

# Camp Brochure

*At Girl Scouts of Connecticut, the safety and wellbeing of girls is our number one priority. Girl Scouts of Connecticut has strict policies and procedures designed to keep girls safe. If/when we receive a report pertaining to behaviors that may harm others, we move quickly and follow the appropriate protocols as mandated by the State of Connecticut.*

Providing girls of all ages the tools they need to develop healthy relationships is at the core of Girl Scout's mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

## **Campers! What's new in 2022?**

Join us this summer and find out! Visit our website, [gsocfct.org](http://gsocfct.org) and click on the camp tab for information about an amazing camp experience awaiting you this summer! We are excited for you to arrive.

## **ALL girls Grades 1-12 are welcome!**

Are you looking for a day camp, we have five to choose from (Oxford, Weston, Lebanon, Manchester and New Milford). If your camper is ready for a sleep away experience then we have a great opportunity for your camper at Camp Laurel, Lebanon, CT. Not only do we provide great traditional camp activities, but GSOFCT Summer Camp has learning adventures where everyone can connect with the beauty of nature around you.

## **Our Camp Staff**

Our Camp staff are enthusiastic, talented, and caring individuals, 18 years of age or older. We recruit both regionally and from around the world, and carefully select staff based on maturity, program skills, experience, and their ability to serve as role models. We believe that a diverse staff offers girls of all ages the opportunity to meet people from near and far and learn about different people. Camp staff are excited about having lots of fun at camp! They are ready to help campers gain a better understanding of themselves and their leadership potential. We expect our staff to maintain high moral standards and act maturely in all areas of their lives during their time of employment. All staff members go through an extensive screening, which includes an interview, references, and background checks. Chosen for their maturity, program skills, and experience with children, they are required to attend an intensive pre-camp training session including safety, activity planning, camper care, team building, and much more. Staff members who supervise high-adventure activities such as the pool, challenge course, archery, carving, and other areas receive additional training and certifications.

## **Early Bird Discount**

Make a great value even better! Register and pay in full by 5:00 p.m. April 1 to receive our Early Bird Discount: \$10 off each day camp week and \$15 off each resident camp week. Anticipated Cookie Credits do not count towards paying in full to receive the Early Bird Discount. CIT 3 programs do not qualify for Early Bird Discount.

## **Cookie Credits reimbursement is DOUBLED when redeemed towards GSOFCT summer camp fees!**

You must send the original Cookie Credits by August 31, Attention: Camping Services, 20 Washington Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473. *Should we not receive the Cookie Credits by August 31, we are unable to process them towards your camp fee and you will be responsible for paying the balance in full.*

## **Financial aid is available**

Apply early as funds are limited. A non – refundable \$25 deposit per week is required at time of application. The application is on the registration form when you apply for camp on our website.

## Did You Know?

At Girl Scout summer camp, campers become more independent and learn to care for themselves. Campers plan their activities and take the lead in everything that they do. Outdoor experiences encourage campers to seek challenges and solve problems—qualities that will help them embark on a lifetime of leadership, both academically and personally. Girl Scout camp exposes girls to new experiences! Girl Scout camp builds courage, character and confidence! Spending time in nature improves a camper's concentration and creative reasoning. Outdoor experiences also help promote healthy social development and increases self-esteem.

## Camp Info and Registration Nights

Stop in at one of our camp information and registration nights at several locations in Connecticut! Meet some camp staff, have your questions answered and see a slide show of our camps, facilities and programs. You will have the ability to register for any of our camps that evening and apply for financial aid if needed.

