

Camp Candlewood

Resident Camp 2012

Camp Candlewood has 87 acres of woodland nestled on the shore of Lake Candlewood. The camp runs a general program which emphasizes our greatest asset, the water. Lakeside our facilities include two swimming beaches, a canoe area, boathouse, and sailing docks. All campers have daily Red Cross swimming lessons. We offer programs in sailing, canoeing, board-sailing, kayaking, lifeguarding, and both recreational and instructional swimming. Topside campers will find nature trails, a health center (Sick Bay), a library, a year round dining hall and modern kitchen (The Galley), the administrative offices (The Bridge), playing fields, and a low ropes challenge course. Girls live in small A-frame cabins (sleep four) or bunkhouses (sleep eight) found in clusters called "groups" or "units" based upon the girls' program and age. Counselors live in their own A-frame within the cluster. Healthy meals are served in our modern dining hall overlooking the lake and valley. Hot water is available for the outdoor showers. The remainder of camp is semi-primitive. We have a mix of latrines and "port-o-lets," and a few flush toilets. We train all of our staff in lifeguarding, first aid, and CPR for the Professional Rescuer. Our day camp program is intertwined with the resident program. All-camp activities from Flag Ceremony to Pirate Day involve ALL of our campers, both day and resident. Candlewood is licensed by the State of Connecticut and is accredited by the American Camp Association. These standards help a parent know that safety is our top priority.

Two Day Program

Brownie Try Its Grades 2 and 3 Fee: \$260

July 16-18, 2012 and July 19 - 21, 1012

Want to see what overnight camp is all about? Try camp for parts of three days and two nights. This is a very first camp experience for our youngest girls. You'll enjoy recreational swimming lakeside, games in the playfield, nature hikes, and arts & crafts. You'll have meals in the dining hall, enjoy an evening campfire, and find out just how amazing camp can be.

One Week Programs

Brownie Challenge Grades 2 and 3 Fee: \$ 500

July 1-7, July 8-14, July 29-August 4, and August 5-11, 2012

Come enjoy resident camp for a week. Enjoy the excitement of sleeping in a bunk with your new friends. Camp is that first step towards independence with friends and counselors making it so much fun you don't realize how much you are learning. You'll have time at Candlewood Lake to swim and funyak. You'll get to learn the basics of campcraft and hike around our property.

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Perhaps you'll choose to have an overnight and sleep under the stars or pitch tents and have your own special getaway. On YoYo day, you get to choose your own activities. Join other Brownies from around the state for an amazing week at resident camp.

Best Cook-out Ever

Grades 4-6

Fee: \$540

July 1-7, 2012

Like to cook-out? Ever use a Dutch oven? How about a grog oven? From a one pot meal to a four course dinner, this patrol of Juniors will develop their outdoor cooking skills through the progressive preparation of snacks, meals, and delicacies. Will you serve high tea? Or perhaps bring some unsuspecting brownies to your shelter for a surprise breakfast in PJ's. Campers will still have time for swimming, boating, arts & crafts, as well as a trip to the challenge course for some team building.

Candlewood's Otters

Grades 4-6

Fee: \$500

July 8-14, August 5-11, 2012

Come to Candlewood and enjoy the best it has to offer. Otters swim and play in the lake, so your week will revolve around water activities: Swim time, funyak time, *and* canoe time. Of course there will be recreational swimming in the afternoons. Additionally you may choose swimming as a twilight activity or be an "early otter" and swim before breakfast. Perhaps you will enjoy a game of beach volleyball or a picnic on a beach. You and your counselors will plan a fun-filled week where water is your prime focus.

Kaleidoscope

Grades 4-6

Fee: \$500

July 15-21, July 22-28, and July 29-August 4, 2012

Do you want to try camp? Join us for a great week of general camp activities. You'll have the opportunity to try most of our camp activities. We have a challenge course, archery range, nature hut, and arts & crafts pavilion. At the lake we have swimming, canoeing, kayaking, and sailing. Our campcraft program will help you feel comfortable building a fire and cooking your meal in the out-of- doors. You'll be amazed how many fun-filled activities you can pack into one week of camp!

Breeze

Grades 6-8

Fee: \$560

July 1-7 and July 29-August 4, 2012

Have you looked longingly at those graceful sailboats skimming across the lake? Wondered if you could ever do that? By the end of the week, you will be able to help rig a sailboat and know what to do if, while flying across the water, your boat takes a tumble. This patrol is for beginning sailors only. You will learn the practical aspects of basic sailing. You must be comfortable swimming in deep water. All water sports are subject to cancellation in dangerous weather situations.

