

GSWISE Troop Camping Guide



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For the latest information, go to:
www.gswise.org/troopcamping

Camp Silver Brook, Jo Ann Mann Lodge
on Lucas Lake

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Experiences for Every Troop

Whether your Girl Scout tries archery, swimming, boating, cooking over a fire, or doing arts n' crafts, they'll have fun, build new friendships, and challenge themselves in the outdoors. Whether earning badges, working on a Journey, or just having fun, Girl Scout troops are in for a good time when they come to one of our camp properties. The benefits of camp and outdoor experiences are endless!

- Camping is a great way for Girl Scout to gain a deep appreciation for nature—while they develop leadership and social skills. They unleash their potential to become environmental stewards and enhance, positive values, a sense of self, and challenge seeking skills -all while having fun and making friends.
- 49 percent of Girl Scout alums described camping trips as one of the most positive aspects of their Girl Scout experience- ranking just behind **fun** and **friendships** with Girl Scouts.
- Exposure to nature was one of the highest rated benefits to come from belonging to Girl Scouts.

Step #1

Step one for an unforgettable outdoor experience is providing prepared co-leaders or parent helpers. Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast (GSWISE) offers trainings and resources, helping adults get comfortable as they plan and lead successful troop camping outings.

- Planning the Overnight Experience training, offered several times per year for adults, is recommended prior to going troop camping.
- Outdoor Skills Training, offered several times per year for adults, is **required** for troops planning to cook over an outdoor fire.
- At least two weeks before the camping trip, provide GSWISE with current first aid and CPR/AED certifications for adult(s) attending the camping trip. First Aid and CPR courses are offered several times per year for adults.

GSWISE offers a wide variety of sites and facilities. Troops can pick from four program properties located in southeastern Wisconsin. We offer a progression of facilities ranging from indoor troop houses with plumbing and furnished kitchens, to rustic cabins, platform tents, or primitive camping.

Step #2

We welcome you to review our properties to see what awaits you at each site. For more detailed information, including virtual tours of our buildings, visit www.gswise.org/troopcamping.

Reservation Timeframes

Most troops camp on the weekends, but troops are welcome during weeknights as well. All properties can be reserved between Labor Day and Memorial Day. Program centers are available for troop use in the summer while our camp properties are operating summer camp.

For overnight rentals, check in begins at 4:30 p.m. and check out is 2:30 p.m. Buildings can also be rented for day use (five hours or less).

Two nights are recommended to truly experience “getting away” but troops can stay one night. GSWISE provides discounted rates to groups staying two nights.

Before Booking a Site

- Most times of the year, troops can book sites up to three months in advance – check with your troop to find desired date and location.
- Make sure all Girl Scouts and adults are currently registered members.
- Determine if you have an adult who has taken Outdoor Skills Training, which is required if you plan to cook over a fire.
 - If not, sign up for a training through GSWISE before your camp date.
- Determine who will be your first aider(s) and whether their certification will be current for your camp date.
 - If yes, have a copy of their certifications ready to upload at time of reservation.
 - If not, sign up for a First Aid/CPR Training through GSWISE before your camp date.

Step #3

To Reserve a Site:

- Go to www.gswise.org/troopcamping
- Click on the Rent Now! buttons. You will be able to see what is available in real time and pay with a credit card.
- Payment is due at the time of reservation.
- A confirmation packet will be sent to the contact person via email. This information may also be located with the activity in Volunteer Systems.

Step #4

After Booking:

- Plan your activities with your group.
- Attend any required trainings (First Aid/CPR, Outdoor Skills) and submit certificates to registration@gswise.org.
- Share troop camping information with all parents and drivers prior to the trip.
- Contact Site Manager if you have questions about your site. Tours are available.

Cancellations/Transfers

Rescheduling or transferring a booking is allowed one time as long as it occurs five weeks prior to the reservation date.

All cancellations need to be received in writing five weeks prior to the reservation date to receive a refund. Troops need to email registration@gswise.org to cancel a rental date. All but a \$10 processing fee will be refunded. No refunds will be given if the cancellation is less than five weeks prior to the rental date.