All information nights are weather permitting. Should we need to cancel, information as well as directions to our service centers will be on our website: [gsofct.org](http://gsofct.org)

North Haven Service Center: North Haven, Thursday, April 28th 6pm-8pm

Hartford Service Center: Hartford Thursday, March 21st 6pm-8pm

## Open House Dates

Camp An-Se-Ox: Oxford, Sunday, May 1 1pm to 3pm

Camp Aspetuck: Weston, Thursday, May 15 2pm to 4pm

Camp Laurel: Lebanon, Sunday, May 22 2pm-4pm

Camp MerrieWood: Manchester, Sunday, May 15, 2pm to 4pm

Clatter Valley Day Camp, New Milford, Sunday, July 17 4pm to 6pm

# Day Camp Information

Day camps operate Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A typical day includes a morning flag ceremony, assisting with unit Kapers (camp chores), activity periods, (such as outdoor living skills, swimming, arts and crafts, sports and games, etc.) lunch, activity periods, and a closing flag ceremony.

When asked...what's a typical day at camp? Our response is...there is no such thing as a typical day at camp. Will your campers find her new best friend today at camp? Will she smile at her successes on the sports fields or in the pool? She most certainly will learn a new outdoor cooking recipe to share with the family. Our aim this summer is to go back to the basics of valued outdoor learning skills. You may find your camper went on a hike or two! Don't be surprised if it's one of her favorite new things to do. Maybe she'll ask your family or her troop to go on a hike together. Whatever she experiences and retains, will remain with her well after she ends her camping week at Girl Scouts of CT summer camp. When campers are given outdoor skills, they meet the challenge and always want more. If you've signed up for one week and find out she wants to join us for more, don't hesitate to reach out to our camping services office to inquire about availability at 800-922-2770 X3320.

Before-care is available at all day camps except Clatter Valley, for an additional fee of \$50 per week. Parent/guardian drop off can be as early as 7:30 a.m. Campers are offered a quick light morning snack and start their camp adventure early. Not available for campers taking bus transportation.

After-care allows the fun to continue until 5:30 p.m. For an additional fee of \$50 per week, campers receive a snack and continue camp activities. No late bus transportation is available.

A single overnight at day camp is an optional activity for campers who are ready to stay away from home overnight. Campers will spend the night at camp preparing dinner, s'mores, campfire, and many other fun activities. Campers will have breakfast in the morning and be ready to go for the day. Overnight dates are:

Week 2 - Thursday July 7.

Week 4 - Thursday, July 21

Week 6 - Thursday, August 4

### Sunset Thursdays

Our day camps will host a family picnic. Come and walk-through the camp and meet your camper's counselor as well as other staff. It's fun to get a view of camp from your camper's eyes.

Register ahead of time with the camp office and bring a picnic dinner to share with your camper. Programs for the evening vary each week. In case of inclement weather, we reserve the right to cancel these events.

Week 1: Thursday, June 30

Week 3: Thursday, July 14

Week 5: Thursday, July 28

### Target Sports

Archery is offered to campers of all ages. We also have sling shot ranges for all ages. Campers have a choice! Many will get the opportunity to try both!

### Swimming

Campers attending Aspetuck (pool) and Laurel (lake) receive instructional swim. Merrie-Wood and Clatter Valley keep girls cool with a wide variety of water activities. Camp An-Se-Ox will have a brand-new pool in 2023. We have lots of plans to keep campers cool over the summer of 2022, details will be on your camp newsletter each week.

Day camp is open on July 4 and 5 but After-Care is not available on July 4.

Please note that GSOFCT reserves the right to cancel any program, bus stop or bus route that does not meet the minimum registration. So please register early!

One week camp option allows the campers to experience the fun and excitement that camp offers! Campers make new friends, build skills, play hard, actively explore their environment, making each week unique!

Two-week camp option includes all the activities of one week at camp but with more time for deeper friendships & personal development. Camp is reserved on a one week or two week time frame and price structure. Opting for two week combinations of weeks 1 & 2, 3 & 4 or 5 & 6 will give you the advantage of a \$50.00 discount for the two weeks.

