

All Things Camp Info Guide (ATC)

Summer 2026



Camp Conowingo –

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland

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Our Camp

Welcome to camp! Whether you're the caregiver of a first-time camper, or you're an outdoor expert hoping to learn more: fun, friendship, and personal growth await your camper at Camp Conowingo! We offer a variety of programming that centers around being outdoors that include camping skills, nature, art, swimming, archery and so much more! Our campers are separated by Girl Scout level, and our ages range from Brownies to Ambassadors (2nd to 12th Grade) At Camp Conowingo, campers discover their independence while learning to connect with others as a team, all while taking action to protect the planet's natural resources.

Camp Conowingo is an American Camp Association accredited camp, we adhere to the Maryland Department of Health Youth Camp regulations and Girl Scout Safety Activity Checkpoints.

Camp Conowingo is in Cecil County, Maryland, approximately one hour northeast of Baltimore City. The camp is situated on 600 acres of woodlands and open fields along the Susquehanna River.

Girl Scouts has a strong commitment to diversity and inclusion, and we welcome and embrace girls of all abilities and backgrounds. Inclusion is at the core of who we are; it's about being a sister to every Girl Scout and celebrating our unique strengths. Part of the important work we do includes our staff modeling friendship, kindness, empathy, and inclusion at all times for campers.

Diversity is important to Girl Scouts of Central Maryland because it helps to bring the Girl Scout Promise and Law to life, and supports our Mission: "Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place."

Girls do not currently need to be Girl Scouts or in a troop to enjoy summer camp at Camp Conowingo - Campers need to have a Girl Scout to register for camp – this can be completed via <https://mygs.girlscouts.org> BEFORE registering for camp OR you will be asked to become a member by the time camp forms are due.

Why Camp?

- Make friends
- Explore nature
- Learn social skills
- Adaptability
- Gain independence
- Unplug from technology
- Build resiliency
- Spend the day being active

Girl Scout camp alums describe three elements of Girl Scout camp as crucial to their development of valuable life skills:

- Supportive relationships with leaders and peers, which are vital sources of security and encouragement.
- Direct, hands-on experiences that let them practice to improve their skills.
- Novelty! Because Girl Scout camp can be a truly unique experience that allows girls to move out of their comfort zone to try new things.

Girl Scout Research Institute (2019). From Girl Scout Camp to Real-World Champ!

How Girl Scouting in the Great Outdoors Builds Female Leaders. New York, NY: GSUSA www.girlscouts.org/research

Activities

- Swimming
- Outdoor Cooking
- Nature Discovery
- Arts & Crafts
- Archery*
- Games
- Low Ropes Course
- High Ropes Course*
- Team Building
- Sports
- Outdoor Skills
- Boating*
- Hiking
- STEAM

Campers have choice when planning parts of their schedule so please note that they may not choose to partake in certain activities.

** Please note that these activities are taught using a progression-based approach and are conducted in accordance with Girl Scout Safety Activity Checkpoints, meaning not every activity is meant for every Girl Scout Level. Activities are subject to availability and weather conditions. Within their program groups, campers are offered the opportunity to tailor their programming to meet their specific interests with consideration for the interests of the entire group, scheduling capacity, and level.*

Facilities

Because Camp Conowingo is rustic, it allows campers to connect with their natural surroundings. Sleepaway campers are grouped and live together in campsites called units, based on their grade level and chosen programs.

We have a range of living/sleeping structures including yurts, glen shelters, platform tents, tipis, and lodges. Within each unit are sleeping structures, kitchen shelters/unit houses, latrines, cold water handwashing stations, and a campfire area. As unit placements are generally determined just before each session, you will be informed of your camper's living arrangements during check-in at camp.

Each sleeping structure, other than when campers are field tent camping or hammocking, is equipped with individual cots and mattresses for sleeping. Campers bring their own linens for sleeping.

NOTE: Staff members sleep in separate sleeping structures from campers but are centrally located within each unit. Campers are informed of which nearby living structure their designated staff members sleep in. Staff members are available to assist campers at all times.

