

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, practicing outdoor skills, 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 and an appreciation of nature was one of the highest rated benefits to come from belonging to Girl Scouts.

Step #1: Preparation

Step one for an unforgettable outdoor experience is providing prepared co-leaders or parent helpers. The following are required or optional trainings/resources needed by the time of your event date:

- Troop Camping 101 is offered several times per year (this is optional).
- Outdoor Skills Training, offered in various formats several times per year for adults, is **required** for troops planning to have or cook over an outdoor fire.
- Every adult attending an overnight is **required** to be a currently registered Girl Scout member and have a current background check.
- At least the minimum adults needed for adult coverage (check Safety Activity Checkpoints) are **required** to have child abuse prevention training found in gsLearn, taken yearly (this is a state requirement).
- At least one adult is **required** to have first aid and CPR/AED child and adult certification valid at the time of the event's date. (A physician, RN, PA, LPN, EMT, or paramedic qualifies as a first aider but needs to show proof of CPR/AED certification). First aid and CPR courses are offered several times per year through GSWISE.
- If any child is going to need medication, at least one adult who will distribute medication is **required** to take the online Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction course "Medication Administration Principles," also found in gsLearn. This is short 15-minute training. (Parents do not need to take this to distribute medication to their child.)

Step #2: Reserve a Site

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.

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. You can also contact site managers to tour/visit sites.

Reservation Timeframes

Most troops camp on the weekends, but troops are welcome during weeknights as well. Days off of school are great days to go troop camping. To reserve overnights on weekdays, email registration@gswise.org. 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 are currently registered members.

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 person making the reservation within five business days.

Step #3 Plan Your Trip with Your Troop/Group

After Booking:

- Review Safety Activity Checkpoints for camping and any activities you are planning to do during your camp event to ensure you are following all guidelines. Depending on the age of your troop/group this is also a great exercise to do with your Girl Scouts.
- Include your Girl Scouts as much as possible by having them vote on meals, choose activities, badges, etc.
- Complete any of the required trainings still outstanding prior to your troop camping date.
- Share troop camping information with all parents and drivers prior to the trip.
- Contact the 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*	Geocaching	Marked Hiking Trails	Stand Up Paddleboards*	Snowshoeing	Sports Equipment	Swimming*	Fitness Course
Camp Alice Chester	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
Camp Silver Brook	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 in order to facilitate these activities on their own.

Camp Alice Chester, East Troy, WI

Facilities for Rent

Available after Labor Day up to the weekend of Memorial Day

Troop House

Sunset Prairie, sleeps 20- bunk beds with separate leader room

- Indoor plumbing, heating, A/C, Wi-Fi, full kitchen, shower, fire scar

Lodge

- Day Use Only
- Capacity: 150
- Indoor plumbing, heating, A/C, Wi-Fi, two large program spaces, commercial kitchen, two outdoor decks, fire scar

Seasonal Sites

Available May and September through mid-October

Troop Houses

Chaparral, sleeps 18- bunk beds with separate leader room

- Heating, A/C, small prep kitchen, fire scar, outdoor latrine and water source, access to shower house

Robins Nest, sleeps 16 in one large room of bunk beds

- A/C, small prep table, refrigerator, fire scar, picnic tables, outdoor flush toilets and water source, access to shower house

A-Frame Cabins

Robinhood, sleeps 28- seven A-frame cabins of four cots

- Picnic shelter with refrigerator, electricity and a fireplace, fire scar, picnic tables, outdoor flush toilets, access to shower house

Trailblazer, sleeps 28- seven A-frame cabins of four cots

- Picnic shelter, separate cabin with refrigerator and electricity, fire scar, picnic tables, latrines and outdoor water access, access to shower house

Walden (lake view), sleeps 18- three cabins of six cots

- Picnic shelter with refrigerator, stove and electricity, picnic tables, fire scar, latrines, access to shower house

Platform Tents

Frontier (lake view), sleeps 30- five tents of six cots each

- Picnic shelter with refrigerator and electricity, fire scar, picnic tables, latrines, access to shower house

Pathfinder, sleeps 30- five tents of six cots each

- Picnic shelter with refrigerator, electricity and a fireplace, fire scar, picnic tables, outdoor flush toilets, access to shower house

Tent Camping

Oak Knoll, tents- bring your own or rent from us

- Primitive site, latrine, hand pump, fire scar, and picnic tables
- May hike to site from Sports Field or may drive close to site