# Laurel Sleep Away Camp Information

Our sleep away camp program is designed to meet the various needs of the wide age range of the girls who come to camp. Living units are based upon the grades campers will be entering in the fall school year but program areas have the flexibility to meet their wide range of skills. Campers in 1st through 5th grade receive instructional swim. Older campers may opt out of swimming lessons. Archery and sling shot ranges provide opportunities for all campers

Campers in our youngest units will experience the outdoors, explore nature with their inquisitive minds, become familiar with outdoor living skills, take a cooling swim in our lake, and enjoy traditional Girl Scout camp experience through hiking, crafting and playing.

As their skills progress, campers will begin archery and boating. They will continue to hone their outdoor living skills as they learn campfire cooking and cookout each week. Campers will also put their team building skills to the test as they try our challenge programs and become both strong team players and leaders among their peers.

Campers in grades 6-8 will enjoy boating in canoes and kayaks, paddleboarding, learning more difficult maneuvers and rescue techniques. They will test their outdoor living skills as they are challenged daily by their activities, from more advanced archery to campfire cooking, swimming and fun games in the lake. They will also take the lead on challenge programs as they find themselves working as a tight-knit team to face the toughest obstacles.

In grades 9-12, campers are ready to emerge as leaders while still enjoying their camp experience. They will work on team building exercises and gain a glimpse into what our leadership staff experience every day, from creative problem-solving to multitasking and prioritizing daily tasks. Campers will gain independence and cultivate confidence, choosing activities to make the most out of their camp experience.

Centrally located in camp is the Health Center, which is staffed by certified personnel with doctors on call. The center is equipped to handle routine healthcare and first aid.

Meals are served in our central dining hall. Besides the nutritious entrees, meals also may include extras like a breakfast bar or salad bar, dependent on state regulations. Fresh fruit is available throughout the day. With advance notice, camp can accommodate many special diets.

# Registration Information

Online registration is available at [gsofct.org](http://gsofct.org).

To register for camp, visit our website, [gsofct.org](http://gsofct.org) and click on the camps tab at the top of our page. When you get to the camp page, on the left-hand side of the page, click summer camps then either day or sleep away camp. Be sure to scroll through day camp as there are 5 to choose from throughout the state. During the registration process, should you not already be a member of Girl Scouts, you must register your child to become a member of Girl Scouts. A current Girl Scout membership is required to attend camp. At Girl Scouts, the next opportunity to stand up, speak up, and take the lead is never far away. At Girl Scout camp, campers develop courage, confidence, and character to make the world a better place.

A \$25 nonrefundable deposit per session is required at time of registration.

Payment in full is due by **June 1**. If registering after June 1, full payment is due at time of registration.

**Phone:** 800-922-2770

**Email:** [customercare@gsofct.org](mailto:customercare@gsofct.org)

You will receive an email confirmation upon registering through our web site. The Parent Handbook gives you detailed information about what you will need to know in advance of camp and what will be happening when she gets to camp. The handbook can be found on this website as well as during the registration process. Please be sure to download the new expanded handbook as there is important information for you regarding your campers stay.

Starting March 1st, within 2 weeks of registering for camp, your health forms with a physical form, health history, and other forms necessary for your camper's well-being will be sent to you. Please return fully completed forms to Camping Services by June 1. Additional information about health forms can be found in the parent handbook. Anyone registering after June 1 will then have to bring their fully completed health forms with them when their camper is dropped off at camp.

An administrative charge of \$10 will be added for changing your week of camp.

If you applied for Financial Aid, you will be notified via email starting April 1, 2022 of the decision. Starting March 1st, within 2 weeks of registering for camp until June 1st, your health forms with a physical form, health history, and other forms necessary for your camper's well-being will be sent to you.

## Cancellations and Refunds

- Girl Scout Membership fee is non-refundable.
- Cancellations and refunds must be requested in writing and sent to [camp@gsofct.org](mailto:camp@gsofct.org)
- Cancellation refunds will be made minus the \$25 non-refundable deposit per week.
- Should you cancel camp for any reason, Cookie Credits are not returnable.
- Any cancellations made within two weeks of camp attendance will not receive any refund.
- Due to limited space in Saddle up, Horse Savvy and Horse fun, any cancellations within 5 weeks prior to arrival at camp, will not be refunded.

