

Frequently Asked Questions GSME Family Camp, Me & My Gal, Me & My Dad

Who should sign up? (Only parents can sign up their children for Family camp, not Troop leaders.)

- Any registered Girl Scout and a parent or related adult (18 years and older).
- Parent/adult must join as an adult Girl Scout member for Me and My Dad and Me and My Gal sessions.
- All-Family Camp sessions *only*: Children under 4 years old-no fee. Parents are responsible for all care of young children for the duration of the camp; there is no programming or child care available for infants and toddlers. Adults and girls 5 years old and older must register as Girl Scout members.

What will we do at camp?

Family camps and girl/parent camps are designed so that girls and a parent or related adult can together experience the kinds of exciting activities we offer at camp, such as:

Archery	Swimming
Boating & paddle sports	Arts & crafts
Rock climbing (Natarawi only)	Low challenge course & bouldering wall (Pondicherry only)
Games and fun group events like evening campfires & scavenger hunts	Spontaneous, zany fun! And a whole lot more!

Camp life is a lot of fun:

- Sites are rustic --- in beautiful outdoor settings.
- Girls experience outdoor fun with a trusted adult.
- Set the stage for a love of the outdoors, and a desire to want to have a resident summer camp adventure on her own.

Who will offer the activities?

For this weekend, you are a camper, along with your girl!

- Qualified camp staff will run the programs and are in charge of safety, instruction and group logistics.
- Staff are young adults, trained to lead specific activities.
- Please set a good example for your girl 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.

- We try to have as many programs running as possible! Alternate activities will be provided.

How about meals?

- All meals and snacks are provided in our dining halls, unless cooking an outdoor meal is part of a program.
- Do not bring food to camp, unless by prior arrangement due to food restrictions
- No food allowed in sleeping quarters; it will attract woodland creatures.

Where will we sleep?

- Platform tents or shelters with 4 beds
- Natarawi: metal camp cots
- Pondicherry: built-in wooden beds
- Tents assigned to keep each parent and child together.
- Sharing a tent may occur if requested or if large attendance requires sharing.
- Dad & daughter duos will each have their own tent.
- Occasionally, some campers may sleep in cabins.
- Mosquito nets for the bunks are provided at all sites, if needed.

Parents supervise all their children in the living units 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?

- Camp life is the best life – plan to get a little grubby as you have fun with your girl.
- Plan to walk – cars are parked in a central lot and all transportation is on foot.

Cancelations: Entire Family or Troop Cancellation

- 3 weeks or more before event-Refund minus \$10 *per person* administrative fee for the group.
- Less than 3 weeks prior – no refund.

Questions?

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