Explore and Enjoy the Great Outdoors

Self-Directed Activities with no trained facilitator

- Hiking
- Environmental activities - bags with curriculum to facilitate activities (Animal Scat, Animal Tracks, Bats, Birds, Insects, Night Hike, Scavenger Hunt, Shadow Puppets, Stars, Trees)
- Grab and Go Kits-All Tied Up in Knots, Knifty Knives, Compass Capers, Go Geo
- Fishing (must bring own equipment)
- Sports and Games equipment
- Gaga Ball

Event Activities

- Check the Fall/Winter, Summer, or Winter/Spring Program Guides for dates and to book your site rental on matching weekends to take advantage of the events
 - o Rock Climbing
 - o Low Ropes Team Building
 - o Archery
 - o Hatchet Throwing

Activities for Which You Need to Provide Your Own Trained Facilitator

- Canoeing
- Swimming
- Stand Up Paddleboarding
- Funyaks
- Archery
- Hatchet throwing

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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	\$100 / 2 nights	18
Camp Alice Chester	Frontier	\$40 / 1 night	\$60 / 2 nights	30
Camp Alice Chester	Lodge	\$110 / day		150
Camp Alice Chester	Pathfinder	\$50 / 1 night	\$80 / 2 nights	30
Camp Alice Chester	Oak Knoll	\$15 / 1 night	\$20 / 2 nights	20
Camp Alice Chester	Robinhood	\$50 / 1 night	\$80 / 2 nights	28
Camp Alice Chester	Robins Nest	\$35 / 1 night	\$50 / 2 nights	18
Camp Alice Chester	Sunset Prairie	\$80 / 1 night	\$140 / 2 nights	22
Camp Alice Chester	Trailblazer	\$35 / 1 night	\$50 / 2 nights	28
Camp Alice Chester	Walden	\$35 / 1 night	\$50 / 2 nights	18



Lodge



Sunset Prairie



Rock Climbing Walls



Swan Lake



Walden

Camp Silver Brook, West Bend, WI

Facilities for Rent

Available after Labor Day up to the weekend of Memorial Day

Troop House

Jo Ann Mann Lodge troop house, divided into two levels, overlooking Lucas Lake

- **Upper level**, sleeps 18- bunk beds with small leader room
 - Indoor plumbing, heating, A/C, Wi-Fi, full kitchen, shower, activity area, fire scar, outdoor deck
- **Lower level**, sleeps 22- bunk beds
 - Indoor plumbing, heating, A/C, Wi-Fi, full kitchen, shower, activity area, fire scar, outdoor patio

Northstar, sleeps 20-mattresses on the floor, separate leader room with bunk beds

- Indoor plumbing, heating, A/C, Wi-Fi, full kitchen, shower, activity area, fire scar, outdoor deck

Sandy Point, sleeps 30 - mattresses on the floor, separate leader room with bunk beds

- Indoor plumbing, heating, A/C, Wi-Fi, full kitchen, shower, activity area, fire scar

Seasonal Sites

Available May and September through mid-October

Cabins

Lookout Peak, sleeps 27- nine cabins of three, mattresses on platforms

- Electricity in cabins, enclosed shelter including refrigerator, electricity, hand pump, fire scar, latrine

Lakeside and/or Trailside, sleeps 18 or 36- six cabins (or twelve) of three bunk beds

- Electricity in cabins, picnic shelter with refrigerator and electricity, hand pump, fire scar, picnic tables, latrines

Tent Camping

Dell, tents- bring your own or rent from us

- Shelter, latrine, outdoor water access, fire scar and picnic tables

Primitive site, tents, bring your own or rent from us

- Access to latrine and water supply
- Short hike to site

Day Use Sites

Eagle Pavilion (next to Lucas Lake), shelter, capacity: 20

- Picnic tables, handpump, latrine

All Camp Fire Scar, capacity: 125

- Fire scar, water source, a few picnic tables, latrine a short walk away

Outdoor Skills, capacity: 30

- Two fire scars, picnic tables, water source, latrine a short walk down stairs

Explore and Enjoy the Great Outdoors

Self- Directed Activities with no trained facilitator

- Hiking
- Environmental activities - bags with curriculum to facilitate activities (Animal Scat, Animal Tracks, Bats, Birds, Insects, Night Hike, Scavenger Hunt, Shadow Puppets, Stars, Trees)
- Grab and Go Kits-All Tied Up in Knots, Knifty Knives, Compass Capers, Go Geo
- Fishing (must bring own equipment)
- Sports and Games equipment
- Gaga Ball
- Snowshoeing

Event Activities

- Check the Fall/Winter, Summer, or Winter/Spring Program Guides for dates and to book your site rental on matching weekends to take advantage of the events
 - o Archery
 - o Hatchet Throwing

Activities for Which You Need to Provide Your Own Trained Facilitator

- Canoeing
- Kayaking- regular sized and minis
- Swimming
- Stand Up Paddleboarding
- Archery
- Hatchet throwing

