



Mid-Peninsula Service Unit Fall Camporee 2022

October 14-16 @ Camp Butano Creek

What to Expect at Fall Camporee

Join us for a fun weekend of outdoor experiences giving girls the opportunity to unplug and learn new skills in a safe, girl-led environment. Fall Camporee is a chance for young scouts to get their first outdoor experience, and a place for experienced scouts to share their skills. It's a great time camping, cooking, celebrating old and creating new traditions, and having fun together. Overnight camping is highly recommended, but attending during the day only on Saturday or Sunday is also an option.

Highlights

WHERE & WHEN:	GS Camp Butano Creek in Pescadero. 1 hour drive from San Mateo area. Friday October 14, 5pm - Sunday October 16, 1:30pm (archery until 3:30pm)
<u>CAMPING OPTIONS:</u>	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.
<u>MEALS:</u>	Troops will cook their own meals at their campsites. We will have light snacks and desserts but bring your own breakfast, lunch, dinner and equipment to cook your own meals (make sure you plan with your scouts 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 after 5pm on Friday Saturday Day Only check in at 8:30am Sunday Day Only check in at 9:00am
OPENING CEREMONY:	8:45am Sat. Meet at the flagpole
SCHEDULE:	Fri check in starts at 5pm. Lights out at 10pm. Sat 8:30am-10pm (Sat Day Only program ends at 5:30) Sun 8:30am-1:45pm (archery available until 3:30)
DEPARTURE:	Saturday Day Only activities end at 5:30pm (or bring food to make for dinner to avoid Harvest Festival traffic in Half Moon Bay) Campers 1:45pm Sunday (or archery available until 3:30pm)

ACTIVITIES:	Saturday Workshops: Fire Safety & Fire Building Skills, Knots and Lashing, Bleach Bags, Lantern and Candle Making, Orienteering/Self Led Activities, Archery Sunday Workshops: Outdoor Cooking, Friendship Flags/printmaking, Archery, Self Led Activities Plus: Campfire, Games, Snacks, Songs, Skits, S'mores, and more!
SIGN-UP:	Registration opens Sept 1 to Mid-Peninsula Service Unit troops. Registration opens to all Sept 15. Registration closes Sept 28, or sooner if we sell out.
COST:	\$40 per camping Scout; \$20 per camping Adult or Saturday Day Only: \$25 per Scout; \$10 for Adult or Sunday Day Only: \$10 per Scout; \$5 for Adult +Optional Add On: Archery for Brownies and older \$9 and \$6

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 (except for Archery). This is not a drop off event. 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 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 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.

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 gstroop62801@gmail.com. You do not need to complete the form more than once.

If only one 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, we don't make them, we just 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.

SWAPS

No need to bring SWAPS, we will not be exchanging them. We will have a craft table available if you would like to make SWAPS for Spring Camporee. (SWAPS = Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere).

TROOP T-SHIRTS

If you have Troop T-shirts you can wear them on Saturday. If not, no worries, there is no contest like at Spring Camporee.

BLEACH T-SHIRTS (or pants, or bandanas, etc)

We will have instructions along with bleach, spray bottles and fun designs and numbers for you to bleach your own t-shirts. Bring your own dark 100% cotton t-shirts, or sweatshirts/bandanas/pants/dark material or whatever you want to bleach. Adult Chaperones should help their scouts follow instructions on this self led activity during Free Time. We will be using the bleach to dye bags during the workshop times.

PATCHES

Patches will be available at Saw Mill Cabin after the closing ceremony when you check out. If camping, take photos of your clean cabin and bathroom to show you cleaned your cabin to receive your troop patches. Bathrooms and cabins need to be swept out and all trash removed to garbage bins, and bins emptied in dumpsters. "Leave no trace" principle. \$50 fee for not cleaning your cabin or bathroom.

OPTIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

Troops can pull weeds to beautify the camp. Equipment will be provided. Bring your own gardening gloves.

GIRL VOLUNTEER BONUS

Older Scouts volunteering to teach workshops will get a free archery class.

SCOUTS OWN

We will have a closing ceremony after workshops on Saturday and at the end of camp on Sunday. We have a few traditions to share and will give an opportunity for everyone to reflect on what they liked, what was challenging, what they would like for next year.

OVERNIGHT CAMPERS

For those troops who plan to camp overnight, indicate on the Registration Form whether you choose Friday or Saturday night, or both (highly recommended). Cabin or tent site will be available on a first come first serve basis. Each site includes an outdoor cooking area and bathrooms in a separate building, you are responsible for cleaning both. 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. If your troop is split and wants cabins and tenting, just indicate in the comments on the registration form.

CAMPFIRE PERFORMANCES

Please prepare a song to sing or teach, or a skit to perform. [Repeat after me songs](#) are a classic. Campfire is a great opportunity for Scouts to share their talents or silliness on stage. Jokes, poems, juggling, dancing, or any talent they want to share is fantastic. Please limit to 4-5 minutes so everyone can go and we can still get to bed on time, we will be tired at the end of the day. If it's your campers first time it's also okay to pass, there is no pressure to perform.

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

Dishes may **NOT** be washed in the bathrooms, set up a 3 bucket Girl Scout Way washing station.

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.	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 Sunscreen Sun hat 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. Bring your own dark t-shirt if you want to make a troop t-shirt or just bleach fun designs on something. 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.

Adult to 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. We will contact troops individually if needed.