# The An-Se-Ox Experience

Making new friends and learning exciting new skills is at the heart of what we do at Camp An-Se-Ox every day. Our beautiful outdoor grounds provide the perfect balance of natural wooded areas and open activity spaces. An-Se-Ox is a place where lifelong memories are made.

Bus stops are available in the following towns at no extra fee:

Watertown, Waterbury, Naugatuck, Beacon Falls, Seymour, Derby, Shelton, Monroe, Newtown, Southbury, North Haven, New Haven, Orange, West Haven, Milford, Stratford, Ansonia, Wallingford, Cheshire, Bethany, Woodbridge.

Visit our web site, [gsfct.org](http://gsfct.org) for bus stop locations, times and routes before registering as they have changed for the 2022 season. No After-care is available for campers who ride the busses.

Camp Themes: Celebrate a different theme each week at camp!

## Week 1 Lily's Birthday Bash

It's our mascot Lily's birthday and we want to celebrate with you. Join us for week of fun and friendship as we share camp traditions and all things that make you special, like your birthday!

## Week 2 Wizard Week

Do some science experiments appear to be magic? Create exotic potions and perfumes and other wizardly activities. Join your fellow wizards in field games and competition.

## Week 3 Winter in July

Who needs snow to cool off? Create a cool crafted water bottle penguin. Let's journal our penguin's experiences at camp. Share their stories as we get warm around the campfire creating new folklore. Winter-themed events like ice painting are sure to keep you cool.

## Week 4 Out of this World

Build a rocket and adventure to the moon this week! Stargaze at night on our optional overnight (see Parent Handbook). Learn about astronomy and moon phases and make some cosmic slime. Go on a Scavenger Hunt in search of other lifeforms. Let's blast off with tons of fun!

## Week 5 Water Week

STEM water activities and simple water experiments. How many ways can we play with water? Join us for a week of water-related fun!

## Week 6 Travel around the World

Be a world explorer – it's a great way to learn geography skills and be exposed to other cultures. Through simple crafts and fun activities learn about other cultures and get ready for further exploration. Join us on this adventure to explore different parts of the world.

# The An-Se-Ox Experience

Grades Fall 2022	Cost	6/27 - 7/1	7/4-7/8	7/11-7/15	7/18-7/22	7/25-7/29	8/1-8/5
Grade 1-8	\$510	Two Weeks		Two Weeks		Two Weeks	
	\$280	One Week	One Week	One Week	One Week	One Week	One Week
Grades 8-9	\$480	LEADership Development		LEADership Development		LEADership Development	
Grades 10	\$680	CIT: Counselor in Training					
Grades 11	\$870	CIT2: Counselor in Training 2					
Grades 12	\$170	CIT3: Counselor in Training 3					

\*See All Camps Rate Sheet for more details

# The Aspetuck Experience

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Camp Aspetuck offers campers the opportunity to return to the roots of Girl Scouting by learning new outdoor cooking skills & methods and a variety of outdoor survival skills. Campers will become confident cooks as they prepare meals during fun cookouts. Campers will join their unit for swimming lessons. New friends will be made during outdoor skills and team building games. And your camper will celebrate when she gets her first bullseye at the archery range!

Bus stops are available in the following towns at no extra fee:

Danbury, Reading, Ridgefield, Wilton, Darien, Norwalk, Westport, Weston, Greenwich, Stamford, New Canaan, Trumbull, Bridgeport, Fairfield.

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Camp Themes: Each week at camp there will be a different theme celebrated through all of the camps activities

### Week 1 Eco-Camping

Get back to basics... camping old school. Become an Eco Camper, learning how to preserve our precious environment, especially the ecosystem of Camp Aspetuck.

### Week 2 Big Bang Theory

Explore what's out there in the vast skies and learn to star gaze like a scientist.

