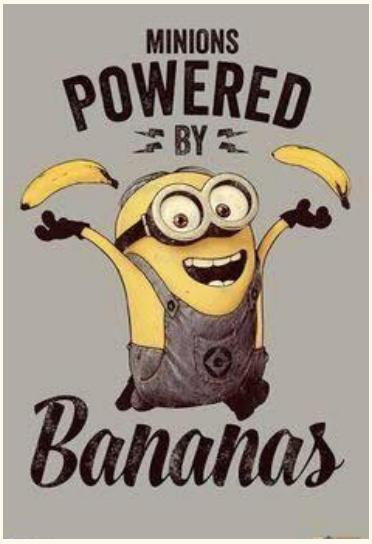


The Great Banan-O-Rama Camporee 2026

November 13th-15th

What to Expect at The Great Banan-O-Rama Camporee

Gru's Anti-Villain League (AVL) has recruited the Girl Scouts for a top-secret training operation! Mischievous Minions have taken over camp, leaving behind a trail of wacky challenges. To prove they have what it takes to be elite AVL secret agents—and to help keep the Minions from causing complete chaos—Scouts must earn their "Minion Mastery" credentials by completing a series of high-energy training modules throughout the weekend.

For this top-secret training weekend, you will get to choose your own path to earning your Minion Mastery credentials. You can test your marksmanship at Agility & Precision (Archery - JCSA), tackle team challenges on the Despicable Obstacle Course, or crack codes during Gru's Blueprint Search and the high-stakes Escape Room & Knot-Tying Box. If you love the outdoors, sharpen your field skills with Vector's Wilderness Trek, build camp headquarters in Minion Shelters, master pioneering at the Bananaknot Workshop, and stay safe with Freeze Ray First Aid. When you need a creative or scientific break, head over to Super-Villain Gadgetry to craft your gear, launch high-altitude distress signals at Kevin's Signal Flare Water Rocket Launch and STEM activities, and cap off your day by whipping up delicious, fire-pit treats at El Macho's Secret Recipe. Get ready to pick your favorite missions and help us keep the Minions under control!

Highlights (tentative)

WHERE & WHEN:	**GS Camp Butano Creek** 1400 Canyon Road, Pescadero. 1 hour drive from San Mateo area. Friday Nov 13, 5pm - Sunday Nov 15, 12:30pm
CAMPING OPTIONS:	Troops can camp in sleeping cabins or platform tents, all with cots or mats; or can bring their own tents and sleeping pads. Bathrooms with flush toilets and running water are near each cabin/campsite.

MEALS:	Troops will cook their own meals at their campsites. We will have light snacks but you need to bring your own breakfast, lunch, snacks, dinner and equipment to cook your own meals (make sure you plan with your Girl Scouts for what they want to make and eat). If you are coming for the Day Only, bring a packed lunch, snacks and drinks.
ARRIVAL/CHECK IN:	Campers can arrive any time between 5pm-9pm on Friday Saturday Day Only check in at 9:30am
OPENING CEREMONY:	Saturday 10:00am sharp. Meet at the flagpole. Girl Scouts are punctual.
SCHEDULE:	Fri - Check in starts at 5pm. Lights out at 10pm. Sat - Campers: 9am-10pm or Sat Day Only: 9:30am-4:45pm Sun - 9:30am-12:30pm
DEPARTURE:	Saturday Day Only program ends at 4:45pm Campers program ends Sunday 12:30pm
ACTIVITIES:	**Friday:** Karaoke and practicing your skit in the Dining Hall **Saturday:** El Macho's Secret Recipe (Outdoor Cooking & Campfire Snacks), Agility & Precision (Archery - JCSA), Despicable Obstacle Course (Team Building), Gru's Blueprint Search (Scavenger Hunt), Vector's Wilderness Trek (Hiking), Bananakno Workshop (Knots & Lashings), Super-Villain Gadgetry (Crafts), Minion Shelters (Tent Building), Escape Room & Knot-Tying, Freeze Ray First Aid, Kevin's Signal Flare Water Rocket Launch and STEM activities Free time, Campfire Program and more activities that haven't been finalized. **Sunday: Clean up**
SIGN-UP:	Registration opens Sept. 27th. Registration closes Nov 1, or sooner if we sell out.
COST:	Camping: $55 per Scout/$30 per Adult or Saturday Day Only: $40 per Girl Scout/$20 for Adult +Optional Add On: Archery for Juniors and older $8 Financial Assistance is available.

General Information

VOLUNTEER RUN CAMP

Fall Camporee is a completely volunteer run camp. All fees are spent on renting the camp and the supplies, there is no paid staff. Fall Camporee has been put together as an outdoor event for registered Girl Scouts. Non Girl Scout siblings and tagalongs may not attend due to space limitations. This is not a drop off event. Girl Scout/Adult ratios must be met per Girl Scout rules. Please be prepared to help out if needed. Extra adults are required to volunteer for 1 hour.

