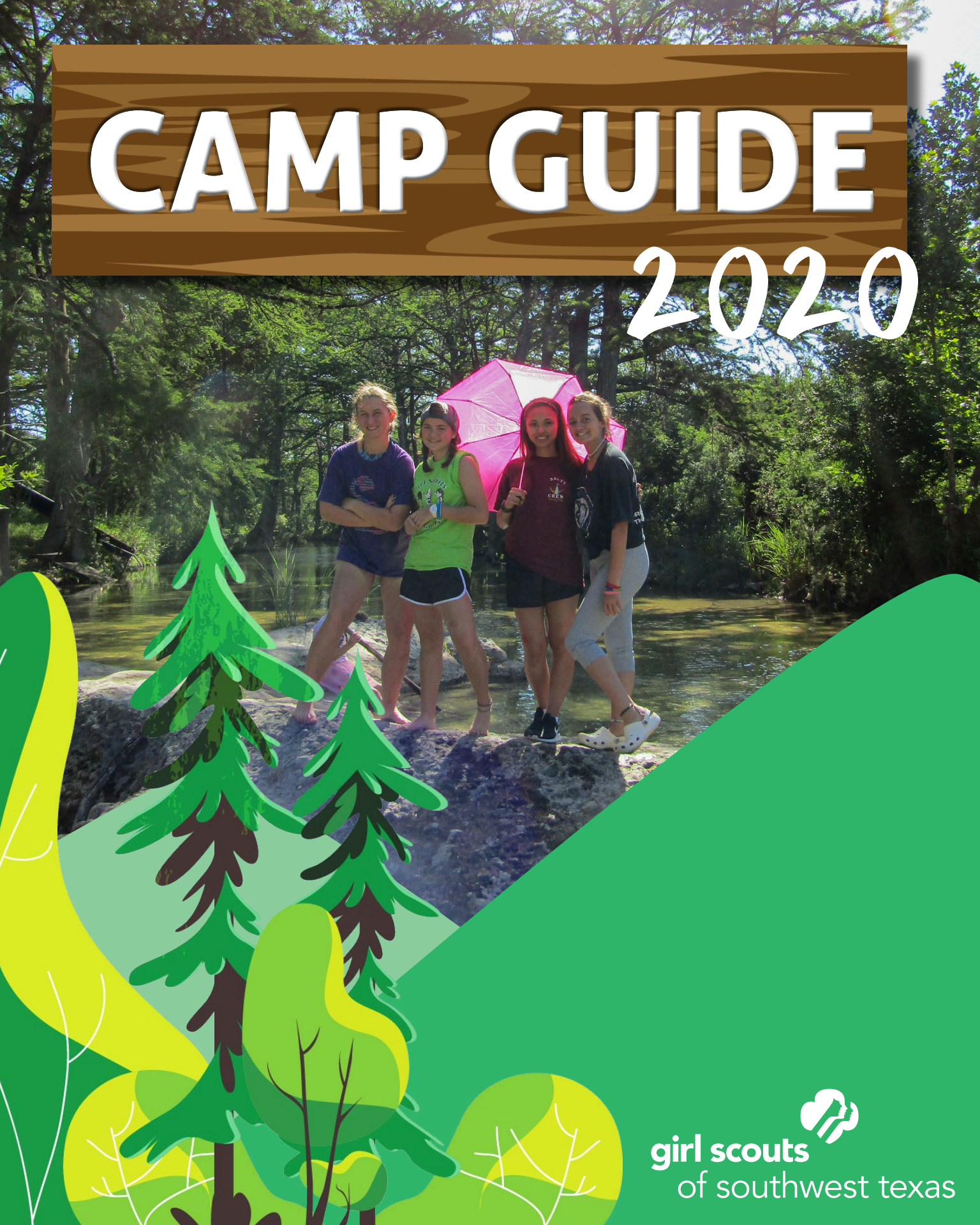


CAMP GUIDE

2020



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Welcome

It was only 108 years ago that we embarked on a quest to redefine the future for girls.

Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas, with the support of our volunteers and communities, continues to bring a comprehensive program to girls across our 21-county region.

Thank you for supporting our mission.

Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas (GSSWT) is chartered by Girl Scouts of the USA to provide the Girl Scout program in Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Dimmit, Edwards, Frio, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Maverick, Medina, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, Wilson and Zavala counties.

GSSWT is headquartered at the Sally Cheever Girl Scout Leadership Center in north central San Antonio.

»»→ Camp Cafés

Need help registering for camp?

Learn about camp opportunities, get assistance with registration and meet members of camp staff, if available.

Sally Cheever Girl Scout Leadership Center

- ▶ April 4 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- ▶ May 9 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Mark

Your

Adventure



THE CAMPING EXPERIENCE. Camp is a place where a girl can make new friends, explore the world around her and discover something she can't wait to do again. While playing outdoors, girls encounter more opportunities for decision-making that let them work together to problem solve and think creatively. Camp gives girls the chance to let their curiosity run free and spark new interests.

The best part is that ANY girl can attend Girl Scout camps!

Non-Girl Scouts simply pay an annual \$25 membership fee in addition to the camp fee to become a registered Girl Scout member.

Not a Girl Scout? Register online.

➔ girlscouts-swtx.org/join

OR email customercare@girlscouts-swtx.org

CAMP SESSION DISCOUNTS!

15%
March 3-17



10%
March 18-27

**Discounts may not apply to some sessions.*





Urban CAMPOREE

Open to the community

Come for the day or spend the night in the urban jungle for an outrageous Girl Scout adventure!