### Week 3 Hermione's Classroom

Wizard around with some cool science. Learn some chemistry to create something brand new!

### Week 4 Project Fun-way

Design, create, display. Take your designs to the next level, from marketing to store.

### Week 5 Shark Tank

Bring your invention ideas to camp. Sell your ideas to a panel of judges.

### Week 6 Myth Busters

Take on a challenge to find out the truth behind weird science!



# The Aspetuck Experience

Grades Fall 2022	Cost	6/27 - 7/1	7/4-7/8	7/11-7/15	7/18-7/22	7/25-7/29	8/1-8/5
Grade 1-8	\$590	Two Weeks		Two Weeks		Two Weeks	
	\$320	One Week	One Week	One Week	One Week	One Week	One Week
Grades 8-9	\$590	LEADership Development		LEADership Development		LEADership Development	
Grades 10	\$680	CIT: Counselor in Training					
Grades 11	\$870	CIT2: Counselor in Training 2					
Grades 12	\$170	CIT3: Counselor in Training 3					

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# The Clatter Valley Experience

Each year, Clatter Valley Day Camp springs to life in the meadow at Clatter Valley Park in New Milford. To provide a traditional camp experience with hiking, outdoor cooking, crafts games and new friends. CVDC mixes a traditional Girl Scout camp experience with special themed activities to create a truly unique week-long experience, before or after care is not available at CVDC. Camp operates Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parents are asked to drop off their campers between 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. Pick up is between 3:45 p.m. and 4 p.m. On Friday evening, July 19, there is an optional overnight at no extra fee for girls entering grades 3 and above in the fall of 2019 weather permitting.

Bus stops are available in the following communities: Torrington, Litchfield, Washington

# The Clatter Valley Experience

Grades Fall 2022	Cost	6/27 - 7/1	7/4-7/8	7/11-7/15	7/18-7/22	7/25-7/29	8/1-8/5
Grades 1-7	\$245	One Week	One Week	One Week	One Week	One Week	One Week
Grades 8-12	\$245	One Week	One Week	One Week	One Week	One Week	One Week
Grades 9-12	\$170	One Week	One Week	One Week	One Week	One Week	One Week

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# The Laurel Day Camp Experience

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Sprawling fields and rustic buildings combined with an intricate trail network set the scene for an amazing camp experience. Girls will explore their surroundings at Laurel while hiking, swimming, and challenging themselves to try new activities. Rich with tradition, every girl will treasure the friendships forged and memories made at camp. A delicious, nutritious lunch and a snack are served daily. For girls under grade 5, swim lessons will be provided.

Bus stops are available in the following towns at no extra fee:

Tolland, Coventry, Willimantic, Plainfield, Norwich, Colchester, Middletown, Portland, E. Hampton, Marlborough, Hebron, New London, E. Lyme. Visit our web site, [gsfct.org](http://gsfct.org) for bus stop locations, times and routes before registering as they have changed for the 2022 season. No Before or After care is available for campers who ride the busses.

Camp Themes: Each week at camp there will be a different theme celebrated through all of the camps activities

### Week 1 Time Travel

Build your own time machine. Imagine traveling to amazing destinations! We will create our own stories, journal about our adventures, experience interesting cooking methods from the past and experiment with cooking outdoor cooking methods for future Girl Scouts?

### Week 2 I SPY

As we explore Camp Laurel, keep your eyes peeled for “camp artifacts” strategically hidden around camp. We will sketch pictures, collect stories, and other ways of observing camp. Join the great exploration of Camp Laurel and all its traditions.

### Week 3 Hawaiian Hullabaloo

Let’s explore exciting Hawaiian cooking, using a variety of cooking methods over the fire. We will learn how to hula, make leis and grass skirts all culminating into a mystical luau of fun. Enjoy the Hawaii traditions close to home Camp Laurel style!

### Week 4 Special Agent

Defend the environment and become a special agent for Camp Laurel’s ecology. Outsmart the lake fairies from their prankish follies, combat the energy miser and trip up the trash monster with “leave no trace” action.