GIRL LED

Workshops will be taught by Older Girl Scouts with adult volunteers. Please give the older girls a chance to teach the younger girls how to do the activity, this is a learning experience for them too. If you have questions, ask the adult volunteer working with the older Girl Scouts. Adult chaperones should bring a camp chair and stay within line of sight and ear shot. If instructors need your help, they will call you over for assistance. Please do not sit at picnic tables, we will need all the space for the workshops.

BACK INTO PARKING SPACE
Parking the Girl Scout Way means to back into a spot so that you do not have any blind areas and can exit quickly. It's safer, especially in case of an emergency. Please ensure you back in.

REGISTER AS A TROOP
Come for the day only or camp for one or both nights, but register as a troop. If you need to add or remove anyone, or make any changes to your registration just email gstroop61742@yahoo.com. You do not need to complete the form more than once.
If only one Girl Scout from a troop with her registered adult wants to attend, the adult can complete the form on their own. Space is limited so there are no tagalongs (no non registered Girl Scouts).

WHAT TO WEAR
Long pants and sturdy closed toe shoes are required. NO TANK TOPS, NO FLIP FLOPS, NO SANDALS and NO SHORTS (these are Girl Scout camping rules and we have to follow them for safety precautions). Wear layered clothing, e.g., long sleeve shirt/sweaters/sweatshirts, as it is cold in the morning and night but can be warm in the afternoon. Anybody wearing shorts or inappropriate shoes will get to sit at headquarters all day! Do not bring uniforms, they will only get dirty.

SCOUTS OWN
We will have a closing ceremony after workshops on Saturday. Scouts' Own is a time to reflect upon their feelings about Girl Scouting and the world around them. It is a solemn time given over to the girls themselves to create a moment of their very own. Theme: what challenges have you overcome?

SERVICE PROJECT
Holiday cards and Ornaments for Seniors. We will have tables set up and time for troops to come on their own.

CAMPFIRE PROGRAM
Please prepare a song to sing or teach, or a skit to perform. Repeat after me songs are a classic. Campfire Program is a great opportunity for Girl Scouts to share their talents or silliness on stage. Jokes, poems, juggling, dancing, or any talent they want to share is fantastic. Please limit performance to 3-4 minutes. There will be sign up forms that need to be turned in by dinner on Saturday in order for the Older Girls running Campfire to build the Program.

OVERNIGHT CAMPERS
The sleeping areas include mats or beds so each person only needs to bring a sleeping bag (unless you are tent camping). Separate sleeping areas will be set aside for male volunteers. Each site includes an outdoor cooking area and bathrooms in a separate building. Campers are responsible for cleaning both: bathrooms and cabins need to be swept out and all trash removed to garbage bins. Both garbage and recycling bins need to be emptied in dumpsters in parking lots. $50 fee for not cleaning your cabin, bathroom, or removing trash.

PATCHES
We will distribute during camp if available, at the next volunteer meeting or we will contact you. If camping, take photos of your clean cabin and bathroom and empty trash/recycle bins to show you cleaned your cabin to receive your troop patches.

TROOP PACK LIST
- First Aid Kit
- Forms
- Food and equipment for cooking
- Charcoal or propane stove for cooking, water bucket

- Optional tent if preferred and sleeping pad or cot
- Confirm scouts are bringing Mess Kit (mesh bag to hold utensils, plate, bowl, cup)
- Dunk bag line (like a clothesline to hang mess kits on to dry)
- Three buckets/bins for dishwashing, soap, sponge and bleach
- Cooler and ice to keep perishables refrigerated (there are no refrigerators available)
- Secure containers or storage bin for dry goods (we are in the woods with some clever mice)

Dishes may **NOT** be washed in the bathrooms. Set up a 3 bucket Girl Scout Way washing station to clean dishes.

MEALS

- Troops provide their own meals; each cabin or tent campsite has its own set of tables and cooking grills. Plan your meals with your Scouts to see what they want to make and eat.
- Carry water bottles. Water at camp is potable, or bring extra jugs of water if preferred.

PERSONAL PACK LIST

Camp Clothing	Sleeping	Personal	Notes
Long pants (no shorts) Tshirt (no sleeveless/tank) Layer Clothes Warm jacket Warm pajamas Change of underwear and socks Tennis shoes (no sandals, no flip flops) Do Not bring uniforms. Not needed and they will only get dirty. Raincoat	Sleeping bag (mats/cots provided in cabins) Pillow Flashlight	Personal items (toothbrush, toothpaste soap, wash cloth) Mess kit: silverware, cup, plate, bowl in dunk bag (mesh bag) Water bottle Hand towel Bug spray Ear plugs Warm hat for campfire Book if early riser or need quiet activity Permission Slip Health History Form	Items should be labeled and in a bedroll or duffel/stuff sack that scouts can pack on their own. Please make sure scout packs so they know where everything is. Do Not bring cash (nothing to buy) or electronics (not responsible if damaged and no cell service). Bring quarters if you want to use the pay phone booth. Adults bring camping chair as seating is needed for the girls during workshops.