Troops will incur a \$25 processing fee when they request to transfer dates or switch program properties, within five weeks of the reservation.

GSWISE reserves the right to close a program property if the weather is too severe or if there is major equipment failure. If the council closes a program facility, a full refund will be issued.

Activities at Camp

| Camp Property | Archery*/Hatchet Throwing | Canoeing* and/or Kayaking | Fishing | Geocaching | Marked Hiking Trails | Stand Up Paddleboards | Snowshoeing | Sports Equipment | Swimming* | Fitness and Team Building Courses |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| Camp Alice Chester | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | |
| Camp Silver Brook | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| Chinook Program Center | X | | | X | X | | X | X | | X |
| Trefoil Oaks Program Center | X | | | X | X | | | X | | |

* Troops must have a current registered adult with an up-to-date certification for these activities.

Camp Alice Chester, East Troy, WI

Facilities for Rent

Troop Houses

Available September through May

- **Sunset Prairie**, sleeps 20; with indoor plumbing, heating, A/C, and Wi-Fi
- **Chaparral**, sleeps 24; with heating, A/C, outdoor latrine, and water source, access to shower house

Lodge

Available September through May

- Two large program spaces, commercial kitchen, and two outdoor decks (day use only)
- Capacity 180
- Year-round program facility

Seasonal Sites

Available May and September through mid-October

A-frame Cabins

- **Robinhood**, sleeps 28; with picnic shelter including refrigerator, flush toilets, access to shower house
- **Trailblazer**, sleeps 28; with picnic shelter, hand pump, latrines, access to shower house
- **Walden** (lakeside), sleeps 18; with picnic shelter including refrigerator and stove, latrines, access to shower house

Platform Tents

- **Frontier** (lake view), sleeps 30; with picnic shelter including refrigerator and stove, latrines, access to shower house
- **Pathfinder**, sleeps 30; with picnic shelter including refrigerator, flush toilets, access to shower house

Tent Camping

- Tents, with latrine, water

Explore and Enjoy the Great Outdoors

- Climbing
 - 40-foot rock wall
 - 10-foot bouldering wall
 - Enjoy two hours of rock climbing when you plan your camping trip in conjunction with one of our rock wall events
- Swan Lake – a private, natural lake
 - Fishing
 - Canoeing
 - Hiking
- Booth Lake
 - Swimming
 - Stand Up Paddleboarding
- Archery
- Hatchet throwing
- Playfield and sports equipment available for use

Camp Alice Chester is closed between Memorial Day and Labor Day for summer camp.

Contact Heather Rudolf 414-253-2927 or hrudolf@gswise.org for more information.

Additional photos and virtual tours available at gswise.org.

Fees for Girl Scout Troops/Members

| Location | Site | Fee | | Capacity |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------|
| Camp Alice Chester | Chaparral | \$60 / 1 night | \$110 / 2 nights | 24 |
| Camp Alice Chester | Frontier | \$40 / 1 night | \$70 / 2 nights | 30 |
| Camp Alice Chester | Lodge | \$110 / day | | 180 |
| Camp Alice Chester | Pathfinder | \$40 / 1 night | \$70 / 2 nights | 30 |
| Camp Alice Chester | Primitive Tent Site Oak Knoll | \$15 / 1 night | \$25 / 2 nights | 20 |
| Camp Alice Chester | Robinhood | \$50 / 1 night | \$90 / 2 nights | 28 |
| Camp Alice Chester | Sunset Prairie | \$80 / 1 night | \$150 / 2 nights | 22 |
| Camp Alice Chester | Trailblazer | \$50 / 1 night | \$90 / 2 nights | 28 |
| Camp Alice Chester | Walden | \$35 / 1 night | \$60 / 2 nights | 18 |