If parents are not comfortable having their girls camp without them, we now have Saturday and Sunday Day Only options. We understand with COVID many kids haven't done activities without their parents, but every extra adult over the required ratio means one less Girl Scout can attend. The absolute max ratio we can allow in order for Scouts to attend is half:

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

Health & Safety Requirements

EVERY ADULT CHAPERONE MUST

- Be a registered as Girl Scout Adult Member 22-23 (paid \$25 annual membership dues to gsnorcal.org)
- Complete the online background check
- Complete the [Mandated Reporter course](#) ~2 hours (required for all GSNorCal volunteers as of 2022 in compliance with California's AB506 Law)

These are new GS NorCal requirements for all volunteers to participate in any GS activity, to ensure the safety of all of our scouts.

EACH TROOP MUST HAVE

- Event Permission slips for each scout
- Health History Forms for all attending 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.
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

- [Event Permission Form](#)
- [Girl Scout Health History Form](#)
- [Adult Health History Form](#)

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 completed so plan to complete in September.

*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.

Camporee Safety Rules and Policies

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

- 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.
- No short cuts down banks - this includes the creek.
- Follow "Leave No Trace" principle.
- Any injury must be checked by FIRST AID, which is located at headquarters.
- Crafts are designed and prepared to be done by the scouts only (we don't have extras for adults).
- We encourage you to bring healthful 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.

The Camporee day and two overnights have been put together as an outdoor event for registered Girl Scouts. Because space is limited, non Girl Scout siblings and tagalongs may not attend the Camporee.

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

Archery! (optional add on) ALMOST FULL Only a few slots left!!!!

Brownies* and older can practice their aim at our Archery range! 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). All participants will take home an archery fun patch. Each workshop and additional target practice session will be limited to ensure plenty of shooting time; 12 scouts max for Brownies and Juniors, 16 max for Cadettes and Seniors. Cost: \$9 per scout for 1.5 hours Workshop, and \$6 per scout for 1 hour additional practice.

*Please note, archery can be extra challenging for smaller girls that may not have enough strength even with the smaller size bows we have. We want to teach girls that they can do hard things, but some may not have the physical strength yet to hit the targets. If you sign younger girls up please be prepared to remind them that archery is hard and it gets easier the bigger you get and the more you do it.

Archery Workshops

Sat 9-10:30am (Full)
Sat 10:40-12:10pm (1 spot left Seniors)
Sat 1pm-2:30pm (1 spot left Juniors)
Sat 2:40-4:10pm (4 spots left Cadettes)

Sun 8:00-9:30am (FULL)
Sun 9:40-11:10am (2 spots left Cad/Jr)

Additional Target Practice Session

Sun 12:10-1:10pm (2 spots left Cadettes)
Sun 1:20-2:20pm (Full)
Sun 2:30-3:30pm (4 spots left Seniors)

Archery slots are assigned first come first paid.

Schedule (subject to change)

Friday

5:00 Check in Opens. Find your cabin/Set up your tent. Skit or Song Planning for Campfire. Decorate Name Tag. Self Led Activities/Optional badge work/Free Time.
6:00 Make Dinner

6:30 Older Scout Volunteer Training/Free Time for others
8:00 Campfire: S'mores & Songs
9:00 Get Ready for Bed
9:30 Quiet Time
10:00 Lights Out (or sooner) No Electronics

Saturday

Before 8am Quiet Time, bring a book to read in bed
8:00 Make Breakfast
8:30 Check in Saturday Day Only arrivals
8:45 Flag Ceremony & Welcome
9:00 Workshop 1
10:30 Break
10:40 Workshop 2
12:10 Make Lunch
1:00 Workshop 3
2:30 Break
2:40 Workshop 4
4:10 Self Led Activities/Optional badge work/Free Time
5:15 Retire Flag Ceremony & Scouts Own
5:30 Day Only Check Out (or make plans to stay and make dinner to avoid Half Moon Bay festival traffic)
5:30 Dinner Break. Self Led Activities/Optional badge work/Free Time.
7:30 Campfire: 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 Older Scouts, get ready for bed
9:30 Quiet Time
10:00 Lights Out (or sooner) No Electronics

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. Self Led Activities/Optional badge work/Free Time.
9:00 Check in Sunday Day Only arrivals.
9:15 Flag Ceremony & Welcome
9:30 Workshop 5
10:45 Workshop 6
12:00 Make Lunch
1:00 Games
1:20 Bring bagged garbage and recycling from your cans to correct trash (blue) or recycling (green) dumpster.
1:30 Closing Ceremony, Retire Flag Ceremony & Scouts Own
1:45 Check Out
Optional Archery Sign Ups until 3:30

Workshops

Saturday Workshops

Fire Safety & Fire Building Skills
Knots and Lashing
Bleach Bags, Lantern and Candle Making
Orienteering/Self Led Activities
Archery

Sunday Workshops

Outdoor Cooking
Friendship Flags/printmaking
Games
Self Led Activities
Archery

Troops will be assigned into groups of 10-15 scouts that will rotate through the workshops together. Final schedule with your workshop rotation will be handed out at check in.

Refund Policy

Full refunds are available if you request a refund by email to gstroop62801@gmail.com by Oct 1, 2022.

No refunds after Oct 1, 2022. 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 to post on to find someone to take your spot.

Registration opens Thursday, Sept 1 at 8pm

Confirm your scouts now and be ready to sign up on **Thursday, September 1st at 8pm**. Registration opens Sept 15th to Service Units outside of Mid-Peninsula. Registration closes Oct 7. Archery slots and cabin assignments will be first come first serve (we will update registration as slots are filled). Financial Assistance is available, email gstroop62801@gmail.com.

RSVP Here

<https://forms.gle/RPhBW3zxT8Zd2gQk9>