Adult to Girl Scout Ratios

Ratio of adults to scouts for camping

- 2 adults for up to 6 Girl Scout Daisies (1 additional adult for 1-4 additional girls)
- 2 adults for up to 12 GS Brownies (1 additional adult for 1-6 additional girls)
- 2 adults for up to 16 GS Juniors (1 additional adult for 1-8 additional girls)
- 2 adults for up to 20 GS Cadettes (1 additional adult for 1-10 additional girls)
- 2 adults for up to 24 GS Seniors and GS Ambassadors (1 additional adult for 1-12 additional girls)

Extra adults will need to work a volunteer shift. We may need to limit extra adults in order to have enough room for scouts.

If parents are not comfortable having their girls camp without them, we have a Saturday Day Only option. Below is the max ratio we can allow in order for Girl Scouts to attend:
6 girls max 3 adults
7 girls max 4 adults
8 girls max 4 adults
9 girls max 5 adults
10 girls max 5 adults
11 girls max 6 adults

12 girls max 6 adults

Additional adults over those numbers will be added to a waitlist. If we do not sell out, additional adults can attend, but priority goes to the Girl Scouts. Contact Heather with questions, accommodations can be made for younger troops: gstroop61742@yahoo.com

Health & Safety Requirements

EVERY ADULT CHAPERONE MUST

- Be a registered as Girl Scout Adult Member 2026-2027 (annual membership dues to gsnorcal.org)
- Complete background check/fingerprinting
- Complete the Mandated Reporter course ~(required for all GSNorCal volunteers as of 2022 in compliance with California's AB506 Law and updated in 2025)

These are GS NorCal requirements for all volunteers to participate in any GS activity, to ensure the safety of all of our scouts. All attending adults' names will be submitted to the council to confirm requirements are met.

EACH TROOP MUST HAVE

- Event Permission slips for each Girl Scout
- Health History Forms for all attending Girl Scouts and adults. We will verify you have all forms at check in. Your First Aider will carry them during Camporee and bring to Medic if first aid attention is needed. **Girl Scouts and Adults cannot participate in the event without health forms.**
- Emergency contact not attending camp. In case of emergency we will contact them. They should have a phone tree of emergency contacts for everyone attending in your group to distribute information to.

REQUIRED FORMS

- Troop Roster 2026 (Make a Copy) with emergency contact phone tree
- Event Permission Form
- girl-adult-health-history-form.pdf

ADDITIONAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR TROOPS STAYING OVERNIGHT

- Each troop must have a First Aider* (this is required anytime you are not in your normal meeting place).
- At least one adult who has completed Camp Out Training* (aka Troop Camping Certificate). It takes at least a week to get results back and be marked as complete so plan to complete by mid October.

*If you don't have First Aider or Camp Out Training Certificate we will partner you with a Buddy Troop that has these certificates, but we expect that all scouts and leaders have attained appropriate troop camping skills (followed the Girl Scout Outdoor Progression) in order to stay overnight. So make sure you have at least completed the Camp Advisor online training ~3.5 hours: Safety-Wise, Trips & Outdoor Basics, Cook In, Sleep In, Campfire, Cook Out, Sleep Out, and Camp Out videos. (Go to GS Learn and search Content Library for the above online trainings: https://gslearn.litmos.com/home/library)

Camp Safety Rules

PLEASE REVIEW THESE RULES AND POLICIES WITH YOUR TROOP BEFORE ATTENDING CAMP

- Girl Scouts are never alone. Always use the buddy system and chaperones.
- Do not touch archery equipment without permission from the instructor.
- Both feet must be on the ground at all times except when walking.
- No running, climbing on rocks, tree stumps or other objects.
- No swinging on chains.

- Walk on trails and or marked paths only, do not walk on the road.
- No short cuts down banks - this includes the creek.
- Follow the "Leave No Trace" principle.
- Any injury must be checked by the MEDIC located at headquarters.
- We encourage you to bring healthy and nutritious snacks.
- No Alcohol
- No Smoking
- Everyone must check in and check out at headquarters so we know who is on site at all times in case of an emergency.
- Campers- everyone needs to brush their teeth and pee before bedtime. Girls must wake up an adult escort if they have to use the bathroom in the middle of the night.

Activities (tentative - subject to change, based on volunteers)

Friday: Karaoke and practice your skit
If the service project is ready it will be set up in the dining hall.

