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Arrowhead Day Camp

Serving Girls in the Arrowhead Service Unit and Beyond

August 10-14, 2026

8:30 AM – 4:45 PM

Chinook Program Center

Saddle up for Wild West Adventures at Day Camp! Get ready to explore the spirit of the frontier through games, challenges, and hands-on activities that bring the wide-open outdoors to life. From building teamwork on the trail to discovering hidden treasures and creating crafty keepsakes, every day will be filled with excitement, friendship, and discovery. Campers will step into a world of adventure where curiosity leads the way, imagination runs free, and every moment feels like a new frontier waiting to be explored. Pack your sense of adventure and join us for a summer of laughter, exploration, and unforgettable memories, your Wild West Adventure starts here!

Our camp is located amongst the rolling hills of the beautiful [Chinook Program Center](#) in Waukesha. While at Chinook, campers participate in crafts and lacing, explore nature, build their camp skills, practice archery, sing songs, and swing in hammocks. On Tuesday 8/11, our entire camp moves to [Camp Alice Chester](#) on Booth Lake. While at Alice Chester, girls will boat, swim, fish, rock climb, and take on the low ropes course. Like all our council day camps by community, our camp runs on **100% volunteer** power. That means that you can come and make camp memories with your Girl Scout!

What's New?

Overnight for 2nd year Brownies

Late stay for 1st year Brownies

Temporary Wait List

Transportation

Bus transportation is provided for all of our campers and volunteers from our convenient, centrally located bus stop at [Centennial Park](#) (N55W29505 County Trunk Hwy K, Hartland). Arrive at the bus stop between 7:45 and 7:50 and pick up your camper at 5:15 (note: bus arrival time will vary between 5:15 and 5:25 depending on evening rush hour traffic).

Overnights

Spending the night at camp is a quintessential part of the Girl Scout experience! An overnight at camp entails a camp dinner, campfire, and additional programming such as special crafts, night hikes, or stargazing as well as breakfast the next morning. Lunch will also be provided the following day. We take a progression approach to overnights; our youngest campers start in the comfort of the indoors, then move to the rustic 6-person Maple Ridge Cabins the next year, followed by a night in a tent as fifth graders. Volunteers are needed for our overnights as well and are encouraged to attend with their camper. We invite the following age campers to spend the night at camp on the days indicated below:

Sunday 8/9	Program Aides (PAs) and Counselors in Training (CITs), 7-12 th grade
Tuesday 8/11	Program Aides in Training (PAITs), PAs, and CITs, 6-12 th grade
Wednesday 8/12	Girls who finished 3 rd , 4 th , or 5 th grade 3 rd Graders will sleep in the Troop House (large cabin w/indoor plumbing) 4 th Graders will sleep in the Maple Ridge Cabins (cabins that sleep 6 campers) 5 th Graders will sleep in tents on the lawn of the Troop House
Thursday 8/13	PAITs, PAs, and CITs, 6-12 th grade

NEW! Late Stay

New for 2026, Brownies who have completed 2nd grade can stay late on Wednesday 8/12 until 8:00 PM and take part in evening activities like camp cooking, a campfire, and more as the first step toward spending the night at camp. Parents must provide transportation home – no bus transportation will be provided.

Adult Volunteer Details

The girls need you! One adult volunteer is needed for every 5-8 girls during each day of camp. That means each family should ideally register at least one adult to help for a minimum of one day during day camp. Volunteers don't have to be moms – dads, grandparents, family friends, young adult volunteers, Girl Scout alums, and more are welcome! Our volunteers serve as unit leaders, adults who guide a group of girls through their daily schedule, and activity leaders, who lead a particular camp activity like nature

or crafts. As a volunteer, you choose which day(s) work for you and what role you would like to fill. As a bonus, our five-day volunteers receive a free camp t-shirt! Volunteers are welcome to attend overnights with their camper as well.

Is finding a sitter for your other children a challenge? We can help with that! Our camp welcomes Peewees (boys and girls ages 3-5) and Boys (ages 6-12) on days when a parent/guardian is volunteering. The fee to register a Peewee or boy is just \$15 per day. Peewees must be potty-trained and mature enough to participate in a full day of camp as well as feel comfortable being separated from mom/dad for the day.

New in 2026, every camper will be placed on a temporary waitlist at the time of registration. Upon the registration of a volunteer with the camper OR sufficient adult coverage for an age group, the camper's registration will be released from the waitlist. For example, a troop can decide they would like to come to camp. One troop leader can attend as a five day volunteer. The troop can then find a few other parents to fill the other needed volunteer role. Why did our camp make this change? The answer is simple, we need adults at camp to meet our safety requirements and it's easier to save PTO days and plan for a day of volunteering now rather than at the last minute.

Registration and Camp Fee Information

The sooner you register, the lower your camp fee!

Register between...	...and your camp fee is:
November 17 th – December 20 th	\$195.00
December 21 st – March 1 st	\$220.00
March 2 nd – July 26 th	\$245.00

PA and CIT daily registration: FREE!

Peewees (ages 3-5) and boys (6-12): \$15/day

Overnights: \$20/night (see above for who can stay overnight at camp)

Adult volunteers: No fee, but need to be registered Girl Scouts at gswise.org

[Register for camp online HERE!](#)

You can pay with a credit/debit card (Visa, American Express, MasterCard, Discover). Remember: all campers **AND volunteers** are required to have a current Girl Scout membership. Adults must have a current background check for the safety of our campers. Please register at gswise.org if you need to join or renew your membership.