Saturday, May 2 | 1-4 p.m.
Texas A&M University - San Antonio
 1 University Way, 78224

\$10/person
 Free patch!

Activities include: Zipline, Rock Wall, STEM activities, outdoor fun & **MORE!**

Register today! girlscouts-swtx.org/UrbanCamp

\$35/person **Urban Camporee Sleepover**
 5 p.m. Saturday, May 2-9 a.m. Sunday, May 3
Includes: entrance to the day event, patch, dinner and light breakfast

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Questions? Contact us at
customercare@girlscouts-swtx.org
 or 210-349-2404 / 800-580-7247

SHINING STAR ENERGY
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Open House:
 May 21 or 28 | 5:30-7 p.m.
 West Side Girl Scout Leadership Center

The best of both worlds indoor and outdoor fun!

Camp Metro, our day camp, is held at the West Side Girl Scout Leadership Center, a safe place for girls to spend their summer while they embark on journeys in science, technology, engineering, arts and math that engage the senses while furthering development. Field trips are not only fun, but interactive.

Monday-Friday | 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

At no additional cost, before and after care is offered for all camp sessions from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. at both the Sally Cheever Girl Scout Leadership Center (SCGSLC) and the West Side Girl Scout Leadership Center (WSGSLC). Transportation is provided from SCGSLC to WSGSLC and back daily - girls must be checked in at SCGSLC by 8 a.m. Breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack is provided along with a camp t-shirt, field trip and Camp Metro patch(es) for the week.

Camp Director



Cindy Lira is our Girl Experience Coordinator and Camp Metro Director at the West Side Girl Scout Leadership Center. During the school year she oversees the Girl Genius after school tutoring program at the west side center. She also creates and implements events for all grade levels. Cindy has been part of the Camp Metro team for five summers.

"My involvement with Girl Scouts first began as a child for eight years. I was also a troop leader for eight years and a seasonal resident camp counselor at Camp Mira Sol for three years."

Cindy holds a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Development from Ashford University. Her past work experience includes 14 years in early childhood development at UTSA and Northside ISD.



Visit girlscouts-swtx.org/camp for more info on camp sessions and to register!

GENERAL SESSIONS

For girls entering grades K-8



Week 1: Creative Expressions

June 8-12

Field Trip: The Science Mill

Price: \$175

Creativity comes alive! Develop new skills and express yourself as you learn different art techniques used by contemporary artists such as exploding art, painting with feet and splatter paint.

Week 2: Come on Down, It's Game Show Week!

June 15-19

Field Trip: The DoSeum

Price: \$175

Everyone is a winner in our epic week where virtual and board games, sharing and critical thinking rule! Spin the wheel and you may be the lucky winner to compete against fellow campers in a variety of wacky games. You may get slimed!

Week 3: Let the Good Times Roll

June 22-26

Field Trip: TBD

Price: \$175

Get your party hat on! Let's celebrate and learn about special holidays around the world. Depart San Antonio and travel throughout the world. Arrive in different countries and discover new folk dances and food dishes while exploring new cultures.

Week 4: Stars & Stripes Celebration (3-Day Camp)

June 29-July 1

No Field Trip

Price: \$75

Show your patriotism and celebrate America's birthday during this red, white and blue packed 3-day camp. Take a fun break in the sun with water activities!

Week 5: All About Me-Sweet Escape

July 6-10

Field Trip: TBD

Price: \$175

Ever wonder what your body lotions and hair spray are made of and how they work? Become a scientist in the GS laboratory and discover how things are made! You'll be creating your own potions!

Week 6: Ultimate DIY

July 13-17

Field Trip: TBD

Price: \$175

Join the Ultimate DIY team and build your imagination! On this team you will learn to use a hammer, level and nails as you design your own creations that you can give or trade with friends and family. You will become a master in carpentry.

Week 7: Who Rules the World? GIRLS!

July 20-24

Field Trip: Natural Bridge Caverns

Price: \$175

Make a difference in your community while discovering your very own G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker and Leader) superpowers. You'll discover important skills to becoming a great leader and learn about women who have made the world a better place.

Week 8: Tropical Paradise

July 27-31

Field Trip: TBD

Price: \$175

Put on your leis, light the tiki torches and let's do the hula as we travel to our planet's tropical regions. Tropical islands are known for being warm and humid, so get ready for a cultural, culinary and historic adventure. Do you know tropical islands are home to one half of the world's animals and plants? Come learn all about it!

Week 9: Under the Sea

August 3-7

Field Trip: Morgan's Wonderland

Price: \$175

Want to make an octopus? Feel like challenging Neptune? Mermaids, shells, fish, whales and sharks abound as we explore life under the sea through nature projects and storytelling. Of course, no Under the Sea week would be complete without some wet, wild and wacky water games to beat the summer heat.





Summer Camp PA/CIT Orientation*

*Discounts do not apply to this session.

April 4 OR 11 | \$20

9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

West Side Girl Scout Leadership Center

Prerequisites:

- PA: PA 101
- CIT I/II: PA 101 & CIT I/II training

NOTE: This is an annual MANDATORY requirement for all certified PAs and CITs intending to PA/CIT at Camp Metro

Counselor-In-Training I (CIT I)

Entering grades 9–12

Weeks 2 & 3: June 15–26

Price: \$300

Discover your hidden talents and share them with younger girls during this two-week session. Learn what it takes to plan activities; teach younger girls new skills; explore behind the scenes of Camp Metro; and visit other day camps during the second week to learn about other CIT opportunities.