Squall

Grades 6-8

Fee: \$560

July 8 - 14, and August 5 - 11, 2012

So you already know that you love to sail, and you want to have more time on the water! You'll be on the crew list four times this week and you'll have an hour of theory to help you with the finer aspects of sailing. Practicing "crew overboard" will be high on your list of skills to master. You must be a comfortable deep water swimmer to participate in the Squall patrol. All water sports are subject to cancellation in dangerous weather situations.

Advanced Camp Craft Specialties

Grades 7-12

Fee: \$540

July 1 - 7, 2012

Choose the campcraft skills that you would like to master during your week at camp. Maybe you'll be able to earn your Pioneer! Learn to use a hand axe properly. Create a campsite with amazing "roughing it" type luxuries. Join the one match club and cook-out meals that suit your culinary desires. Become proficient with map and compass. All of these and more are possible during the advanced camp craft week at Camp Candlewood.

Challenge Course Divas

Grades 7-12

Fee: \$500

July 8 - 14, 2012

You like the idea of team challenges and you want to improve your problem solving skills. Candlewood's challenge course is THE place to be this summer. Join with a group of your peers to push the ins and outs of team challenges to the extremes. Write the stories that supplement the physical experiences and enjoy the challenge course themes of the day. Weather permitting, you'll enjoy a new challenge each day. In addition, you will help organize all camp team efforts, and enjoy the fun of our final week of summer camp.

Two Week Programs

Brownie Super Heroines

Grades 2 and 3

Fee: \$850

July 15-28, 2012

Whether you want to be Catwoman, Florence Nightingale, or Michelle Obama, each day you and your counselors can explore a different heroine! Two weeks at resident camp allows you to get the full story and really enjoy the community that we form each session at Candlewood. You'll dress up, you'll dress down, cook out, and play games. You will take swimming lessons, go funyaking, enjoy a floating lunch, and participate in team building activities. You will have the opportunity to hike around camp, lay a trail for others to follow, and examine bugs in their

homes. Take an overnight to the field and pitch a tent. The sky's the limit for our Brownie Super Heroines.

Water Water Everywhere

Grades 4-6

Fee: \$800

July 1-14, and July 15-28, 2012

Make the water the focus of your Camp Candlewood experience. You'll swim, you'll boat, and do some water testing. You may choose to have a floating lunch, or take an overnight to an island. You may try your skills with synchronized swimming or try the specialized skills of water polo, or perhaps you'll opt to enjoy a good old-fashioned water fight. Whatever you choose, you and your patrol will have an amazing time in and around the water at camp this summer.

Campcraft Mania

Grades 4-6

Fee: \$800

July 1-14, 2012

If you want to concentrate on traditional camp skills with a modern "leave no trace" twist, this program is for you. How do you use a compass? Can you build a fire and light it with only one match? Do you know how to make a hanger from sticks and twine? These and many more campcraft secrets will be shared by the girls in the Campcraft Mania patrol. Join us for the most amazing two week start to summer you can imagine.

Girlz R.U.L.E.™

Grades 4-6

Fee: \$800

July 15-29, 2012

Join with other Girl Scouts and learn the keys to R.U.L.E. (Respect, Understand, Lead, and Empower). You will get to spend time each day on the challenge course. Your program will be so much fun that you may find it difficult to believe that through cooperative games and challenge course elements, you will begin to develop the positive relational skills and self-confidence you will need to combat and cope with typical "mean girl" behavior. You will negotiate and mediate your way to solutions to meet the team challenges; all the while developing leadership skills to take you through life.

Wet and Wild

Grades 4-6

Fee: \$800

July 29-August 11, 2012

Spend half of your days at the waterfront. From Early Otter swims, through swim lessons, Canoeing, even funyaking and twilight swimming, the water is THE place to be at Candlewood. You'll still have some time for arts & crafts. Perhaps you'll choose to learn to shoot an arrow

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with increased accuracy. Make sure that water balloon marks the bull's-eye! You'll enjoy all the traditional fun of camp, plus it will include an extra dash of water time!

Canoeing & Kayaking

Grades 4-6

Fee: \$800

July 29-August 11, 2012

Have you watched others paddle a canoe with seemingly little effort? Do you want to learn to maneuver a boat? You'll be a "sea faring" camper as you begin with the basics with our funyaks, then progress to our canoes and kayaks. You'll have the option of a floating lunch and an island overnight (weather permitting). You'll really get a taste of all of the small craft we have to offer at Candlewood with a daily block of boating. Of course you'll still get to be a sea smart team on the challenge course and spend some time in nature and participating in arts & crafts.