Adults volunteering for camp register online using the same process as a camper, except adults register as “campers” with the option of “grade 12+”. After initial registration, please go back into your CampMinder account and complete the required health history, transportation, volunteer days, overnights, and any other required information within one week. Failure to do so places your camper’s registration in the incomplete status and creates additional follow-up by your volunteer directors.

Please contact CustomerCare@gswise.org with questions or for assistance in the registration process.

Financial Assistance

If the cost of camp remains beyond your financial capacity, we invite you to apply for financial assistance. Please pay the required minimum deposit and check the financial assistance box in CampMinder. You will receive a form via email that you must complete to process your request. We treat all requests with the strictest of confidence.

Additional Camp Information

Packing List

- Backpack
- Refillable water bottle
- Hat
- Sunscreen (non-aerosol)
- Optional: Bug spray (non-aerosol)
- Bag lunch (paper bag, labeled with name)
- Sit-upon/Stadium cushion (waterproof cushion for sitting on the ground or picnic table benches)
- Mess kit with plastic plate, fork, spoon, bowl, and cup in a mesh bag
- Extra socks, extra change of clothes for younger girls

- Rain poncho
- Sweatshirt if cooler weather is in the forecast

Overnight Packing List

- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Pajamas
- Change of clothes
- Personal items (toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)

What to Wear

- Shirt that covers the midriff
- Shorts/pants
- Socks
- Close-toed shoes (croc's may only be worn on exceptionally rainy days and may be brought as beach shoes on Tuesday 8/11). Regular shoes are required for rock climbing, the obstacle course, archery, and the low-ropes course. No shoes means no participation in these activities.

Food and Allergies

Campers should bring a bag lunch each day they ride the bus or are dropped off at camp. The lunch should be labeled in a brown paper bag, which we will refrigerate. Lunch items will be supplied for girls staying overnight. Two snacks will be provided each day. One to two snacks per week will be prepared by the girls while participating in their camp cooking unit. Water/beverages will be provided throughout the day.

Our camp is a nut aware environment. Camp will not provide any foods containing any kind of peanut or tree nut. However, campers may bring foods containing nuts. Unit leaders will be advised and educated appropriately if they have a camper with a food allergy of any kind in their unit. If your Girl Scout has any type of allergy, food or environmental, please note it in her health history form.

Waterfront Information/Camp Alice Chester Day

Swimming and boating on our Tuesday 8/11 day at Camp Alice Chester (CAC) are supervised by trained and certified lifeguards. Campers will be required to wear a personal flotation device when on watercrafts and when swimming. Girls should bring a swimsuit, towel, hat, and sunscreen in addition to their usual bag lunch and water bottle. Crocs or water shoes are optional. Bus transportation will run directly from our bus stop at Centennial Park to CAC. If parents drive their Girl Scout to camp, they need to drive to and from [Camp Alice Chester](#) on Tuesday 8/11.

Medication at Camp

All medications (prescription and non-prescription) must be turned in to the Health Supervisor at the opening flag each morning and will be returned at Friday's closing flag, or earlier if needed for overnights.

Medications must be in their original containers: prescription meds in a pharmacy-labeled bottle with camper's name, medication name, and dosage; non-prescription meds in original packaging. Medications without this information cannot be accepted.

Each medication must be in a labeled Ziploc bag with an Authorization to Administer Medication form and recorded in CampMinder health information.

Campers may not keep medications in their belongings, except for epi-pens and inhalers.

Communication

Communication prior to the start of camp will be in the form of an email. A confirmation email will be sent two weeks prior to the start of camp will bus and unit assignments. Communication during camp will come in the form of emails or text messages. This may be weather updates, transportation updates, or reminders.

Families are welcome to check out our camp [volunteer newsletter](#). This document is updated throughout the camp planning season.

Your New Volunteer Directors - Jessica "Frenchie" Martin and Katie "Tink" Petroske



Jessica has been a troop leader for her daughters' multi-level troop for 5 years and involved with Arrowhead Day Camp for 3 years. She loves nature programming at camp, especially frog catching in the pond!

Jessica is a mom to four kids ages 11-20 and homeschools her two girls. She also has a son who attends Arrowhead and another away at college. She loves being an active volunteer in her community and learning new things. She's an RN who works in long-term care and lives by the motto "Travel, work, repeat". Besides travel, some of her "favorite things" include musicals, 50's and 60's music, and crossword puzzles. She speaks French and loves French food and culture, hence her camp name "Frenchie".

Katie is entering her eighth year leading her twin daughters' troop at Richmond School. She has volunteered at the Arrowhead Day Camp since 2019, serving as a unit leader and, more recently, as a member of the planning team.

A CPA by profession, Katie currently enjoys her days as a homemaker. She loves traveling, camping in Wisconsin's beautiful state parks, and spending time in her backyard garden adding more plants to her collection. She also enjoys genealogy, reading, and crafting as well as all things Disney and Star Wars.



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Cancellation Policy

Timeframe	Policy
Up to 5 weeks prior to camp session start date	Cancellations can be transferred to another camp/session or a refund for the amount paid minus the deposit will be issued. Allow two weeks for refund processing and receipt.
3-5 weeks before camp session start date	Cancellations can be transferred to another camp/session. A refund for the amount paid minus the deposit is only allowed in the following circumstances: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical reasons• Mandatory summer school• A death or critical illness (immediate family)• Family moves out of the area
Less than 3 weeks prior to the camp session start date	No refund except for the following circumstances: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical reasons• Mandatory summer school• A death or critical illness (immediate family)• Family moves out of the area
Camp session is full or canceled by the council	Full refunds will be issued, including camp deposit. Allow two weeks for refund processing and receipt.