Lodge



Sunset Prairie



Swan Lake



Rock Climbing Walls



Walden

Camp Silver Brook, West Bend, WI

Facilities for Rent

Troop Houses

- **Jo Ann Mann Lodge troop house**, divided into two levels, overlooking Lucas Lake
 - **Upper level**, sleeps 18; with indoor plumbing, heating, A/C, Wi-Fi, outdoor deck
 - **Lower level**, sleeps 22; with indoor plumbing, heating, A/C, Wi-Fi, outdoor patio
- **Northstar**, sleeps 20; with indoor plumbing, heating, A/C, Wi-Fi, outdoor deck, lake view
- **Sandy Point**, sleeps 30; with indoor plumbing, heating, A/C, building is next to Lucas Lake

Seasonal Sites

Available May and September through mid-October

Cabins

- **Lookout Peak**, 9 cabins, sleeps 27; with enclosed shelter including refrigerator, electricity, lake view
- **Lakeside**, 6 cabins, sleeps 36; with shared picnic shelter, latrine, water source, electricity, lake view
- **Trailside**, 6 cabins, sleeps 36; with shared picnic shelter, latrine, water source, electricity, lake view, Available May 2022

Tent Camping

- **Tents**, with latrine, water supply
- **Dell unit**, tents with picnic shelter, lake view, latrine water source
- **Primitive**, tents, access to latrine and water supply

Seasonal Sites

Day Use Sites

- **Eagle Pavilion**, shelter, capacity 20; with handpump, next to Lucas Lake
- **All Camp Fire Scar**, capacity 125; with benches, lake view
- **Outdoor skills building**, capacity 30; with handpump, 2 fire scars

Explore and Enjoy the Great Outdoors

- Lucas Lake – a no-wake lake
 - Swimming
 - Kayaking
 - Canoeing
 - Fishing
 - Stand Up Paddleboarding
 - Mini Kayaking
- Hiking
 - Lucas Lake
 - Ice Age Trail
- Archery
- Hatchet throwing
- Geocaching
- Showshoeing
- Playfield and sports equipment available for use

Camp Silver Brook is closed between Memorial Day and Labor Day for summer day camp.

Contact Brigette David at 262-598-2208 or bdavid@gswise.org for more information.

Additional photos and virtual tours available at gswise.org.

Fees for Girl Scout Troops/Members

| Location | Site | Fee | | Capacity |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------|
| Camp Silver Brook | All Camp Fire Scar | \$10 / 1 day | | 125 |
| Camp Silver Brook | Eagle Pavilion | \$20 / 1 day | | 20 |
| Camp Silver Brook | Jo Ann Mann Lodge Lower | \$100 / 1 night | \$190 / 2 nights | 22 |
| Camp Silver Brook | Jo Ann Mann Lodge Upper | \$100 / 1 night | \$190 / 2 nights | 18 |
| Camp Silver Brook | Lookout Peak | \$40 / 1 night | \$75 / 2 nights | 27 |
| Camp Silver Brook | North Star | \$80 / 1 night | \$150 / 2 nights | 20 |
| Camp Silver Brook | Sandy Point | \$90 / 1 night | \$170 / 2 nights | 30 |
| Camp Silver Brook | Lakeside | \$55 / 1 night | \$100 / 2 nights | 36 |
| Camp Silver Brook | Trailside | \$55 / 1 night | \$100 / 2 nights | 36 |
| Camp Silver Brook | Dell | \$20 / 1 night | \$35 / 2 nights | 20 |
| Camp Silver Brook | Outdoor Skills Building | \$25 / day | | 30 |



Jo Ann Mann Lodge, Upper Level



Archery Range



Northstar



Silver Creek Bridge



Sandy Point



All Camp Fire Scar overlooking Lucas Lake

Chinook Program Center, Waukesha, WI

Facilities for Rent

Troop House

- Sleeps 30; with indoor plumbing, showers (new in 2021), heating, A/C, Wi-Fi, covered outdoor patio

Activity Station

- Sleeps 30; with indoor plumbing, heating, A/C, Wi-Fi

Woodwork Shop

- Heated woodworking shop with basic hand tools and safety equipment for troops to complete woodworking projects or other crafts.