Required: PA 101 training and at least one summer as a PA at Camp Metro.

NOTE: This CIT training is specific to Camp Metro. It does NOT cover the requirements to be a CIT at Camp La Jita.

Counselor-In-Training II (CIT II)

Entering grades 11–12

Weeks 5 & 6: July 6–17

Price: \$300

Continue to expand your skills as you build on your previous Camp Metro experiences. In this two-week session you will improve your leadership techniques and plan activities. During week two, specialize in an age group or another behind the scenes leader position of your choosing and visit area day camps.

Required: Completion of CIT I training and at least one summer as a CIT I at Camp Metro.

NOTE: This CIT training is specific to Camp Metro. It does NOT cover the requirements to be a CIT at Camp La Jita.

Program Aide (PA) Team*

Entering grades 7–12

Join the Camp Metro PA Team and take on a leadership role during summer day camp. You'll have a great time while being a role model for campers and helping to facilitate camp activities.

Required:

- MUST be 12-years-old entering the 7th grade with 25 hours of PA experience** OR 13-years-old entering the 8th grade
- Completion of PA 101 training
- Completion of Summer Camp PA/CIT Orientation
- Submission of Camp PA application (provided at orientation)

**MUST submit signed PA log or GivePulse summary at orientation

Counselor-In-Training (CIT) Team*

Entering grades 10–12

Sharpen your leadership skills by joining the Camp Metro CIT Team. As a role model to campers and mentor for program aides, you will work side-by-side with the camp counselors planning and facilitating camp activities. Have fun while taking the first step to becoming a Camp Metro counselor.

Required:

- Completion of CIT I and/or CIT II
- Completion of Summer Camp PA/CIT Orientation**
- Submission of CIT I/CIT II application (provided at orientation)

**Not to be confused with Counselor-In-Training I/II

Session Dates (PA and CIT Team)

Week 1: June 8–12 \$50	Week 2: June 15–19 \$50	Week 3: June 22–26 \$50
Week 4: June 29–July 1 \$30	Week 5: July 6–10 \$50	Week 6: July 13–17 \$50
Week 7: July 20–24 \$50	Week 8: July 27–31 \$50	Week 9: August 3–7 \$50

*Discounts do not apply to these sessions.



Girl Scout Shop



Images shown for illustration purposes only. Actual product may vary.

CAMP CARE PACKAGES!

DELIVERED AT CAMP CHECK-IN!

This year your Girl Scout's camp care package will be delivered to her when she checks into Camp La Jita so she can utilize her goodies all week long!

Available for purchase via online camp registration or in the Girl Scout shops!

NEW THIS YEAR! BUILD A PACKAGE!

Choose from 1-8 items for your Girl Scout's Camp Care Package!

- 2020 camp t-shirt
- 7-in-1 LED pop-up lantern
- Mini stuffed animal with Camp La Jita t-shirt
- Mess kit
- 2020 camp patch
- Camp journal
- Mini mister
- Cooling towel in case



(includes plate, bowl, cup with handle, utensils and dunking bag)

*Camp care packages are limited to Camp La Jita resident camp only. Camp care packages can be purchased in the Girl Scout shops up to one week prior to your Girl Scout's first day of her camp session. While supplies last. Actual items may differ from items pictured.

ANNUAL CAMP SALE

Bring this coupon into the shop for an **ADDITIONAL 5% OFF CAMP ITEMS ALL MAY!***

*Discount can only be added to annual camp sale and cannot be combined with any other offers. Coupon is one-time use only and must be surrendered at time of purchase. Photocopies and digital copies **will not** be accepted. Coupon is only valid May 2020.



Open House:

April 18 | 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

May 17 | 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Camp La Jita

19459 Ranch Rd. 187, Utopia, TX 78884

Camp life is the best life.

Girls will gain self-confidence and personal growth while enjoying a shared independence under the guidance of trained camp staff. Campers will reside in rustic cabins at one of Camp La Jita's seven living units with other girls their age and two or more counselors whose cabins are nearby.

Evenings promise more adventures from stargazing to campfire sing-alongs. Kapers, or camp chores, will also be a part of each day's routine to help develop a sense of care and appreciation for keeping camp neat and clean. Did we mention our campers also help plan and cook their own campfire dinner with their unit on Thursday nights? Meals are served three times a day in Great Hall, our central dining facility, as well as afternoon snacks.

Camp Director



Howdy! Meet our new Camp La Jita Director Amanda Laurel. Amanda is excited to meet our risk-takers this summer and is thrilled to provide them an opportunity to learn new skills and explore the outdoors! Amanda has 6 years of experience in the ropes course and zip line world and is excited to help develop the new adventure course at Camp La Jita. Her previous experience as a camp counselor and program director include Camp Young Judaea, TAMU Camp Adventure and City of Bryan Parks and Recreation. Amanda received her Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology from Texas A&M University-College Station and she enjoys being active and spending time outside.

Resident Camp Renovations

We appreciate your patience as we renovated Camp La Jita and develop an online reservation system that will make it easy for your use.

We can't wait for you to experience the improvements this camp season!

1. A NEW Adventure Course

Be the first one to try it this summer!



2. Champuli & Sakapa Cabin Pods

- Renovated restrooms
- Updated fixtures, windows and doors
- Added air conditioning
- New fire ring

3. Great Hall

- New kitchen ceiling
- Added ceiling fans
- Re-polished floor
- New outdoor deck

Visit girlscouts-swtx.org/camp for more info on camp sessions and to register!