Sample Daily Schedule at Sleepaway Camp

7:30 a.m.....	Wake-up	5:00 p.m.....	Kapers
8:30 a.m.....	Breakfast	5:30 p.m.....	Flag
9:30 a.m.....	Kapers	6:00 p.m.....	Dinner
10:00 a.m.....	Morning Activity 1	7:00 p.m.....	Evening Activity 1
11:00 a.m.....	Morning Activity 2	8:00 p.m.....	Evening Activity 2
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	(Brownie Bedtime)	
1:00 p.m.....	Girl Activity Choice	9:00 p.m.....	Evening Activity 3
2:00 p.m.....	Girl Activity Choice	(Junior Bedtime)	
3:00 p.m.....	Rest Hour	10:00 p.m.....	Lights Out
4:00 p.m.....	Afternoon Activity	(CSA Bedtime)	

Please note that Girl Activity Choice happens 2-3 times per session and on the other days there will be scheduled programming.

Information Nights

Thinking about a sleepaway camp experience for your Girl Scout but have lots of questions and/or want to know more or want to talk with someone about what it is all about—then come to one of our Camp Information Nights! We will talk about all things summer camp at Camp Conowingo – from registration, daily life, missing home, mail, trading post, staff and so much more! Camp Information Nights are held from 7–8 PM. Please register at gscm.org.

- Wednesday March 4, 2026 (in person)
- Monday March 16, 2026 (virtual)
- Thursday April 9, 2026 (in person)
- Tuesday April 21, 2026 (virtual)

Open House

Join us for our Summer Camp Open House! Campers and their families or caregivers are invited to visit camp on either Saturday or Sunday to explore the grounds, take a self-guided tour, meet our Outdoor Experience Director, and ask any questions as you prepare for Summer 2026. We're excited to welcome you and help you get to know camp!

When: Saturday April 11th and Sunday April 12th from 11AM-3 PM

Where: 46 Camp Shadow Brook Rd, Conowingo, MD 21918

Girl Scout Level

Unsure of your camper's Girl Scout Level? No worries! Use the chart below to determine her Girl Scout Level.

Grade for Fall 2026	Girl Scout Level
2nd or 3rd	Brownie
4th or 5th	Junior
6th, 7th, or 8th	Cadette
9th or 10th	Senior
11th or 12th	Ambassador

Camp Readiness Quiz

Wondering if Camp Conowingo is the right choice for you or your camper? Take our Camp Readiness Quiz to help you figure out what kind of outdoor experience is right for you! Once you've answered all the questions, add up your total and take a look at our recommendations!

Do you feel comfortable being away from your family for an extended period of time?

3 - Yes! 2 - Sometimes! 1 - Not Yet!

Are you able to ask an adult for help when you need it?

3 - Yes! 2 - Sometimes! 1 - Not Yet!

Can you survive without technology for a week - no phones, iPads or computers?

3 - Yes! 2 - Sometimes! 1 - Not Yet!

Can you keep track of your things?

3 - Yes! 2 - Sometimes! 1 - Not Yet!

Are you willing to try new foods?

3 - Yes! 2 - Sometimes! 1 - Not Yet!

When you see a bug, spider, or mouse, you may not like it, but you can handle it?

3 - Yes! 2 - Sometimes! 1 - Not Yet!

Do you like to meet new people who may be different from you?

3 - Yes! 2 - Sometimes! 1 - Not Yet!

Are you comfortable following a schedule with a group and transitioning between activities?

3 - Yes! 2 - Sometimes! 1 - Not Yet!

Do you have fun doing outdoor activities like hiking, sleeping in a tent, or playing outside?

3 - Yes! 2 - Sometimes! 1 - Not Yet!

Are you willing to help with Kapers? (cleaning, setting tables, etc.)

3 - Yes! 2 - Sometimes! 1 - Not Yet!

Can you take care of your personal hygiene like showering and keeping up with your hair?

