

2020 Non-GS Property Day Camp Information

Below you will find the information you need to start planning your 2020 day camp. If you have any questions regarding day camp reservations or planning, contact the Outdoor Experiences Managers:

- **Camp Prairie Schooner/Missouri Region** - Lauren Bolt – (816) 759-3018 or lbolt@gsksmo.org
- **Camp Tongawood/Kansas Region** – M.C. Rose - (816) 759-3016 or mrose@gsksmo.org

Non-GS Property Day Camps

SUs may choose to hold their day camp at a non-GS camp property. When selecting a non-GS property for day camp it is important to ensure the following key items:

- Has this site been used by other SUs as their Day Camp site in the past?
- Is there an area large enough for a variety of activities?
- Is there enough parking available on-site or will you need to use council buses?
- Are there adequate severe weather shelters available on site or nearby?
- Does the site and any activities adhere to the GSUSA Safety Activity Checkpoints? (Take special care to look up any adventure activities that your site may offer to make sure they meet guidelines i.e. archery, rock climbing, etc.)
-plus more

If you are needing assistance determining if a location is the right option for your SU Day Camp please contact the Outdoor Experiences Team or your council SU Support Manager/Membership Manager. Any SU planning a day camp at a non-GS property must complete the **Non-GS Property 2020 Day Camp Request Form** (<http://bit.ly/2AS9syo>) to notify and gain approval from council. SUs may not operate a non-council day camp without proper notification to council and approval. Non-council day camps follow all the same expectations and rules as those on council property.

Adventure Programming

Some non-council properties offer adventure programming. Remember that all adventure activities must follow Safety Activity checkpoints at all times. Any high risk/adventure activities must be led by trained and certified staff and may not be delivered by volunteers. When you put in your non-GS property day camp request you will be asked to provide details about potential adventure activities girls may participate in. In some cases additional information will be required in order for approval.

Non-Council Property Busing

Buses are not required for non-council property day camps, unless otherwise stated by the host property. Non-council property day camps will follow the same pricing for all their busing needs as additional busing for council properties. The cost of \$50/hour/bus for a 3-hour minimum per trip (Example: morning drop off to camp would be a 3-hour minimum trip, while afternoon pick up would be an additional 3-hour minimum trip for a total cost of \$300 per bus). Payment for buses requested for non-council property day camps is due 3 weeks prior to camp.

Questions about camp busing? Please contact Kathy Smith (kathysmith@gsksmo.org) to discuss your busing request.

Overnights

A maximum of two (2) non-consecutive overnights may be offered for girls who have completed grades K-11 (including teens). Consecutive overnights are not allowed at day camps.

Day Camp Workshops

The GSKSMO Outdoor team is continually developing tools and resources for SU day camp admin teams to deliver great day camp programs. Day Camp workshops for non-council sites will be offered via webinar and will be scheduled at a later date.

All SUs running day camps are expected to attend one of the Day Camp Workshop webinars when those are announced.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding non-GS property day camps please contact your Outdoor Experience Manager for your region listed above.