

## Guidelines for Family Camping



**We hope you have a fun camping experience and a safe trip home!**



Welcome to Camp Whispering Pines Girl Scout camp. For the safety and consideration for your family and girls at camp we ask that you read and abide by the guidelines contained in this brochure.

## General Rules

- Possession of alcoholic beverages, weapons, and illegal drugs is forbidden and will result in dismissal from camp.
- There is NO SMOKING on GSSJC Camp properties.
- Fireworks are not allowed.
- Closed-toed shoes and socks that cover the ankle should be worn at all times.
- Please park in the designated parking area, vehicles are not allowed in the units. Special arrangements may be made in advance with the camp registrar for people with special needs.
- Pets are not allowed.



## Check in

- Upon arrival, check in with property manager or reserve ranger.
- Please turn in a complete list of people in your party in case of an emergency.
- Schedule a checkout time with the property manager or reserve ranger to have your unit checked prior to departure. All campers must be out of camp by 5 p.m. on the last day of your stay.

- showers), are **not** provided. Please bring lawn size trash bags to use in all trash receptacles. Trash needs to be taken to central dumpster nightly and as needed to keep raccoons and other animals out of trash.
- Leave no trace; pick up any litter and dispose of properly.
- Cabin floors must be swept out. Canvas window coverings closed and secured. Straighten beds and cabinets.
- Bathrooms/latrines cleaned and disinfected. Only use disinfectant on floors in latrines, not in the holes. The seat may be sponged off with disinfectant. The **small** amount of cleaning solution may be emptied into the latrine. Keep lids down and door closed.
- Beds straightened or mattresses returned to storage area.
- Cooking equipment washed, dried, properly stored, and inventoried.
- When you have all personal belongings and equipment packed and ready to leave camp, the property manager or reserve ranger will inspect your campsite to ensure clean up procedures have been followed before you leave.

## Clean Up/Checking Out

- Trash bags and cleaning supplies (i.e. disinfectant / pine cleaner, soap, rubber gloves, paper towels, toilet paper, nonabrasive cleanser and pad for cleaning

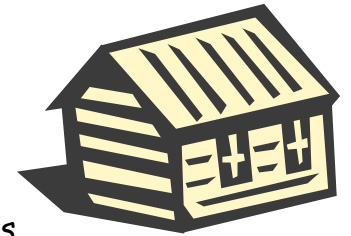
## Fishing/Canoeing/Paddleboats/Archery

- Fishing is catch and release. Bring your own fishing gear.
- An adult certified in "Fundamentals of Canoeing" or "Small Craft Safety-Canoeing" must be present to supervise use of the canoes.
- Anyone canoeing must wear shoes and a Personal Flotation Device. PFDs are provided by the camp.
- PFD's must be worn at all times while in a paddleboat. No certifications are required to participate in this activity but an adult must be present.
- Canoes, paddles and PFDs must be properly stored after use.
- Non-swimmers must have an adult in their canoe.
- No recreational swimming allowed in the lake.
- Archery is also available. You may pay fees for use when you pay your camp fees.



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- In the case of extremely dry conditions, fires may be restricted. Check county fire ban status with property manager or reserve ranger.
- Carts are provided to take your equipment to your campsite and must be returned to the parking lot promptly so others can use them. For safety, do not allow children or adults to ride in the carts.



## Cabins

- Upon your arrival sweep tents/cabins and flip mattresses to clear out dust, webs, insects and spiders since last use.
- Cabins have cots and mattresses and limited shelving for personal belongings. Please do not rearrange or move furniture from one cabin to another cabin.
- Cabins do not have electrical outlets.
- No fire of any kind will be allowed in cabins, (e.g. heaters, lanterns, incense, candles, cigarettes, or matches).

## Kitchen Area/Equipment/Tools

- Outdoor kitchen areas do not have electrical outlets.
- If camp equipment is used, it must be inventoried upon arrival and again before departure. (Note: You may be sharing with other groups in your unit.)
- If you chose not to use the cooking equipment, you may ask the ranger to lock the cabinet and skip the inventory.
- Cooking equipment and dishes must be washed and returned to their original location.
- Tools (i.e. rake, shovel, hoe) must be cleaned and returned to original location and brooms stored with bristles up.
- Aluminum cook pots need to stay silver. Pots should be lightly coated on the outside with liquid dish soap before putting on the fire and thoroughly cleaned and dried after use.
- Cast iron pots should not be coated with liquid soap. Wash in warm soapy water, rinse and heat dry over fire to prevent rusting.
- All food should be secured in cabinets away from curious animals.



## Fires

- Use of liquid fuels is not permitted for starting fires.
- You may bring camp stoves and lanterns that use containerized fuel, not liquid fuel.
- Collecting fallen wood on the ground is permitted. Do not cut down trees for firewood.
- Fires are permitted in grills or fire circle only. **Never leave a campfire unattended.**
- Rake needles and leaves out of fire circle before building a fire.
- Before leaving campsite, make sure campfires are completely out. Sprinkle hot coals with water until they are completely out and cool to the touch of the hand.
- At Camp Whispering Pines cold ashes and burned coals should be put in the metal ash can provided.



## Camping Etiquette

- Quiet time begins at 10 p.m.
- Lights out at midnight.
- Please do not enter other units uninvited or without permission.

## Central Showers

- Separate accommodations are available for men / boys and women / girls at the central shower building.
- After each use you are responsible for cleaning the facilities.

Shower lights are on a timer and cannot be manually controlled.