3 - Yes! 2 - Sometimes! 1 - Not Yet!

Are you really excited to go to camp?

3 - Yes! 2 - Sometimes! 1 - Not Yet!

Recommendations!

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You're ready to try something new, but it might be a good idea to hold off on summer camp for now. Try outdoor activities in your community or try camping with your Girl Scout Troop!

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It sounds like you're almost ready for camp! Try our Mini Camp, Troop Adventures or Family Camp programs options this summer! Or if you're still trying to decide if Sleepaway Camp is right for you, come to a Camp Information Session or our Open House!

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You're ready to start packing! Come have an unforgettable summer experience at Camp Conowingo!

Camp Conowingo Summer Camp Program Descriptions

Below are our all-new session descriptions for summer 2026! Each description will highlight a couple of activities that are unique to that program choice. All campers will have the opportunity to take part in traditional camp activities such as pool time, campfires, sports, arts & crafts, team building activities, outdoor cooking, games, kapers, archery*, and ropes course*.

** Please note that these activities are taught using a progression-based approach and are conducted in accordance with Girl Scout Safety Activity Checkpoints. Activities are subject to availability and weather conditions. Within their program groups, campers are offered the opportunity to tailor their programming to meet their specific interests with consideration for the interests of the entire group, scheduling capacity, and level.*

Session 1

Sunday June 21st - Friday June 26th

Fireflies (B)

Slow down and explore the magic of nature! Campers will search for bugs, learn about nighttime creatures, and enjoy outdoor adventures.

Conowingo Creatures (I)

Discover the animals that call our camp home! Campers will learn about local wildlife through nature walks, animal tracking, and crafts. Whether it's birds, bugs, or bats campers will explore what it means to be a Conowingo Creature!

Rooted & Ready (C)

Branch out and discover the amazing world of trees! Cadettes will investigate tree science, talk about conservation, and express their creativity through tree-inspired art projects. Campers who participate will earn their Tree Badge.

Future Keepers (SA)

Step into your role as a steward of the outdoors! Learn the basics of Leave No Trace, explore ways to protect the environment, and enjoy purposeful time outside while still participating in traditional camp activities.

Session 2

Sunday June 28th - Friday July 3rd

Crafty Critters (B)

For campers who love to create and explore! Enjoy a week of animal-themed crafts and creative projects inspired by nature, balanced with classic camp fun.

Outdoor Art (J)

Art comes alive outdoors! Create art using natural materials, explore creativity in the natural world, and discover music in nature while earning your Outdoor Art Explorer badge.

Messy Masterpieces (C)

This is your chance to get messy! Create wild works of art through hands-on, messy projects—including splatter paint with archery!

Nature Made (SA)

Where creativity meets the outdoors. Campers will experiment with natural and found materials, explore artistic expression in outdoor spaces, and create meaningful works inspired by nature itself. A perfect balance of art, exploration, and classic camp fun.

Session 3

Sunday July 5th – Tuesday July 7th

Troop Adventures (B-A)

Looking for a summer adventure with your Girl Scout Troop? Then try our new Troop Adventures program! Take part in a traditional summer camp experience with your Girl Scout Troop! Learn more below!

Wednesday July 8th – Friday July 10th

Mini Camp (B-A)

Not ready for a full week of camp? That's okay! Come try our Mini Camp to get a taste of the summer camp experience! Learn more below!

Session 4

Sunday July 12th - Friday July 17th

S'more to Explore (B)

Get ready for a week packed with classic camp fun! Campers will explore classic summer camp activities. From adventures around camp to relaxing moments by the fire, there's always s'more to explore!

Adventure Awaits (I)

Get ready to jump into a week of discovery and fun! Campers will try a variety of camp activities, explore the outdoors, and take on new challenges as they make memories and friendships that last beyond the week.

Survive & Thrive (C)

Ready for a challenge? Campers will build confidence in the great outdoors by learning essential survival skills through hands-on, adventurous activities. Along the way, they'll develop teamwork, problem-solving, and respect for the outdoors.

