin
- Indoor activities should be limited. When inside, windows should be open and any fans available should be turned on to promote air recirculation.
- Groups should not interact with any other groups on property.
- Meals should be eaten outside unless the weather does not allow.
- Individuals MUST keep six feet of distance from each other while eating.
- Food must be served on disposable dishware, with the exception of refillable water bottles, per IDPH guidelines.
- Family style meals are not allowed. One person should serve food cafeteria style.

Overnight Group Size Limits

| Location | Building | Overnight Group Size Limit |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Camp Kiwanis | Main Lodge | 15 |
| | Locust | 10 |
| Camp Tapawingo | Mary Morgan Upper | 20 |
| | Mary Morgan Lower | 20 |
| | Healthy House | 5 |
| | Shining Star | 12 |
| | Spirit Cabins | 24 |
| Camp Widjiwagan | Buccaneer | 15 |
| | Ranch | 20 |
| | Viking | 12 |
| | Gypsy (Wagons) | 16 |
| | Dad's House | 12 |
| | LRS Center | 20 |