»» **One- & two-week sessions**

Check in: 3-4 p.m. Sunday	Check out: 3-4 p.m. Friday
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»» **3-day sessions**

Check in: 3-4 p.m. Sunday	Check out: 3-4 p.m. Tuesday
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NEW Sessions

For girls entering grades 6-12

Week 2: Archaeology Adventure

June 21-26 **Price: \$350**

Girl Scouts will read, write, think and dream archeology. Learn how to perform an excavating shovel test, use modern technology to survey historic sites and work alongside UTSA archeologists to uncover Camp La Jita's 8,000 year-old secrets! This science camp will provide girls with knowledge about professional-grade geospatial positioning systems (GPS) and exposure to today's software used to process archaeological data. The work completed during this camp session will contribute to real ongoing research and help preserve the site for the use of Girl Scouts!



Week 2: Reach New Heights – Adventure Land

June 21-26 **Price: \$350**

This session is a MUST for girls who like something different, challenging and exhilarating! Build your confidence, learn to trust in a team environment and strengthen your communication skills as you reach new heights and zig-zag through majestic cypress trees at Camp La Jita. This session is designed to challenge girls to push themselves as they conquer Camp La Jita's new adventure course.



Week 1: Water Otters

For girls entering grades 1-12

June 14-19 **Price: \$350**

Swimming, swimming and more swimming! Water volleyball, water polo, water races, water wars - it's all about water this week. Have a splash hanging out in the pool, canoeing, fishing and tubing the Sabinal River. Both water and "dry time" activities are planned the entire week.

Week 3: Pic N' Mix (3-Day Beginner Session)

For girls entering grades 1-12

June 28-30 **Price: \$200**

Are you itching for camp but not quite ready for a week away from home? Come to camp for a shortened 3-day experience. Enjoy days jam-packed full of all that camp has to offer! We'll discover the stories behind Storybook Tree, zorbing where dinosaurs walked and swimming in the beautiful Sabinal River. The fun does not stop there! Come to camp to find out all the fun things we have planned. Don't worry - you'll still have s'mores by the campfire.

Pic N Mix camp will get you ready for a full week of camp next summer.

Week 3: Holiday Party

For girls entering grades 1-12

June 28-July 3 **Price: \$350**

Camp's favorite holiday celebrations are jam-packed into ONE WEEK! We'll hunt for eggs, feast like it's Thanksgiving, make holly jolly cookies and celebrate Independence Day with fireworks. The party never stops! Bring your most festive attire for your favorite holidays and get ready for a HUGE celebration!

Week 4: Nature Unleashed

For girls entering grades 1-12

July 5-10 **Price: \$350**

It's the classic summertime experience - hiking, star gazing, biking, nature activities, campfires and so much s'more! Spend the week learning outdoor living skills like fire building, orienteering, shelter building, archery and outdoor cooking. Culminate your outdoor journey with a sleepover under the stars.

Week 5: Jurassic Park

For girls entering grades 1-12

July 12-17 **Price: \$350**

La Jita's dinosaurs are BACK and ready to hang with you during this awesome week of summer fun! We'll walk where the dinosaurs walked, dig for fossils and ancient artifacts and spend the night hunting for dinosaur eggs! Join us on this journey to prehistoric times where maybe - just maybe - you'll be lucky enough to see a real dinosaur!

Week 6: Passport to Fun

For girls entering grades 1-12

July 19-24

Price: \$350

Grab your passports - we're going around the world in six days! Adventure awaits you this summer as you explore new cultures and taste new cuisines. Play soccer in Mexico, hike through rainforests in Costa Rica, swim at the beaches of Barbados and eat pizza in Italy. Enjoy all that camp has to offer while learning about countries around the world!

Week 7: Water Otters

For girls entering grades 1-12

July 26-31

Price: \$350

Swimming, swimming and more swimming! Water volleyball, water polo, water races, water wars - it's all about water this week. Have a splash hanging out in the pool, canoeing, fishing and tubing the Sabinal River. Both water and "dry time" activities are planned the entire week.

Week 8: Pic N' Mix (3-Day Beginner Session)

For girls entering grades 1-12

August 2-4

Price: \$200

Are you itching for camp but not quite ready for a week away from home? Come to camp for a shortened 3-day experience. Enjoy days jam-packed full of all that camp has to offer! We'll discover the stories behind Storybook Tree, zorbing where dinosaurs walked and swimming in the beautiful Sabinal River. The fun does not stop there! Come to camp to find out all the fun things we have planned. Don't worry - you'll still have s'mores by the campfire.

Pic N Mix camp will get you ready for a full week of camp next summer.

Week 8: Play, Make, Create

For girls entering grades 1-12

August 2-7

Price: \$350

Show off your inner artist! Spend the week creating works of art that explore and capture the camping spirit through painting, sculpting, photography and more. Draw your inspiration from fun activities such as hiking, zorbing, swimming and archery.



Summer Camp

PA/CIT Orientation*

**Discounts do not apply to this session.*

April 4 OR 11 | \$20

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

West Side Girl Scout Leadership Center

Prerequisites:

- PA: PA 101
- CIT I/II: PA 101 & CIT I/II training

NOTE: This is an annual MANDATORY requirement for all certified PAs and CITs intending to PA/CIT at Camp Metro and/or Camp La Jita.