Trail to Tent (SA)

Hit the trail and experience the joy of camping! Campers will explore the outdoors, practice setting up camp, and enjoy hands-on adventures from the trail to their own tent. It's a week full of exploration, teamwork, and outdoor fun.

Special Program Descriptions

Troop Adventures - Sunday July 5th – Tuesday July 7th

Looking for a summer adventure with your Girl Scout Troop? Then try our new Troop Adventures program! Troop Adventures gives Girl Scouts the chance to experience a traditional summer camp together with their troop. Spend your days exploring the outdoors, trying new skills, and making unforgettable memories alongside your fellow Girl Scouts.

Participants will take part in classic camp activities such as archery, swimming, campfires, arts & crafts, boating, and nature exploration. Sunday dinner, all meals on Monday, and Tuesday breakfast are included, along with all program supplies.

Troops must provide the appropriate girl-to-adult ratio in accordance with Safety Activity Checkpoints. This program is open to registered GSCM Girl Scouts at the Brownie through Ambassador levels.

Registration Opens Thursday February 12th - Please note registration for this program will not be on Campsite more information can be found at gscm.org

Additional details about packing lists, permission slips, and other important information will be shared after registration.

Mini Camp - Wednesday July 8th – Friday July 10th

Want a fun introduction to summer camp? Mini Camp is the perfect way to get started! Mini Camp is a shortened camp experience designed to give Girl Scouts a taste of summer camp in just three days and two nights. It's a great option for campers who want to try camp for the first time or enjoy a shorter stay while still experiencing all the fun camp has to offer.

Campers will participate in traditional camp activities such as games, swimming, archery, nature exploration, arts & crafts, campfires, and more! Through hands-on activities and outdoor adventures, campers will build confidence, friendships, and lasting memories.

Registration is open to registered GSCM Girl Scouts at the Brownie through Ambassador levels.

Counselor in Training (CIT)

Our Counselor-in-Training programs give Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors an exciting opportunity to build confidence and leadership skills in a fun, outdoor camp setting. Participants will gain hands-on experience by observing and assisting camp staff while working with younger campers. Please note that completion of CIT 1 is required to participate in CIT 2.

Girl Scouts participating in the CIT Program will submit an application and participate in an interview process. To learn more and receive the application please reach out to membercare@gscm.org.

CIT 1 - Sessions 1 & 2

CIT 1s explore what being a counselor at Girl Scout camp is all about. As a CIT 1, you'll learn how to engage campers of all ages. You'll interview, observe, and assist camp staff; lead group activities including songs and games; and make a difference with other CITs. You'll be a role model for younger campers as you develop your leadership skills.

CIT 2 – Sessions 3 & 4

As a participant in CIT 2, you'll plan and lead activities for younger campers, including a service project. You'll assist camp staff as you practice managing schedules, learn effective group management techniques, and help resolve conflicts. You'll continue to serve as a role model for younger campers and develop your leadership skills.

Family Camp Overnight at Camp Conowingo - Saturday July 18th – Sunday July 19th

Looking for a chance to experience the magic of summer camp together? Family Camp Overnight at Camp Conowingo invites Girl Scouts and their families to unplug, explore, and make memories side by side in a beautiful camp setting.

Families will spend the weekend enjoying classic camp activities and hands-on workshops such as archery, camping skills, arts & crafts, boating, and swimming. Whether you're trying something new or revisiting a favorite camp tradition, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Families will arrive Saturday morning and bring a bagged lunch to enjoy picnic-style in one of Camp Conowingo's scenic outdoor spaces. Saturday afternoon includes free time to hike, play lawn games, relax by the campsite, or simply enjoy being together. In the evening, families will gather in the dining hall for dinner, followed by a campfire complete with songs and s'mores. Sunday morning wraps up the experience with breakfast before departure.

Who: Open to registered GSCM Girl Scouts and their families. A GSCM Girl Scout must be included in each family group. Adults must be registered as a volunteer or as a "Friends and Family" member who have a current criminal background check through GSCM.