### Week 5 Olympic Games

This week is all about competition and good sportsmanship. Cheer on your fellow athletes as you compete. Test your agility and strength. Design your own box chariot and if you wish, wear a toga for the big parade. (Bring a sheet). We will base our events on the weather to have one or more events per day. (Water sports/ swimming relays, field games like long jump, etc., an obstacle course, archery, badminton, beach volleyball, kayak races and much more.) Challenge yourself to earn spirit awards.

### Week 6 Space

Blast off for an exciting week of outer space-themed fun! Campers compete to see if your straw rocket can soar the highest. Archery takes on a whole new dimension when the target is staged as the solar system (bullseye is the sun). Journal stories of space travel or alien life to read to your friends around the campfire. Become an astronaut during cosmos dodgeball as you dodge asteroids. Who says you can’t learn at camp when you are making marshmallow constellations (fun to make, then also fun to eat). Learn all about our solar system while evening star gazing. (Star gazing at Laurel Sleep-Away will be nightly. Laurel Day Campers will have an opportunity to star gaze if you participate in the special overnight on Thursday night.)

# The Laurel Day Camp Experience

Grades Fall 2022	Cost	6/27 - 7/1	7/4-7/8	7/11-7/15	7/18-7/22	7/25-7/29	8/1-8/5
Grade 1-8	\$550	Two Weeks		Two Weeks		Two Weeks	
	\$300	One Week	One Week	One Week	One Week	One Week	One Week
Grades 4-12	\$460	Horse Fun	Horse Fun	Horse Fun	Horse Fun	Horse Fun	Horse Fun

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# The Merrie Wood Experience

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Girls will be able to foster their individuality and grow as independent thinkers as they explore the mystery and wonder of the great outdoors. Girls will be mentored as they experience a blend of traditions and modern camping skills. With activities such as sports and games, exploring nature, learning to cook on an open fire and hike the trails, girls can discover themselves in the great outdoors.

Bus stops are available in the following towns at no extra fee:

Enfield, E. Windsor, Windsor, S. Windsor, W. Hartford, Hartford, Rocky Hill, E. Hartford, Manchester, Bristol, Plainville, New Britain, Newington, Glastonbury, Stafford Springs, Ellington, Vernon, New Hartford, Canton, Avon, Bloomfield

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Camp Themes: Each week at camp there will be a different theme celebrated through all of the camps activities

### Week 1 Artful Antics

Ready to get your hands dirty with “over the top” art projects! Be prepared to have fun, get messy, and creative all in one week of Artful Antics.

### Week 2 Back to Basics

What better way to experience camping than with these DIY Girl Scout camping tricks that are borderline genius. You’ll experience traditional campfire building, cooking over an open fire and other creative camping strategies for your next family camping trip.

### Week 3 Into the Wild

Survival skills, nature appreciation, wildlife safety, leave no trace will be some of the mini adventures you’ll explore into the wild.

### Week 4 A mixed bag of STEM

Sample activities from robotics, engineering and technology to the ecology of planet Earth and to the galaxy beyond.

### Week 5 Sprinkle Fairies

Let’s beat the summer heat with some wet, wild and wacky fairy games and water fun. Campers will enjoy various water activities such as water bucket relays, water tag, Merrie-Wood’s very own “Brookstomping” and more!

### Week 6 Emerald City

You are the leader of your own adventure. Focus on leadership with your unit and others while taking a journey to the emerald city. Together tackle roadblocks and work to get to your groups goal.