Counselor-In-Training I (CIT I)

For girls entering grades 9-12

Price: \$300/session

Weeks 1-2: June 14-26

Weeks 5-6: July 12-24

Discover your hidden talents and prepare to share them with younger girls at this two-week session. You will learn to plan activities and teach younger girls new skills. Go behind the scenes of Camp La Jita and visit other camps during the second week to learn about other CIT opportunities.

Required: PA 101 training and at least one summer as a PA at Camp La Jita.

Counselor-In-Training II (CIT II)

For girls entering grades 11-12

Price: \$300/session

Weeks 3-4: June 28-July 10

Weeks 5-6: July 12-24

Continue to expand your skills as you build on your previous Camp La Jita experiences. In this two-week session, you will improve your teaching techniques and plan a session. During week two, specialize in an outdoor camp area - such as Dabblers Den, archery, etc. - or a grade level of your choosing and visit area camps.

Required: Completion of CIT I training and at least one summer as a CIT I at Camp La Jita.

Program Aide (PA)*

Price: \$75/session

For girls entering grades 7-12

*Discounts do not apply to this session.

Week 1: June 14-19	Week 2: June 21-26	Week 3: June 28-July 3	Week 4: July 5-10
Week 5: July 12-17	Week 6: July 19-24	Week 7: July 26-31	Week 8: August 2-7

Take on a leadership role at summer resident camp by being part of the Camp La Jita PA team. Be a role model for campers and help unit leaders facilitate camp activities. Grow your leadership skills while having fun with a purpose.

Required:

- MUST be 12-years-old entering the 7th grade with 25 hours of PA experience** OR 13-years-old entering the 8th grade
- Completion of PA 101 training
- Completion of Summer Camp PA/CIT Orientation
- Submission of Camp PA application (provided at orientation)

** MUST submit signed PA log or GivePulse summary at orientation

Counselor-In-Training (CIT) Team*

Price: \$75/session

For girls entering grades 10-12

*Discounts do not apply to this session.

Week 1: June 14-19	Week 2: June 21-26	Week 3: June 28-July 3	Week 4: July 5-10
Week 5: July 12-17	Week 6: July 19-24	Week 7: July 26-31	Week 8: August 2-7

Want to be a camp counselor in the future? There is no better way to sharpen your leadership skills than by joining the Camp La Jita CIT team. As a CIT I you will have fun assisting unit leaders and help plan and facilitate camp activities. As a CIT II you will continue to strengthen your skills in your chosen specialty, helping to make camp a success for campers of all ages.

Required:

- Completion of CIT I and/or CIT II
- Completion of Summer Camp PA/CIT Orientation**
- Submission of CIT I/CIT II application (provided at orientation)

**Not to be confused with Counselor-In-Training I/II



Smooth Sailing

For girls entering grades 7-12

June 21-26

Price: \$300

Medina Lake

Join us as we sail Sunfish sailboats around Medina Lake. As a novice or mate you will learn the techniques used by sailors around the world. You will rig, de-rig and learn how to use the wind to sail. By Friday you will have enough skill to give your parents a boat ride. The United States Sailing Association Course will be our guide for developing skills. You will participate in special projects, campfires, and sing our favorite songs! And of course, playing in the lake is always on the schedule!

Prerequisites: Swim 25 yards and support self fully clothed in deep water for three minutes. Need to weigh 75 lbs. or more. Must be emotionally prepared to live and work in a group situation with peers (tent camping, crewing a boat), and physical stability to load and unload small boats in groups.

Skippers

For girls entering grades 9-12

June 21-26

Price: \$300

Medina Lake

Skippers will continue mastering their United States Sailing Association Skills using Sunfish, sloops and Hobie Cat boats. Skippers will develop leadership and mentoring skills while participating in camp activities. Projects, campfires, singing our favorite songs and playing in the lake are always included!

Prerequisite: Successful completion of the novice and mate years at GSSWT summer sailing camp.

Counselor-In-Training (CIT)

For girls entering grades 11-12

June 20-27

Price: \$200

Medina Lake

This is for experienced girls who wish to extend their sailing experience to include pre-and post-camp. CIT's will lead group activities and will stay over Saturday and Friday nights for an extra day of sailing, cleaning up and closing camp. The lake is the perfect place to develop leadership and mentoring skills while staying cool!

Prerequisites: Successful completion of novice, mate and skipper years at GSSWT summer sailing camp.



Pony Tails

For girls entering grades 2-3

Price: \$400/session

Week 2: June 21-26	Week 4: July 5-10
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Grab your boots and saddle up! Try this beginner riding program created just for Girl Scout Brownies. Learn basic horseback riding and horse care. Give a horse a makeover and make yummy horse treats. *This is perfect for girls who are new to horses and want to learn more!*

Horse N' Me

For girls entering grades 4-5

Price: \$400/session

Week 1: June 14-19	Week 2: June 21-26	Week 3: June 28-July 3	Week 4: July 5-10
Week 5: July 12-17	Week 7: July 26-31	Week 8: August 2-7	

Spend your days at camp learning to ride horses. You will learn how to ride a horse at a walk and a trot and go on relaxing trail rides. When you are not at the barn you will have fun swimming, canoeing, playing games, outdoor cooking and so much more. Grab your boots and hats and join us at the barn. *This is perfect for beginners!*

Saddle Up

For girls entering grades 6-8

Price: \$400/session

Week 1: June 14-19	Week 2: June 21-26	Week 3: June 28-July 3	Week 4: July 5-10
Week 5: July 12-17	Week 7: July 26-31	Week 8: August 2-7	

Giddy up girl, let's ride! Take daily trips to the barn to practice horsemanship skills. Enjoy a relaxing trail ride through camp and feed your horse homemade treats. Experience a sleepover under the stars with your new equine friends. When you're not saddling up, spend your time at the river, pool, archery field and Storybook Tree. *This is perfect for beginners!*

Saddle Sidekicks

For girls entering grades 6-8

Price: \$600/session

Weeks 3-4: June 28-July 10	Weeks 5-6: July 12-24
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Time to get back in the saddle! Work in the arena to develop and sharpen your horsemanship skills, ride daily (weather permitting), enjoy a sleepover and cookout at the barn, go on trail rides and put on a show for your family at the end of the session. Also, enjoy the other fun activities like swimming, hiking, canoeing, outdoor cooking and much more.

