

2019 Travel Camp FAQs

How many staff will be with the 10 girls?

There will be 2-3 staff for the Survival Excursion session and 3-5 for the North Carolina Mountain Adventure session. Both sets of staff will be trained for tripping with Girl Scouts and one or more will carry First Aid & CPR certifications. One staff for the North Carolina Mountain Adventure will carry Wilderness First Aid certification.

Does my camper need to pack special equipment?

You will receive the appropriate packing list when you register, if specialized equipment is on the list and you cannot afford to purchase it, please contact us for options. The most important piece of specialty equipment is a good camping pad, as we will be tent camping on various ground types!

Where and When is check-in?

All Travel Campers will check in at Camp Wildwood: 9583 County Road 223, Wildwood, FL 34785. For the in-state Survival Excursion they are the same as standard camps: **Sunday June 16 at 3:00 p.m.**, and for out of state travel camp to North Carolina: **Wed July 24 at 3 p.m.**

Can my travel camper pack electronics/cell phones?

You camper may pack **one** electronic device for the North Carolina Mountain Adventure **only**. However, devices may not be used while at Camp Wildwood – *they can only be used on the trip*. **We highly suggest packing a camera**, as staff will have a phone girls may call home from nightly. If they choose to pack a cell phone, it will be secured in a lock box with staff for a vast majority of the session. They will only be able to use their phones in the evenings between when the evening kapers (up to 90 minute maximum) – the same time the staff phone is available for use. So, a camera is a more valuable item to have to capture their memories!

GSWCF is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items, so we always suggest leaving them at home. We also do not guarantee the availability to charge any electronic devices, as staff devices take priority due to safety concerns.

Again, we highly recommend only sending cameras, as cellular devices greatly inhibit a girl's ability to be present in the moment and truly enjoy the trip.

Can my travel camper bring money for trips?

Yes, however GSWCF is not responsible for lost or stolen monies not turned into our camp store. They will have the opportunity to make their own purchases while on the trip.

Where will my camper stay?

Survival Expedition: Camp Wildwood, except for a two night campout in the Ocala National Forest or similar camping area (primitive).

North Carolina Mountain Adventure: at Camp Wildwood the first few nights, followed by tent camping near Savannah, GA for one night. Then they will be tent or cabin camping in the Green River area of NC (depending on site availability), and tent camping at a Georgia State park south of Atlanta the second to last night. Their last night will be spent back at Camp Wildwood.

Can I send Bunk1 Bunk Notes/mail to my travel camper?

Yes, when they are staying at Camp Wildwood they can receive bunk notes or traditional mail. *However*, we cannot provide Bunk Notes to campers while they are away from camp, so the North Carolina Adventure and Ocala National Forrest campers should rely on pre-written mail for those portions of their trips.

Will there be photos of their trip(s) posted on Bunk1?

Yes, however staff may be unable to upload them until the group has returned to Camp Wildwood. Photos will be uploaded before you pick your child up from camp. However, continue to check Bunk1 afterwards in case more are uploaded!

How will the groups travel?

Groups will travel by car, and barring any traffic flow problems, each leg of the trips will last between 1-5 hours, depending on the camp session. Staff will pull into safe areas for breaks every two hours to stretch and use the restrooms (more often if there is an urgent need). Each car is equipped with a roadside emergency kit and radios to facilitate car-to-car communication.

Who can I contact during the trip with questions?

Camp Director 'RC' at chuntley@gswcf.org or (813) 391-1284.

Is the itinerary set?

Yes and no. While we have itineraries set, they are dependent upon the availability and weather conditions at each location. Below you will see the potential itineraries, please be aware that these are subject to change based on location/staff availability and weather. You will receive a more detailed itinerary when you drop your girl off at camp.

Survival Expedition

- Sunday, June 16– Check-in at 3:00 p.m., general camp evening
- Monday, June 17 - Day at Wildwood: traditional camp activities, prep for trip
- Tuesday, June 18 – Day at Wildwood: traditional camp activities, prep for trip
- Wednesday, June 19 – Pack for trip as a group, set-up camp at Salt Springs
- Thursday, June 20 - Hike part of the national forest, swim at Juniper Springs
- Friday, June 21 – Pack out from campsite, return to Wildwood: traditional camp activities, Barn Bash in evening
- Saturday, June 22 – Check-out 10:00am

North Carolina Mountain Adventure

- Wednesday, July 24 – Check-in at 3:00pm, general camp evening
- Thursday, July 25 – Day at Wildwood: traditional camp activities, prep for trip
- Friday, July 26 – Start drive to Savannah, visit the Girl Scout Birthplace, tent camp
- Saturday, July 27 – Pack up camp, drive to North Carolina campsite, set-up camp
- Sunday, July 28 – Explore Pisgah National Forest, and Sliding Rock
- Monday, July 29 – Kayak the Lower Green River (class I & II rapids), afternoon at campsite
- Tuesday, July 30 – Waterfall Trek with lunch, afternoon at campsite
- Wednesday, July 31 – Tube the river (from our campsite)
- Thursday, August 1 – Pack out from campsite, drive to Atlanta for Coca Cola Experience, set up camp at a Georgia State Park.
- Friday, August 2 – Pack out from campsite, return to Wildwood, reset/clean/store equipment, wrap-up talk with staff, Barn Bash in evening
- Saturday, August 3 – Check-out at 10:00am