Welcome to Whispering Trails June Day Camp
by Community: Elmbrook School District

Color My SUMMER

June 14-18, 2027

WHAT IS DAY CAMP BY COMMUNITY (DCC)?

Day Camp by Community is a tradition that brings together an entire community for one fun and fabulous week of time-honored camp activities.

The DCC model is entirely volunteer run. That means that every part of our camp is planned, led and executed by volunteers from the Elmbrook community. Most of the girls who attend our camp live in the Elmbrook School district, and every family is required to volunteer at least one day during camp.

At camp, your troop becomes a “unit.” Every unit is led by two or more adult volunteers from your troop.

Why should I bring my troop to camp?

Outdoor Skills
Campfire Cooking
Archery
Arts & Crafts
Hiking
Nature
Woodworking
Songs & Games
Fishing, Boating and Swimming
Tent camping (Grade 4 and up)
Badge Work

HOW TO GET STARTED

Bring Your Troop to Camp

We’ve found that the best camp experiences happen when a troop attends camp together. Therefore, we encourage troop families to work together now to establish lead and supporting volunteers for their camp week. The result will be a cohesive unit and a fun experience for girls and adults in your unit.

SAFE SUPERVISION AND VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Safety is our top priority. GSWISE has strict rules dictating adult volunteer:camper ratios. Moreover, adequate supervision ensures a safe and positive experience for all girls. Therefore, we require every family to volunteer at least one day during camp week.

Please note that every adult at camp must complete the GSWISE registration process. This includes paying a registration fee and undergoing a background check. Learn more and register at gswise.org

Troop Responsibilities

Individual troops have a responsibility to plan and ensure adequate adult coverage, and our volunteer administrators have limited time to manage individual unit coverage.

Each troop should select a volunteer coordinator. This adult volunteer will ensure that families meet the volunteer requirement and that the unit's coverage complies with GSWISE guidance.

Planning for Individually Registered Members

Any girl from a troop without a volunteer coordinator will be waitlisted until such time as a volunteer coordinator is identified to camp leadership. Individually registered members or those from troops without a volunteer coordinator will remain on the waitlist until such time that a unit has space for them.

Unsure whether DCC is the right fit?
We are happy to help with discerning if our camp is right for you, or if a camp run by paid GSWISE staff might be a better option for your needs and availability! Please email whisperingtrailsdirector@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

WHAT TO KNOW

Cost?

November 17 - December 17	$220
December 18 - March 1	$245
March 20 - April 15	$270 (NO LATE CAMPER REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED)
Peewees & Boys: Girls & Boys ages 3-5 will be assigned to a peewee unit. Boys ages 6-12 will be part of a boys unit.	$15/Day * 5 Day volunteers can receive a $25/week discount on peewees/boys registration. Contact Whisperingtrailsdirector@gmail.com to learn more.
PA/CIT (Entering grades 8-12)	FREE
Optional: Overnight (Monday, open to PA/CIT ONLY), Overnight (Thursday, open to girls currently in grades 4-12)	$15
Adult volunteers	GS registered membership at GSWISE.org

Important Dates

	Date	Location	Time
PA/CIT Training (Must also complete council training)	TBD	TBD	TBD
Volunteer Meeting & Training	TBD	TBD	TBD
Camp Set-up	June 12, 2027	Chinook Program Center	9–noon

Financial assistance is available for families who qualify. When completing registration, check the "financial assistance" box and pay the required minimum deposit. Then complete the form you will receive via email for your request to be processed. All requests are treated with the strictest of confidence.

Transportation

Bus transportation from Brookfield Central High School is available for those who complete transportation forms prior to 5/22/27. No new bus riders will be accepted after that date.

Bus departs daily at 8:30 a.m. and returns at 5:00 p.m.

Leadership Team

Volunteer Camp Directors, whisperingtrailsdirector@gmail.com

Liz "Tumbleweed" Beaudoin

Liz is the mom of 3 Girl Scouts, a nonprofit marketing professional, and a prolific volunteer. She has been volunteering as Camp Director since 2020 and attending camp since 2014.

AJ "Twig" Simon

AJ is a co-leader for his 3 daughters' troops. When not at camp he works for Penzeys Spices. He has been involved with camp every year since 2017.

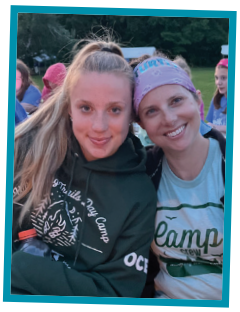
Volunteer PA/CIT Program Coordinator: Jennifer "Turtle" Roskopf

Volunteer Kitchen Coordinator: Victoria "Turtle" Woyach

Genavieve "G Bug" Kopesky

GSWISE Director of Day Camps by Community

gkopesky@gswise.org, 262-364-4622



Get Involved

As a volunteer-run operation, our camp relies entirely on volunteers to be successful. Volunteers create programming, shop for and prep supplies, create menus, purchase food, lead training, organize transportation and units, schedule units, supervise, and administer the entire camp.

Camp is only successful with help from everyone who attends. Whatever your interests, skills, and availability, there is a role for you at camp. **Contact Liz at whisperingtrailsdirector@gmail.com to learn about the many ways to get involved.**

Registration

Register your girl and yourself online at **gswise.org**. Contact CustomerCare@gswise.org with any questions.

CAMP WEEK NEED TO KNOW

Attendance Changes

Please help your girl have a great experience and everyone at camp stay healthy by keeping sick campers at home. During camp week, communicate any attendance changes to the director at whisperingtrailsdirector@gmail.com and health supervisor at: 262-424-3021

Early Pick-up and Late Drop Off

In the event of early pick-up or late drop off, it is imperative that you check in and out with the health supervisor to ensure that all campers are accounted for.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (Chinook Program Center)
Please park by the garage, walk to the Activity Station, and check in with the health supervisor

Wednesday (Camp Alice Chester)
Please wait at the Welcome Center for the health supervisor or camp directors.
The health supervisor will transport your camper to you.

Transportation Changes

Any transportation changes need to be communicated in a timely manner to whisperingtrailsbus@gmail.com. Directors will be busy at camp, so plan ahead to ensure your change can be implemented.

Dining at Camp

Lunch and snacks are provided every day but Wednesday.
We are a nut free camp and work with families to accommodate allergies and dietary restrictions. Menu details can be obtained by emailing whisperingtrailsdirector@gmail.com.

Medication at Camp

All medications (prescription and nonprescription) must be given to the health supervisor on arrival at camp. Medications must come to camp in a pharmacy bottle with the camper's name, name of medication, and current dosage clearly written on the bottle. Only epi pens and inhalers may be kept with a camper at camp.

Supply List

Gear (in a backpack or tote bag)
Sit-upon *(Kindergarten does not need - they will be making one at camp!)*
Mesh bag & dishes (plate, bowl, cup, utensils)
Non-aerosol mosquito repellent
Sunscreen (pump or lotion)
Water bottle
Hand sanitizer
Sunglasses (optional)
WEDNESDAY ONLY: BAG LUNCH!

Craft Supplies (in a pencil case or small bag)
Sharpies (2-3 colors if you have them),
scissors, glue stick, pencil, markers

CLOTHES

Swim Suit, hat (no sun visors), bandana,
sweatshirt or jacket, sturdy, closed-toe shoes (no sandals or Crocs), extra pair of socks,
shirt with sleeves (no tank tops),
raincoat or poncho.

Overnight Packing List

Sleeping bag & pillow
Toiletries
Pajamas
Change of clothes
Flashlight
Hand towel / Washcloth
Tarp (optional)

Tents are provided by camp