Prerequisite: Must be able to control a horse at a walk and trot, as well as lead a horse properly.

Night Riders

For girls entering grades 9-12

Price: \$600/session

Weeks 3-4: June 28-July 10	Weeks 5-6: July 12-24
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Ride into the sunset after a day of barrel racing, western pleasure riding, trail riding and improving your skills! Don't forget about the sleepover you'll have with your horse on the trail. At the end of your two-week session, display your talents in a performance for your family!

Prerequisite: Must be able to control a horse at a walk and trot, as well as lead a horse properly.

Equestrian Aide

For girls entering grades 9-12

Price: \$200/session

*Discounts do not apply to these sessions.

Week 1: June 14-19	Week 2: June 21-26	Week 3: June 28-July 3	Week 4: July 5-10
Week 5: July 12-17	Week 6: July 19-24	Week 7: July 26-31	Week 8: August 2-7

You will work under the supervision of the riding director to learn horse care and stable management. Time will be spent at the barn improving your skills and teaching younger girls. This is an awesome way to share your love for horses with other campers! It's not all work and no play - enjoy archery, canoeing, hiking, swimming and other camp favorites when you're not at the barn.

Prerequisite: Must have attended Wild West and/or Night Riders session for two years - submit dates with registration.



1) Where is camp located?

Camp Metro: At the West Side Girl Scout Leadership Center located at 5622 W. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd. in San Antonio.

Camp La Jita: Located at 19459 Ranch Rd. 187, two miles south of Utopia, Texas. A map to Camp La Jita will be included in your confirmation packet.

2) What paperwork do I need to complete?

Prior to dropping a girl off for her first session of summer camp, be sure her health information and other forms (ex: release form(s), medication form and camper profile) have been filled out and submitted via CampDoc.com. Look for email notifications sent to her parent or caregiver after a girl is registered. Be sure to review your confirmation packet for instructions on which forms to hand-carry to the first day of each camp session.

3) What are quick pass tags?

Save time and complete Pre-check-in! Quick pass tags will save you time and waiting in long lines at camp check-in. Once you have registered a girl(s) for a camp session and completed all information on CampDoc.com for your camper(s) to 100%, you can stop by the GSSWT Customer Care office at the Sally Cheever Girl Scout Leadership Center and receive a quick pass tag that you will utilize to check-in and check-out your camper. Remember, all information in CampDoc.com must be completed and a green checkmark is displayed next to all online forms to qualify for a quick pass tag.

4) Is transportation provided?

GSSWT provides transportation from the Sally Cheever Girl Scout Leadership Center (our north central office) to Camp Metro at the West Side Girl Scout Leadership Center daily at no additional cost. Girls dropped off at the Sally Cheever leadership center need to arrive and check-in no later than 8 a.m. and may be picked up after 4:30 p.m. (arrival time may vary depending on traffic conditions). Transportation is provided by a professional and licensed bus service with trained drivers.

Transportation is NOT provided to or from Camp La Jita.

5) Is before and after care provided?

Before and after care is included in the cost of each Camp Metro session. Girls may be dropped off at either location as early as 7 a.m. and need to be picked up no later than 6 p.m. each day. Camp activities take place from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day.

Camp La Jita is a resident camp, so girls are cared for 24 hours a day each day of their session.

6) What time is check-in and check-out?

Camp Metro check-in and check-out times vary by drop-off location. At the Sally Cheever Girl Scout Leadership Center, check-in time is from 7 – 8 a.m. and check-out time is from 4:30 – 6 p.m. each day. At the West Side Girl Scout Leadership Center, check-in time is from 7 – 9 a.m. and check-out time is from 4 – 6 p.m. each day.

At Camp La Jita, check-in time is from 3 – 4 p.m. on the first day of each session and check-out time is from 3 – 4 p.m. on the last day of each session.

7) What is the phone number at camp?

You may reach Camp Metro by calling 210-349-2404 ext. 400. The phone number for Camp La Jita is 830-966-3526. For a serious emergency, call 210-349-2404 24 hours a day, seven days a week (toll free 1-800-580-7247).

8) When will I be notified of an illness?

While we strive to prevent illnesses and injuries at camp, sometimes campers can get hurt or become sick.

a. You will be notified of minor illnesses and injuries, such as blisters, scratches or cuts requiring a Band-Aid, minor sunburns or insect bites at the end of the day for Camp Metro or at the end of the session for Camp La Jita.

b. If your camper has an illness or injury that concerns the health supervisor or camp director, such as elevated temperature, vomiting, diarrhea, burns, sprains or a medical situation that may require your camper to be treated at a medical facility, you will be contacted immediately.

c. Camp Metro is served by San Antonio Fire Department EMS.

d. Camp La Jita is served by Utopia Volunteer EMS and Uvalde Memorial Hospital.