Lifeguard Training

Girls **at least 15 years old** by July 13, 2012

Fee: \$900

July 1-14, 2012

Become more marketable as you start thinking about part time and summer jobs. Start your summer off with an intensive week of American Red Cross Waterfront Lifeguard Training. Participants must be able to swim 550 yards (Front Crawl and Breast Stroke), and they must be able to dive to a depth of 7-10 feet and retrieve a 10 pound weight, then carry it for 20 yards. Skills will include water rescues, management and surveillance skills, safety planning, CPR, and first aid. Successful participants will earn Red Cross Certification in *Waterfront Lifeguarding and First Aid* as well as *CPR for the Professional Rescuer*. You'll still have the opportunity to join the others in camp for opening and closing campfires and other traditional camp activities.

Sailing

Grades 7-12

Fee: \$800

July 1-14, July 15-28, 2011

Sailing on Candlewood Lake can be as exhilarating as it is picturesque. Time to speed across the water hiking out till your hair gets wet! Using the wind to play in the waves is only half of the excitement of sailing. Keep progressing through your sailing ratings as you work to master the helm and the main. Girls' current skills will be assessed and their program will be developed to maximize their progress from their current sailing skills (whether it is beginner, intermediate, or advanced) to the next level.

On the Ropes

Grades 7-12

Fee: \$800

July 1 - 14, 2012

Do you like solving puzzles? Are you a people person? Are you “the mediator” among your friends or would you like to be? *On the Ropes* is two weeks of challenging team building exercises. You’ll spend time each day on our challenge course and/or playing initiative games. Then you’ll travel to a sister camp for a high ropes experience. Your skills at working together will help you when it’s time to challenge the sailors to a game on the sports field or to create a skit to share at an all camp campfire.

Campers’ Choice

Grades 7-12

Fee: \$800

July 15-28, 2012.

For the girl who wants a diverse program while at camp. You and your patrol will choose which activities will fill your days. One day you may choose a hike in the state forest, while another day you’ll sail with the sailors. Have a go at the challenge course to develop your ability to work together. Want to challenge the Icicles to a game of Newcomb? How about a canoe race to the buoy? Sleep in and have a cookout breakfast or organize a cookout for the brownies. Dig clay and create a sculpture. The possibilities are endless. Camper’s Choice is a true general camp program for the older girl who wants to have the potpourri of camp at her fingertips.

Sailor’s Delight

Grades 7-12

Fee: \$880

July 29-August 11, 2012

You love to sail and you’re ready for more challenging encounters with the wind! Set up a race course and hold your own mini regatta. Together we’ll put together a sail board so you can try wind surfing. You’ll know the rules of right of way and the parts of the boat as well as you know the alphabet when you play “sailing jeopardy.” Perhaps you’ll be ready to take a sailing overnight. Plan on a trip to see the big boats and get a sense of the role sailing has played over the ages, especially in our region. You must have previous sailing experience.

Land Lovers

Grades 7-12

Fee: \$875

July 29-August 11, 2012

Are you a girl who really loves being part of the Camp Candlewood Community, but a day at the lake isn’t your favorite way to spend your camp days? If you prefer the field games, archery, arts & crafts, challenge course, campcraft, and nature to the excitement of the water, then this program is for you. Develop your camping strengths in our small, nurturing community. You will continue have one swimming time each day and will then choose from among our land offerings

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during our other program blocks. You will join with girl Scouts from all over the world at our International Camporee at Camp Laurel on August 8.

Voyageurs

Grades 8-12

Fee: \$940

July 15-July 28, 2012

Imagine paddling silently through the mist to an island campsite. Rivers and lakes in the Adirondack State Park await our Voyageur campers. You will spend a week prepping for the trip at Candlewood and then travel north for a 4-7 day canoe expedition. Girls will work hard to practice their paddling skills, learn to portage (?) a canoe, and refine their outdoor cooking skills while at Candlewood. The reward: your trip to the Lakes Region in the beautiful Adirondack Park, which is the ultimate in group cooperation living and working together. Nothing is grander than the "well oiled machine" of a girls' trip with well-prepared participants. You will return to camp with enough time to prepare for the final campfire, and closing traditions with all of your friends from camp.

