

Frequently Asked Questions

GSME DIY Family Weekend Camps for 2020

Who can sign up? (Only parents can sign up their household up for Family camp). No troops.

- Households with at least one currently registered Maine Girl Scout member. Maine Residents only.
- For these sessions a household is the people living in your home together. For the safety of all, it does not include relatives or friends who live in other households.
- Parents are responsible for all care of children for the duration of the camp
- Families must bring their own food, cooking equipment and supplies to the camp; no food service is available.

Our goal is to provide affordable, safe outdoor space for families to enjoy our beautiful camps during this time of Covid-19 restrictions and cancellations. We're offering DIY (Do it Yourself) style weekends.

Attendance is limited to allow each family plenty of open space!

What are the basics Family Camp Weekends?

Smoking, vaping, alcohol and drugs are completely prohibited anywhere on our sites.

- No pets allowed.
- Guns and weapons are strictly prohibited.
- GSME campfire safety must be followed.
- Tents & cabin sites have no electricity.
- Cell service is spotty and we request parents stow their phones to give full attention to their children.
- Covid-19 social distancing and sanitation will be observed by all participants.
- All family members must bring face coverings with them and agree to wear them when requested. Be courteous to others by wearing face coverings in the main camp, on trails, and in program areas where social distancing is not possible.

What will we do at camp?

Depending on the session you choose, CampOut or CampOut PLUS you will be able to swim, go canoeing and kayaking, play outdoor games, hike or relax. For the "Campout Plus" sessions you will also be offered archery, hatchet throwing (6th grade minimum age), and arts or nature crafts.

Who will offer the activities?

Qualified staff will run the programs and are in charge of safety, instruction and group logistics.

- Please set a good example for your children by adhering to the staff person's rules and following instructions.
- Weather conditions and other factors can affect the programs offered; camp director makes final decisions about any safety concerns.

So, we're on our own for meals?

- For these sessions, families will bring all food, cooking equipment and snacks, and prepare food at their site.
- Personal camp stoves are welcome, or there are fire rings with cooking grates in each site.
- There is no refrigeration; bring coolers and large closeable bins. A safe place to store food bins will be provided to keep woodland creatures out of camp sites.

Where will we sleep?

- At Natarawi: metal camp cots
- Pondicherry: built-in wooden beds.
- Mosquito nets for the bunks are provided at all sites, if needed.

Parents supervise all their children at all times and everyone is expected to model appropriate behavior and adhere to the camp behavioral agreement.

Are there toilets and showers?

- Camps have outdoor latrines, porta potties and flush toilets.
- Hot showers available in shower houses during established times.

What else should I know?

- **No Electricity** in units or cabins.
- Family camp life is a lot of fun- get a little grubby!
- Plan to walk – once you are settled in, transportation is on foot. Good shoes are important!
- We have wheelbarrows and carts to help with moving equipment and supplies through camp.
- Please follow the packing & equipment list provided with camp registration. Many important items are listed.

Cancelations: 3 weeks or more before event, refund minus \$10 per person. Less than 3 weeks, no refund.

Questions?

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