



GSCI CAMP PATCH PROGRAM



Purpose: To visit and develop an appreciation for all GSCI council camps.

Requirements:

- Stay overnight at all GSCI council camps.
- Complete requirements while at each camp.
- Follow GSCI requirements for troop camping and meet the Safety Activity Checkpoints.
- Explain the importance of following “leave no trace” while outdoors.

Purchase patches before or after your stay at camp. Complete and return the form below to the Bloomington Service Center. Allow 3-5 weeks for delivery; you will receive an email when patches are on their way.

Camp Kiwanis

1. Gather around the flagpole and sing three camp songs together. Name your favorite!
2. Learn about fire safety, including how to start a campfire and extinguish it properly.
3. Hike the trail from the Main Lodge and go around camp. What types of animals live along the trail and river?

Camp Peairs

1. At the boat house, learn why and how to tie a cleat hitch, a taunt line, and a bow line. Look for examples of each.
2. Make a snack or pack a lunch for a hike to Pine Ridge. Find clues that tell what Pine Ridge was used for in the past.
3. On your way back from Pine Ridge, look for signs of animal presence. Can you identify which animals they are? Use your senses, and remember to look up! Make dinner at a campfire ring and discuss your findings.

Camp Tapawingo

1. Observe horses interacting with each other in the pastures. How many have spots?
2. Make a trail mix and hike down the ravine to explore the creek behind the units (there are many trails to get there).
3. Learn about the nocturnal animals at camp. At night, sit silently outside for 10 minutes without a flashlight looking and listening for signs of them.

Camp Widjiwagan

1. Cook one meal outdoors using a method that is new to you.
2. Pitch a tent, sleep in a platform tent, or sleep out under the stars.
3. Identify three different animals that live on the property by looking at tracks or nesting areas.

Questions? Contact Chloe “Tippy” Machula at cmachula@girlscouts-gsci.org or 217-433-0636

GSCI Camp Patch Order Form (Checks made out to GSCI)

Complete and return to the Bloomington Service Center, 3 Westport Ct, Bloomington, IL 61704

Leader’s Name: _____ Troop #: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

of patches (s) needed: _____ Kiwanis _____ Peairs _____ Tapawingo _____ Widjiwagan

Total # of patches @ \$1.50 each: _____ Number of sign posts @ \$2.50 each: _____

Discount on full sets (All 4 patches + 1 sign post) @ \$8.00 each: _____ # sets

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please include write up of activities that your troop participated in at the location.