Trekkers

Grades 8-12

Fee: \$940

July 29 –August 11, 2012

If your idea of camping is to pack everything you need into a pack and set up a new campsite each night, then our Trekkers program is for you! Girls will practice their cooking and orienteering skills at camp. They'll take a practice hike or two and in the second week they will take a 4-7 day trek in the wilderness. Previous trips have included: the Catskill Mountains of New York, the Appalachian Trail in Connecticut and Massachusetts, and the Adirondack Mountains of Northern New York. The trip is chosen by the staff and girls depending upon the girls' skills, permit availability, weather, and type of trek the girls desire. **This year:** Join Girl Scouts from Maine to Georgia as you hike a portion of the Appalachian Trail. Girl Scouts will be hiking the entire trail in sections by Girl Scout groups along the 2,169 mile trail in celebration of our 100th anniversary. Be part of this history making effort!. This year's trek will be part of the Girl Scout effort to be an organizational "end to end hiker." Girls will return to camp in time for the end of season festivities.

Full season or Six week programs

Summer of Fun, Lil Chill, and Big Chill

The girls in our six week programs sign on for the full Camp Candlewood extravaganza. The soup to nuts experience begins with our opening campfire and Independence Day celebration and concludes with our floating final campfire in mid-August. Our full season girls are able to make significant progress in swimming and campcraft skills. They have the opportunity to choose the program that most interests them each session. As a full season girl, they will have

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a multitude of shared experiences, and they're friendship bonds are strong. Girls automatically grow into a peer leadership role when they discover what it means to live in community for a summer. Girls in Big Chill may opt to be part of our wilderness tripping program or part of our Intro to camp leadership program.

Summer of Fun: for girls entering grades 4-6	Fee: \$2,200
Li'l Chill: for girls entering grades 6-8	Fee: \$2,200
Big Chill: for girls entering grades 8-12	Fee: \$2,200
Big Chill with Intro to Camp Leadership	Fee: \$2,200
Big Chill with Voyageur OR Trekkers	Fee: \$2,330
Big Chill with Voyageur AND Trekkers	Fee: \$2,460
Full Season CIT 1: for girls ages 15 and up:	Fee: \$1,400
Full Season CIT 2: for girls ages 16 and up:	Fee: \$ 850

Leadership Programs:

Intro to Camp Leadership

Age 14 and older

Fee: \$810

July 1-21, and July 22-August 11, 2012

Campers who have been at Candlewood for a few years may think in terms of leadership at camp. Our "icicles" will have ample time to be a camper and refine some of their campcraft skills, but they will also have the opportunity to work with younger girls to teach some basic skills. They may plan an all camp event or shadow a program specialist for a day. This program is for girls who are at least 14 years of age who have a desire to explore the possibilities of a leadership role at camp. This is a three week program.

First Year CIT (Four Week)

Age 15 and older

Fee: \$700

July 15-August 11, 2012

If you believe your camp path will lead you to the role of a counselor, the best way to begin is by applying to be a CIT. Our first year CIT's live as a group and spend time advancing their campcraft and water skills. They also discuss developmental stages of children and age appropriate activities. They participate in and learn to facilitate the Girlz R.U.L.E. program. They will shadow staff in all areas, from the dish room to the director's office. They will work to improve their swimming and boating skills and practice teaching those skills to younger girls.

First Year CIT (Six Week)

Age 15 and older

Fee: \$1400

July 1-August 11, 2012

A six week option is available for girls who want to spend the full six weeks at Candlewood. During the first week, girls would choose to either participate in Lifeguard training or a land based program. During the second week, they will participate in Advanced Campcraft Specialties, joining their peers during the second session with the advanced skills, broadening their opportunities for leadership.

Second Year CIT (Three and a half weeks)

Age 16 and older

Fee: \$600

June 27-July 21, 2012

Those who have successfully completed a first year CIT program at Candlewood or at another camp are eligible for a second year of CIT training. You will still have an opportunity to be in a CIT group, but you will also spend more time taking on a leadership role. You'll start by joining the staff in pre-camp training as your school schedule allows. If you are ready, you will take Life Guard training and choose another area in which to become proficient. Whether you wish to concentrate in sailing, canoeing, archery, campcraft, challenge, nature, or arts & crafts, you will be given the opportunity to excel in your area of choice. Your time in the instructor role will be

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nurtured by senior staff who are willing to go the extra bit in order to help you succeed. You will be prepared to step into the staff as a well qualified member.

Second Year CIT (Six and a half weeks)

Age 16 and older

Fee: \$850

June 27-August 12, 2012

A six and a half week option is available for girls who wish to spend the full summer in camp. Girls will gain more hands-on experience and staff mentoring in their area of choice for the final three weeks of camp. Schools have generally approved these three weeks as “volunteer” or “community service” hours when they require them.