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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	\$180 / 2 nights	22
Camp Silver Brook	Jo Ann Mann Lodge Upper	\$100 / 1 night	\$180 / 2 nights	18
Camp Silver Brook	Lookout Peak	\$40 / 1 night	\$60 / 2 nights	27
Camp Silver Brook	North Star	\$80 / 1 night	\$140 / 2 nights	20
Camp Silver Brook	Sandy Point	\$90 / 1 night	\$160 / 2 nights	30
Camp Silver Brook	Lakeside or Trailside - 6 cabin price	\$60 / 1 night	\$100 / 2 nights	36
Camp Silver Brook	Dell	\$20 / 1 night	\$30 / 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

Available year-round, except for five weeks in the summer during which day camp is in session.

Troop Houses

Troop House, sleeps 30- mattresses on the floor, separate leader room with cots

- Indoor plumbing, heating, A/C, Wi-Fi, full kitchen, shower, activity area, fire scar, outdoor patio

Activity Station, sleeps 30- mattresses on the floor

- Indoor plumbing, heating, A/C, Wi-Fi, full kitchen, activity area, fire scar

Seasonal Sites

Available May and September through mid-October

Cabins

Maple Ridge, sleeps 18- three cabins of three bunk beds

- Electricity in cabins, picnic shelter with electricity, picnic tables, fire scar, latrines

Tent Camping

Ridge Site, tents- bring your own or rent from us

- Picnic shelter, latrine, outdoor water access, fire scar and picnic tables

Day Use Sites

Ridge Site

- Picnic shelter, latrine, outdoor water access, fire scar and picnic tables

Woodwork Shop

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

Explore and Enjoy the Great Outdoors

Self-Directed Activities with no trained facilitator

- Fitness Course
- Hiking
- Environmental activities - bags with curriculum to facilitate activities (Animal Scat, Animal Tracks, Bats, Birds, Insects, Night Hike, Scavenger Hunt, Shadow Puppets, Stars, Trees)
- Grab and Go Kits-All Tied Up in Knots, Knifty Knives, Compass Capers, Go Geo
- Sports and Games equipment
- Gaga Ball
- Snowshoeing
- Woodworking Shop

Event Activities

- Check the Fall/Winter, Summer or Winter/Spring Program Guides for dates and to book your site rental on matching weekends to take advantage of the events
 - o Archery
 - o Hatchet Throwing

Activities for Which You Need to Provide Your Own Trained Facilitator

- Archery
- Hatchet throwing

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	\$150 / 2 nights	30
Chinook Program Center	Maple Ridge Cabins	\$35 / 1 night	\$50 / 2 nights	18
Chinook Program Center	Ridge Site	\$15 per day	\$20 / 2 nights	40
Chinook Program Center	Tent Site	\$15 / 1 night	\$20 / 2 nights	20
Chinook Program Center	Troop House	\$90 / 1 night	\$160 / 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

Available year-round, except for one week in the summer during which day camp is in session.

Troop Houses

Part of the Great Hall- bunk rooms are one area divided into two separate sides

Bunk Room A, sleeps 21- bunk beds with separate leader room

- Indoor plumbing, heating, A/C, Wi-Fi, full kitchen, shower, activity area, fire scar, outdoor patio

Bunk Room B, sleeps 21- bunk beds with separate leader room

- Indoor plumbing, heating, A/C, Wi-Fi, full kitchen, shower, activity area, fire scar, outdoor patio

Great Hall, sleeps 60- no mattresses or beds

- Indoor plumbing heating, A/C, Wi-Fi, full kitchen, activity area, fire scar nearby, outdoor patio

Day Use Sites

Great Hall

- Capacity: 128
- Indoor plumbing, heating, A/C, Wi-Fi, one large program spaces, commercial kitchen, outdoor patio, portable fire pit

Woodwork Shop

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

Explore and Enjoy the Great Outdoors

Self-Directed Activities with no trained facilitator

- Hiking
- Environmental Activities - bags with curriculum to facilitate activities (Animal Scat, Animal Tracks, Bats, Birds, Insects, Night Hike, Scavenger Hunt, Shadow Puppets, Stars, Trees)
- Grab and Go Kits-All Tied Up in Knots, Knifty Knives, Compass Capers, Go Geo
- Sports and Games equipment
- Gaga Ball
- Woodworking Shop

Event Activities

- Check the Fall/Winter, Summer or Winter/Spring Program Guides for dates and to book your site rental on matching weekends to take advantage of the events
 - o Archery
 - o Hatchet Throwing