Seasonal Sites

Available May through mid-October except when closed for five weeks in summer for day camp

Cabins

- **Maple Ridge** sleeps 18; with picnic shelter, hand pump, electricity, and latrines

Ridge Site

- Day use or tent site, capacity 40; with picnic shelter, latrine

Tent Camping

- Tents, with latrine, water

Explore and Enjoy the Great Outdoors

- Hiking
 - Maple Ridge Trail
 - 99 Steps Trail
- New! Fitness Course
- Archery
- Hatchet throwing
- Geocaching
- Team building course
- Snowshoeing
- Playfield and sports equipment available for use

Chinook Program Center is closed for five weeks in the summer for day camp.

Contact Kevin Kopps at 414-687-5890 or kkopps@gswise.org for more information

Additional photos and virtual tours available at gswise.org.

Fees for Girl Scout Troops/Members

| Location | Site | Fee | | Capacity |
|------------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|----------|
| Chinook Program Center | Activity Station* | \$85 / 1 night | \$160 / 2 nights | 30 |
| Chinook Program Center | Maple Ridge Cabins | \$35 / 1 night | \$60 / 2 nights | 18 |
| Chinook Program Center | Ridge Site | \$15 per day | \$25 / 2 nights | 40 |
| Chinook Program Center | Tent Site | \$15 / 1 night | \$25 / 2 nights | 20 |
| Chinook Program Center | Troop House | \$90 / 1 night | \$170 / 2 nights | 30 |
| Chinook Program Center | Woodwork shop | \$20 per day | | 15 |

*Only available during the summer or by exception



Picnic Area at Troop House



Inside Troop House



Maple Ridge Cabins



Troop House



Ridge Site



Fitness Course



Activity Station



Woodwork Shop

Trefoil Oaks Program Center, Kenosha, WI

Facilities for Rent

Troop Houses

- One house, divided into two sides
- **Bunk Room A**, sleeps 21; with indoor plumbing, heating, A/C, Wi-Fi, outdoor patio
- **Bunk Room B**, sleeps 21; with indoor plumbing, heating, A/C, Wi-Fi, outdoor patio

Great Hall

- Year-round program space
- Commercial kitchen, capacity 128

Woodwork Shop

- Heated woodworking shop with basic hand tools and safety equipment for troops to complete wood-working projects or other crafts.

Explore and Enjoy the Great Outdoors

- Archery
- Hatchet throwing
- Geocaching
- Playfield and sports equipment available for use
- Gaga ball pit

Trefoil Oaks Program Center is closed for three weeks in the summer for camp.

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Fees for Girl Scout Troops/Members

| Location | Site | Fee | | Capacity |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|----------|
| Trefoil Oaks Program Center | Bunk Room A | \$90 / 1 night | \$170 / 2 nights | 21 |
| Trefoil Oaks Program Center | Bunk Room B | \$90 / 1 night | \$170 / 2 nights | 21 |
| Trefoil Oaks Program Center | Great Hall | \$110 / day use | | 128 |
| Trefoil Oaks Program Center | Woodwork shop | \$20 per day | | 20 |



Sleepy Hollow Fire Scar



Woodwork Shop



Trefoil Oaks Program Center



Great Hall



Friendship Circle Flag Ceremony



Bunk Room

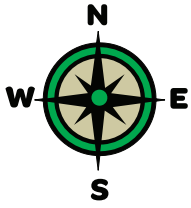


Gaga Ball Pit



Bunk Room Kitchen

Properties Operated by Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast



Camps and Program Centers



Camp Alice Chester (CAC)
N8651 Townline Road, East Troy



Chinook Program Center (CPC)
S62W24528 Townline Road, Waukesha



Fowler Troop House (FTH)
438 N. Oakwood Avenue, Oconomowoc
fowlertroophouse@gmail.com



Camp Silver Brook (CSB)
2561 W. Decorah Road, West Bend



Trefoil Oaks Program Center (TFOPC)
3901 First Street (County Road KR), Kenosha