9) What's the weather like at camp?

The weather varies by location but is generally hot and humid. The average high temperature is mid-90s with an average low temperature of mid-70s. At both camps, girls spend time outdoors and Camp La Jita has limited facilities with air conditioning.

10) I did not receive a confirmation packet or permission forms, where do I get them?

If you have registered and paid your deposit for a camp session and have not received an email from CampDoc.com, contact Customer Care at 210-349-2404 (toll free 1-800-580-7247) or email customer-care@girlscouts-swtx.org.

11) Can my camper have a cell phone if it doesn't get service and will only be used as a camera?

No. Camp is a time to unplug. Remind yourself why your Girl Scout is going to camp – to have a new experience and spend time with her fellow campers rather than calling or texting home. If your child is having a problem that requires getting in touch, camp staff will facilitate a phone call. Please send girls with a digital camera since all cell phones will be collected. No exceptions.

12) How can we communicate with our camper at Camp La Jita?

a. Send one-way messages (Camp La Jita ONLY) by purchasing a CampGram via CampDoc.com for \$.50 each. NOTE: CampGrams must be sent by Wednesday the week of camp to guarantee that your camper will receive it.

b. You can hand carry mail for your camper and leave it at check-in or you can mail it a few days in advance. Don't forget to put your Girl Scout's name, session name (ex: Saddle Up) and what day you would like her mail delivered.

13) How do you handle food allergies?

We are happy to offer accommodations for food allergies. Be sure your Girl Scout's food allergy is specified in her health information via CampDoc.com. If we are unable to accommodate her food allergy(ies), our staff will work with you to develop an appropriate plan. Prior to registering for camp, contact Customer Care at 210-349-2404 (toll free 1-800-580-7247) or email customer-care@girlscouts-swtx.org to discuss your specific requirements.

14) What items are not allowed at camp?

Be sure to leave gum, candy, food, cell phones and other mobile devices, as well as valuable jewelry at home. Camp staff will collect items that are not permitted and return them to girls at the end of the day (for Camp Metro) or the end of the session (for Camp La Jita).

15) Can I visit my Girl Scout at camp?

No. Visiting girls during camp sessions is not allowed. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to tour camp facilities during each camp's open house, as well as talk with staff at the time of your arrival or departure.

16) What if she leaves something behind?

GSSWT is not responsible for personal belongings left at our camp facilities. Lost and found items will be kept securely at the West Side Girl Scout Leadership Center. Any unclaimed items will be donated to another nonprofit on August 31, 2020. You can contact Customer Care at 210-349-2404 (toll free 1-800-580-7247) or email customer-care@girlscouts-swtx.org for assistance in claiming your property.

17) Why do staff counselors sleep separate from the girls?

Staff counselors do not stay in the same cabins or tents as girls to afford both girls and staff privacy. The practice also allows girls to develop a sense of independence. Staff counselors stay in cabins or tents close by so your Girl Scout is always supervised and easy to reach in case of an emergency.

18) Are water activities safe?

Water activities follow Girl Scouts of the USA's Safety Activity Checkpoints and are supervised with the best interest, health and safety of every girl in mind. At Camp La Jita, waterfront activities take place in the Sabinal River. Sailing camp sessions take place at Medina Lake. All waterfront (river and lake) activities are dependent on the recommendation of the Corps of Engineers as to the safety of the water level (too low or too high) and the bacteria count.

19) Can my Girl Scout choose her cabin/tent mate?

Which cabin and/or tent your girl will sleep in is not preassigned. Girls will have the opportunity to choose their cabin and/or tent mate(s). Staff counselors do their best to ensure girls are placed with their chosen cabin/tent mate(s).

20) What if we forgot something and are already at camp?

Chances are we have extra. Simply speak with your Girl Scout's staff counselor when you arrive to see about borrowing an item (ex: towel, bedding, etc.).

Questions? Contact Customer Care at 210-349-2404 (toll free 1-800-580-7247) or customer-care@girlscouts-swtx.org

HOW TO REGISTER

Online registration

Register for camp online! Now you can sign your girl up for any summer camp session we offer at girlscouts-swtx.org/camp.

New member:

1. Set up an online account. Visit girlscouts-swtx.org/join to get started today.
2. Register for the membership year and pay the \$25 membership fee to become an active member.
3. As a Girl Scout member, you may register for camp sessions as well as future events and trainings. Simply visit girlscouts-swtx.org/camp to get started!

Already a member:

1. Go to girlscouts-swtx.org/camp. Choose to view a list of sessions at either Camp Metro Day Camp or Camp La Jita Resident Camp.
2. Select your Camp Metro or Camp La Jita session. Click the green “Register” link to get to our event registration platform.
3. Verify you have selected the correct camp session.
4. Click the red “Register” button.
5. You will be prompted to “Logon” or “Create New User Profile.”

If you have registered for an event in the past, simply “Logon” with your credentials to continue with your registration. If you have forgotten your “Logon” click “Logon” and then click “Need help logging on?” or contact Customer Care at 210-349- 2404 (toll free 800-580-7247) or email customer-care@girlscouts-swtx.org for assistance.

If you are new to the registration platform and have not registered for an event or activity before, you will need to “Create New User Profile” and activate an account in the registration platform.