Activities for Which You Need to Provide Your Own Trained Facilitator

- Archery
- Hatchet throwing

Trefoil Oaks Program Center is closed for one week 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	\$160 / 2 nights	21
Trefoil Oaks Program Center	Bunk Room B	\$90 / 1 night	\$160 / 2 nights	21
Trefoil Oaks Program Center	Great Hall - day use	\$110 / day use		128
Trefoil Oaks Program Center	Great Hall - overnight use	\$110/1 night	\$170/2 night	60
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

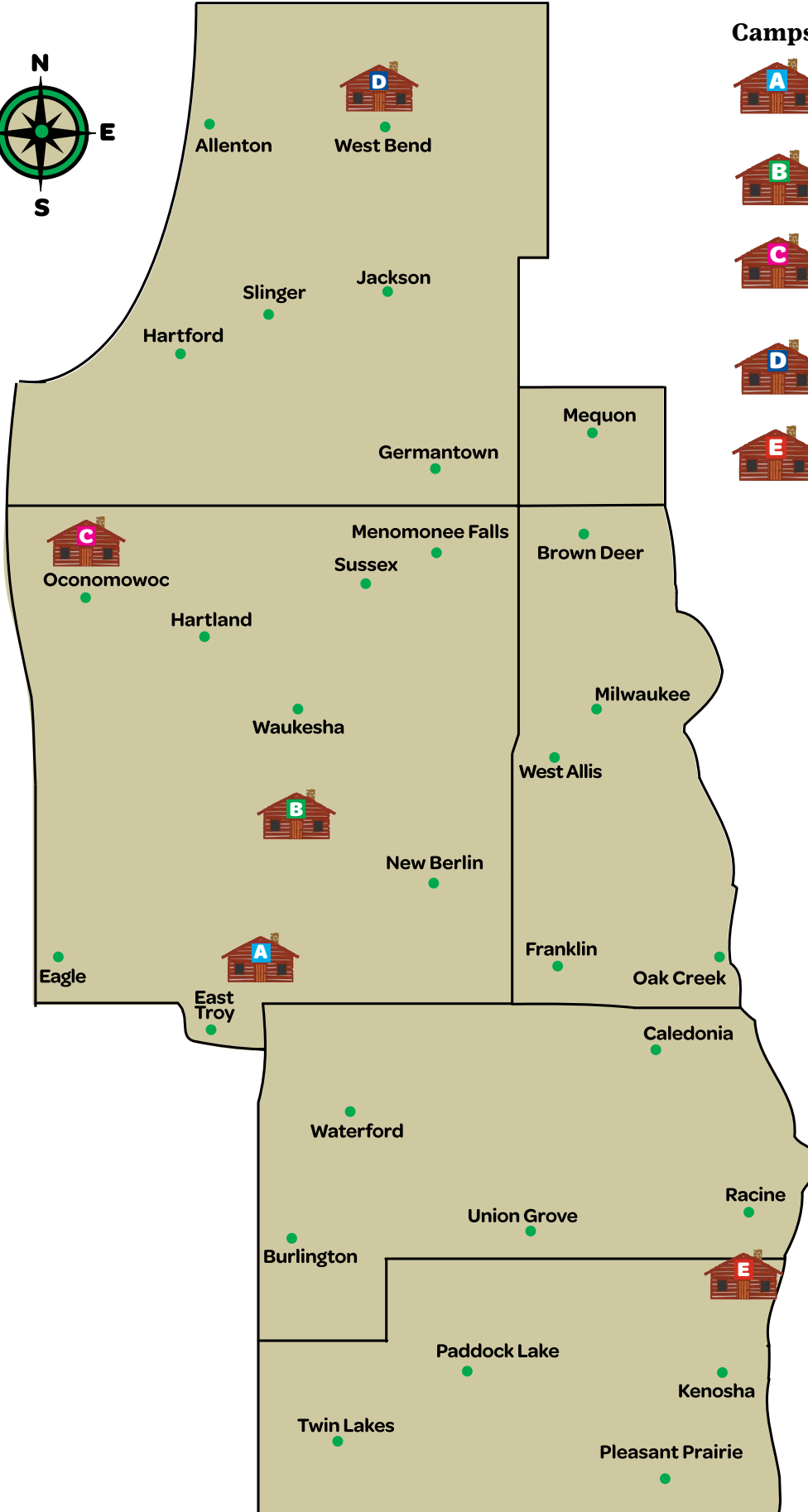
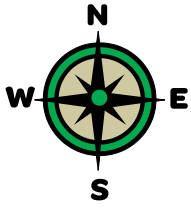


Gaga Ball Pit



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
Email fowlertroophouse@gmail.com for more information or to reserve



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



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