



Friends Forward Day Camp

Racine and Kenosha Counties

August 10-14
9:00am-4:30pm
Camp Alice Chester



Why Chose Day Camp?

Day Camp offers a lot of opportunities for campers to learn and have fun without the added stress of sleeping overnight! Day Camp provides opportunities to:

- Make new friends
- Create fun arts & crafts
- Learn new songs
- Go on hikes
- Swim in a lake
- Learn to boat
- Learn important outdoor skills
- Cook over a fire
- And much more!



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!

Bring Your Troop to Camp!

We find a great way to go to Day Camp is with your troop! Troops that go to camp will typically be their own unit with parents from that troop volunteering throughout the week!

Registration Information

Pricing

Member Pricing

Nov 17 – Dec 20	\$195
Dec 21 – Mar 1	\$220
Mar 2 – Jun 29	\$245
Jun 30 – Jul 27	\$270

PA and CIT: no fee

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

Overnights: \$20/day

Adult volunteers: GS registered
membership at gswise.org

Not a GS Member? Not a Problem!

Option 1: Added \$90 Fee

Nov 17 – Dec 20	\$285
Dec 21 – Mar 1	\$310
Mar 2 – Jun 29	\$335
Jun 30 – Jul 27	\$360

PA and CIT: \$80

Option 2: Become a member! Register at
gswise.org for \$70

Online Registration

*Everyone who attends camp (campers AND volunteers) are required to be a registered Girl Scout member. Adults must have a current background check for the safety of our campers. Please register at gswise.org

Register for camp online at <https://www.gswise.org/en/members/for-girl-scouts/camp-and-outdoors.html>

Pay with credit/debit card (Visa, American Express, MasterCard, Discover).

Adults volunteering for camp register online using the same process as the camper. Adults register as campers grade 12+. After initial registration, 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.

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.

Cancellation Policy

Timeframe	Policy
Up to 5 weeks prior to the 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 prior to the 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.

Adult Volunteers Needed!

The girls need you! One adult volunteer is needed for every 5-8 girls during each day of camp. That means each family should register at least one adult to help for a minimum 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! Adult volunteers must be a registered Girl Scout member due to background check reasons. Please visit gswise.org to register for \$30. Kindly register by July 10th.

Peewees (boys and girls ages 3-5) and Boys (ages 6-12) are welcome on days the parent/guardian is volunteering (fee: \$15 per day), but they must be potty-trained and mature enough to participate in a full day of camp.

Camp Information



Teen Volunteers!

Teen volunteers at camp are called PAs (Program Aids) and CITs (Counselors in Training). This is anyone in grades 7-11! PAs and CITs are an essential part of camp, as they lead the campers through the week. This is a great opportunity to build leadership skills and gain volunteer experience! PAs and CITs go to camp for free as GS members and pay just a \$90 fee for nonmembers. All PAs and CITs receive a free camp T-Shirt. Kindly register by July 10th.

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.

Waterfront Info

Swimming and boating are supervised by trained and certified lifeguards. Campers will be required to wear a personal flotation device when on watercrafts, and will need to do a swim check before swimming. Shoes to be worn by the waterfront (crocs, watershoes, flipflops, etc) are required.

Food and Allergies

Snacks will be provided everyday. Lunch will be a combination of bag lunches and cooking in units! We accommodate to any food allergies. Please be sure to note food allergies in CampMinder along with level of severity.

Transportation

You are required to input your camper's transportation information in your camper's registration.

Bus Stops:

St. Roberts Union Grove

Regency Mall Racine

Cross Lutheran Union Grove

Boys and Girls Club Kenosha

Kenosha County Center Hwy 50 & 45

Morning departure between around 7am and 8:30am. Evening drop-off between 5:30pm and 6:30pm

*Times and bus stops subject to change.



Overnights

Overnights are a great opportunity to extend the fun at camp! For campers not looking to stay all night, a late stay option is available. This includes all after camp activities and dinner. Pick up for late stays is around 7-8pm. Overnights and late stays are \$20/day.

Overnight Options:

Sunday: *Required* for PAs/CITs

Tuesday: Optional for PAITs (6th grade)

Wednesday: Optional for Grades 4-12

Thursday: Optional for PAs/CITs

What to Bring to Camp

- Backpack
- Swimsuit & Towel
- Plastic Bag for Wet Suit
- Waterfront Shoes
(Crocs, flip flops, etc)
- Non-Aerosol Sunscreen
- Non-Aerosol Bug Spray
- Closed Toed Shoes
- Reusable Water Bottle
- Raincoat/Poncho
- Reusable Dishes in
Mesh Bag
- Weather Appropriate
Clothing
- Sit Upon

What to Bring to Overnights

- Pillow
- Sleeping Bag
- Flashlight
- Sweatshirt
- Pajamas
- Toiletries
- Change of Clothes
- Garbage Bag to Carry
Items

Communication

A confirmation email will be sent out no later than two weeks before camp. Updates will be sent from directors by email. Feel free to join the Facebook page at this [link](#).

Meet the Directors!

Hayley "Bubbles" Anderson

Hayley is a soon-to-be Civil Engineer finishing up her last year at UW-Madison. She has been going to camp since kindergarten and has been on the planning team for four years. This is her second year as camp director and also acts as a PA/CIT Coordinator! Hayley is also involved with a local Brownie troop.



Left to right: Firefly, Cherry Pepsi, Bubbles, Bluebird

Sarah "Cherry Pepsi" Schwochert

Sarah is a high school special education teacher in Burlington, WI. She is currently in her 23rd year of teaching. Sarah became a Girl Scout day camp volunteer in 2014 and started teaching archery at camp in 2018. She joined the camp planning team in 2019. Sarah is looking forward to her 2nd year as a camp director at Friends Forward Day Camp.

Amanda "Bluebird" Palmen

This is Amanda's first year as a 3rd grade teacher in Madison, WI. She has been going to camp since she was in 4th grade and has been part of the planning team for 4 years as a PA/CIT Coordinator. This year will be her second year as a camp director and she is super excited!

Ella "Firefly" Anderson

Ella is working towards a degree in Social Work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has been attending camp since 3rd grade and joined the camp planning team in 2024 as the PAIT Coordinator. Ella is excited for her 2nd year as camp director at Friends Forward Day Camp!

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any questions!

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