Paper registration

Camp registration forms may also be mailed to or dropped off at the Sally Cheever Girl Scout Leadership Center (811 N Coker Loop, San Antonio, Texas 78216) or the West Side Girl Scout Leadership Center (5622 W César E Chávez Blvd., San Antonio, Texas 78237). The forms are available at girlscouts-swtx.org/camp. Helpful hint—be sure you are using the correct form for each camp session!

Contact Customer Care at 210-349- 2404 (toll free 800-580-7247) or email customer-care@girlscouts-swtx.org with any questions.

Confirmation packet – CampDoc.com

Whether you register online or at one of our leadership centers, each camper’s parent or caregiver will receive a notification email from CampDoc.com which will prompt you to create an account if you do not already have one. You will use CampDoc.com to fill out and submit health information and other forms (ex: release form(s), medication form and camper profile), and will receive directions, an equipment list and general information. Several forms in the confirmation packet require original signatures, so if you are unable to fill these forms out online, be sure to print and fill them out prior to your Girl Scout’s first day of camp. Having the required forms filled out in advance will save you time when you drop off your Girl Scout.

You should receive your notification email from CampDoc.com no later than two weeks prior to the start of each session. We recommend you add “campdoc.com” to your email’s safe sender list to avoid this important message being sent to your junk or spam folder.

If you do not receive your notification email from CampDoc.com, contact Customer Care at 210-349-2404 (toll free 800-580-7247) or email customer-care@girlscouts-swtx.org. Confirmation packets will not be mailed.

»→ Camp Cafés

Need help registering for camp?

Learn about camp opportunities, get assistance with registration and meet members of camp staff, if available.

Sally Cheever Girl Scout Leadership Center

- ▶ April 4 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- ▶ May 9 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Deposits

A \$10 nonrefundable and nontransferable deposit is required for each Camp Metro session per camper at the time of registration (online or paper).

A \$50 nonrefundable and nontransferable deposit is required for each Camp La Jita/resident camp session per camper at the time of registration (online or paper).

Deposits will be applied to the corresponding total session fee. Deposits made online are accepted in the form of Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express card payments. Deposits made in-person are inclusive of the above credit cards as well as check, cash and money orders. Cookie Credits and Nut Bucks are NOT accepted as a camp deposit but can be used toward payment after the deposit is successfully made.

Payments

Our online registration platform will allow for up to three payments (deposit/second payment/final balance payment). Otherwise, payment in full is accepted at the time of your online registration. If your Girl Scout is confirmed for a camp session and the balance due is not received by the end of business on the payment due date, your registration will be cancelled. If you are making payments toward a camp balance, all balances must be paid in full before close of business; ten business days before the first day of each camp session. Multiple payments may be made at the Sally Cheever Girl Scout Leadership Center by calling Customer Care at 210-349- 2404 (toll free 800-580-7247) or by visiting the Customer Care office during regular business hours. Payments may also be made at the West Side Girl Scout Leadership Center.

Non-Girl Scout Fee—Any girl can attend Girl Scout camps. Non-Girl Scouts simply pay an annual \$25 membership fee in addition to the camp fee and enjoy a Girl Scout membership. All girls attending Girl Scout camp must be registered Girl Scouts. Financial assistance is available.

Non-Council Girl Scout Fee—For Girl Scouts residing outside GSSWT’s service area, there is an additional \$50 fee per session that is paid at the time of registration.

Cookie Credits and Nut Bucks—We encourage girls to use their Cookie Credits and Nut Bucks to pay for summer camp! Cookie Credits and Nut Bucks earned by individual girls may not be used to pay for deposits, only for the balance of camp session fees. Girl Scouts wanting to use Cookie Credits or Nut Bucks to pay for summer camp are

asked to register for the session(s) of your choice online, pay the required deposit and then contact Customer Care at 210-349-2404 (toll free 800-580-7247) or email customer-care@girlscouts-swtx.org.

Note: Cookie Credits and Nut Bucks are to be used for the girls who earned them and not another registrant.

For out-of-council Cookie Credits and Nut Bucks, please contact your home council to request a check payable to GSSWT.

Financial Assistance

Registering for camp online but still need financial assistance? No problem! Register and pay the required deposit online, then submit the Camp Financial Assistance form online at girlscouts-swtx.org/camp after you check-out. The form should correspond to your online registration and must be complete for consideration. Incomplete forms may reduce the amount of financial assistance you receive. Financial assistance requests are due by April 11, 2020. Requests may be sent after April 11; however, financial assistance funds may not be available. Financial assistance cannot be transferred to another week or registrant. Questions may be directed to Customer Care at 210-349-2404 (toll free 800-580-7247) or email customer-care@girlscouts-swtx.org.

Refunds and Cancellations

Refunds generally take 7–15 business days to process unless otherwise notified. If a camp session is cancelled by GSSWT for any reason, a full refund will be given. If a cancellation is made by the customer no later than three weeks prior to the first day of the camp session, the customer will receive a refund minus the deposit fee. If a cancellation is made by the customer within three weeks of the first day of the camp session, a refund will not be given. If a camper does not pass the physical examination or an unexpected illness occurs prior to the camp session’s start date, you may request a refund and the amount will be determined on a case by case basis. There will be no refund should a camper be a no show or leave a session early due to an illness, homesickness, misbehavior or parental/caregiver request. To initiate a request for a refund, contact Customer Care at 210-349-2404 (toll free 800-580-7247) or email customer-care@girlscouts-swtx.org.



Our Mission

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:

To serve God* and my country,
To help people at all times, and
To live by the Girl Scout Law.

Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I say and do,
and to
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and
be a sister to every Girl Scout.



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