Saturday
Wilderness First Aid
Knot and Lashing project (BJCSA)
Escape Room
Team Building
Crafts
Outdoor cooking and campfire snacks
Scavenger Hunt
Tent Building
Archery (JCSA)
Free Time
Campfire
Optional Service Project: Ornament and Holiday Cards Station. Stop by the Dining Hall between 10am-4:30pm on Saturday to make ornaments that will be used to decorate local nursing homes + senior center for the holidays. Coordinated by Troop 62143.

Sunday: Team-Clean Up

Schedule (tentative - subject to change)

Friday
5:00 Check in opens. Find your cabin/set up your tent. Bring or make dinner.
7:00 Karaoke at dining hall
8:00 Skit planning & crafts
9:00 Get ready for bed
9:30 Quiet time
10:00 Lights Out (or sooner) No Electronics (no cell coverage, bring change for pay phone if need to make calls)

Saturday

Before 8am Quiet time, bring a book to read in bed
8:00 Make breakfast
9:30 Day Only - Check in
10:00 Flag Ceremony & Welcome
10:15 Workshop 1
11:00 Optional Service Project: Ornament Station. Stop by Dining Hall between 11am-5pm to make ornaments that will be used to decorate local nursing homes + senior center for the holidays. Coordinated by Troop 62143.
11:15 Break
11:30 Workshop 2
12:30 Lunch
2:00 Workshop 3
3:00 Break
3:15 Workshop 4
4:15 Retire Flag Ceremony & Scouts Own
4:45 Day Only - Check Out
Campers - Break. Self Led Activities / Optional badge work / Free Time
5:00 Make dinner
7:00 S'mores at the Flag Pole fire pit
7:30 Campfire Program: sign up before dinner to share skits, songs, jokes or any special talents
8:30 Daisies & Brownies excused from campfire, get ready for bed
8:45 Juniors excused from campfire, get ready for bed
9:00 End Campfire Program, Older Scouts, get ready for bed
9:30 Quiet time
10:00 Lights out (or sooner) No Electronics (no cell coverage, bring change for pay phone)

Sunday

Before 8am Quiet time, bring a book to read in bed
8:00 Make breakfast and pack up. Clean cabin & bathroom: sweep floors, remove all trash.
11:45 Clean up your last station. Closing Ceremony.
12:15 Lunch or Check out. Bring bagged garbage and recycling from your cans to the correct trash (blue) or recycling (green) dumpster.
2:30 Camp clean up sweep. Everyone must depart.

Archery! (optional add on)

Juniors and older can practice their aim at our Archery range! Girl Scouts will learn this classic camp activity by getting to know their equipment, understanding safety procedures, and getting in plenty of target practice. Cadettes will meet Archery Badge requirements (purchase badge on your own). Each workshop will be limited to ensure plenty of shooting time; 14 Girl Scouts max. Cost: $8 per Scout for 1 hour Workshop.
(Butano does not have the proper archery equipment for younger girls, so we are not able to offer archery to Brownies this year.)

Opportunities for Troops and Adult Volunteers

It takes a village to run a Camporee and we would love for more troops to join us. Your troop is welcome to sign up to do a flag ceremony, run the s'mores before campfire or make a meal for fee for your troop. If you are interested in the flag ceremony or campfire program you can sign up on the link below. If your troop is interested in making a meal for the camp for money earning for your troop, please email Heather Rice, gstroop61742@yahoo.com to coordinate with the attendees. If you have any other interests let us know. Sign Up: Troop Sign-Ups

COVID Policy

1. DO NOT participate in any in-person Girl Scout activities if you are sick or have COVID-19 symptoms or if you or someone you have been in contact with has been diagnosed with COVID-19. Symptoms include:
    - Fever or chills
    - Cough
    - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
    - Fatigue
    - Muscle or body aches
2. If anyone shows symptoms at camp they must leave immediately. They will be separated from the group and quarantined at the Nurse station until they can be driven home.
3. Face masks are optional and encouraged when indoors

Refund Policy

Full refunds (minus Cheddar Up fees) available by request by Nov 1.

No refunds after Nov 1, 2026. You can transfer your registration to someone else and have them reimburse you. There is no transfer fee to change your registration to someone else. We will have a waitlist and we can suggest Facebook groups or google group to post on to find someone to take your spot.

Registration opens Monday, Sept 28th at 9am

Registration closes Nov 2nd or once full. Archery slots and cabin assignments will be first come first serve (we will update registration as slots are filled). Financial Assistance is available.

RSVP Now!

1. Complete this Troop Roster 2026 (make a copy) to provide us a list of who is attending, emergency contacts and calculate the price. (You can send a revised version later if you don't have all emergency contacts right now).
2. Complete Registration Form
3. Complete Payment

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