Registration Opens Thursday February 12th - Please note registration for this program will not be on Campsite more information can be found at gscm.org

Meals Included: Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast

Family Camp Day Trip at Camp Conowingo – Saturday July 18th

Want a taste of family camp without staying overnight? The Family Camp Day Trip offers all the fun of camp packed into one memorable day!

Families will spend the day participating in engaging camp workshops such as archery, camping skills, arts & crafts, boating, and swimming, all while enjoying the natural beauty of Camp Conowingo. It's a perfect opportunity for families to explore camp together, meet other Girl Scout families, and enjoy outdoor adventures at their own

pace.

Families will arrive Saturday morning and bring a bagged lunch to enjoy at one of camp's many picnic areas.

Who: Open to registered GSCM Girl Scouts and their families. A GSCM Girl Scout must be included in each family group.

Departure: 4:00 PM (no overnight stay)

Summer 2026 Pricing	
Sessions 1, 2, 4	\$800
Mini Camp	\$400
CIT I	\$500
CIT II	\$500
Troop Adventures	\$250 per person
Family Camp Overnight	\$65 per person
Family Camp Day Trip	\$25 per person

How to Register for Camp

To register your camper for sessions 1, 2, 4, or Mini Camp, visit:

https://girlscoutscentralmd.campmanagement.com/p/campers/login_m.php

This will take you to our Campsite registration platform. Registration requires an active Girl Scouts of the USA membership, selection of a specific session and program, a \$50 non-refundable deposit, uploading a photo of your camper (used for identification and safety), and payment in full or establishment of a payment plan. All registered campers must be a registered Girl Scout; if your camper does not have an active membership at time of registration, you will have the option to pay the \$40 fee for membership during registration, and membership will then be processed for you at a later date. You can register for membership ahead of time through MyGS.

All balances in our Campsite registration platform must be satisfied on or before May 22, 2026 (autopayment plans are available). Any balance not paid by this date will automatically be charged to the payment card on file. If the balance cannot be charged to the card on file, leaving an outstanding balance, the registration will be cancelled. Campers with an outstanding balance will not be permitted to attend camp.

All required camper forms must be completed by May 22, 2026, and are available in our Campsite registration platform once you successfully enroll your camper in a camp program. Please complete these forms as soon as possible and with careful accuracy to ensure your camper's preparation to attend camp. Campers with incomplete forms risk not being able to attend camp.

NOTE: A doctor's signature is required for both over-the-counter AND prescription medications; please plan accordingly in order to complete your forms on time.

To register for the Family Camp Program or Troop Adventures please visit gscm.org for more information.

Registration Opens Thursday February 12th.

Camp Staff

Camp staff are recruited and carefully selected both regionally and from around the world. It is our belief that a diverse staff offers campers of all ages the opportunity to learn more about themselves and also about people who are different from them.

Camp staff applicants are required to submit an application, complete a multi-tier interview with the Outdoor Experience Director, and undergo background, fingerprint, and drug screenings; international candidates are additionally fully vetted by their sponsoring program.

Prior to the start of camp, staff complete training in Girl Scout and outdoor programming; camp skills; risk management; health and safety protocols; emergency procedures; DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion); and care for mental wellness, among other relevant training. Specialty program facilitators (lifeguards, facilitators of low/high ropes, rock wall, archery, boating etc.) and administrative staff also have extensive training in their areas of expertise.

Adult-to-camper ratios adhere to Girl Scout safety standards for camping. Camp staff lead and/or are in proximity to campers at all times.

Know someone who might be interested in working at camp? Have them reach out to GSCM at membercar@gscm.org

Looking for More Information?

After registration caregivers will receive a Caregiver Guide to Camp with additional information like packing tips, health forms, camper code of conduct, mailing info and so much more! In the meantime, if you have any additional questions please join us at a Camp Information Night or email membercar@gscm.org.

Get Ready for Your Next Adventure!!