# The Merrie Wood Experience

Grades Fall 2022	Cost	6/27 - 7/1	7/4-7/8	7/11-7/15	7/18-7/22	7/25-7/29	8/1-8/5
Grade 1-8	\$500	Two Weeks		Two Weeks		Two Weeks	
	\$275	One Week	One Week	One Week	One Week	One Week	One Week
Grades 8-9	\$480	LEADership Development		LEADership Development		LEADership Development	
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## Leadership Programs at Summer Camp

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Due to limited space, high demand for our CIT/WIT programs and our desire to provide the highest quality leadership experience, an application process has been implemented for these programs. All girls interested in CIT or WIT must register and pay in full by May 1st for the application to be processed. If she does not meet the requirements after the interview process, she will be offered a spot in the older girl program or can opt for a refund at that time.

Prerequisite: Read the leadership readiness questions to find out which leadership program is best for you!

### LEADership Development

Entering grades 8 or 9

Two weeks

This program is designed for those who have a love for camp and have demonstrated a strong desire to develop basic leadership skills. Leadership, Education, Adventure, and Development.

Girls in this program will have an opportunity to plan a camp event and participate in a camp service project. In addition to focus on teamwork, skill-building, leadership skills, and practicing working toward being role models. This program includes traditional camp activities like boating, archery, crafts, and hiking.

### Counselor in Training

Entering grades 10 and above

Four weeks

A separate additional application and one letter of recommendation is required to participate in this program. Start your camp leadership track with this four-week advanced leadership program. CITs will focus on building their skills by working with units and leading programs. Girls have a chance to shine as younger campers look up to them as a role models. In addition to leadership development, girls will enjoy the fun traditional camp activities each camp has to offer. Girls registered in Counselor in Training will be asked to participate in a pre-training event held in June. Information to follow. All resident campers will go home for a short break every two weeks.

### Counselor in Training 2

Entering grades 11 and up

Six weeks

A separate additional application and one letter of recommendation is required to participate in this program. Successful completion of CIT 1 is recommended. In CIT 2, observe and learn supervision techniques of a variety of camp activities. This program concentrates on leadership training, child development, programming, and being role models. The CIT 2 program includes elements of the traditional camp experience and opportunities to work directly with younger campers. Our CIT 2s grow as they gain confidence and independence. All resident campers will go home for a short break every two weeks.

### Wrangler in Training

ONLY at Camp Laurel Horse program

Entering grades 11 and up • Six weeks

A separate additional application, two letters of recommendation and an interview with the camps' director is required to participate in this program. WIT is an advanced leadership program concentrating on horse handling skills, barn management, child development, and program design. Continue your development as a role model preparing for the next logical step—being a future camp staff member! Successful completion of CIT 2 is recommended. Some riding experience is required All resident campers will go home for a short break every two weeks.



### Counselor in Training 3\*

Entering grades 12

Six weeks

A separate additional application, two letters of recommendation and an interview with the camps' director is required to participate in this program. After successful completion of the CIT 2 program, girls can apply to this six-week advanced leadership program. A separate application and interview are required and acceptance is not guaranteed. Expand your knowledge of child development, program design, and being a role model. Teach activities, continue to gain self-confidence, and make new friends. CIT 3s gain hands-on experience shadowing members of camp staff and assisting and living in younger girl units. CIT 3s will also share their knowledge and participate in daily reflections as a whole group. All resident campers will go home for a short break every two weeks. \* CIT 3 is not eligible for Early Bird Discount

### Camp CEO

ONLY at Laurel Resident Camp

Ages 14-17

Four days, three nights • June 22- 25

Looking for a unique older girl experience? Join us at Camp CEO where the fun of camp combines with creating your own vision as a future woman leader. Through innovative and interactive workshops and activities, you'll discover how your dreams, passions, and skills can transform you into the successful woman you want to be. You will be assigned to your own CEO buddy, who is a prominent business leader. They will collaborate with you during this journey while enjoying all the fun activities that Camp Laurel has to offer— horseback riding, boating, swimming, and archery.

# The Laurel Sleep Away Experience

Camp Laurel is located amongst rolling hills and fields with natural surroundings to explore. Girls will live in cabins or tents, enjoy delicious meals in our spacious dining hall, sing songs and make lifelong memories. Our waterfront offers swimming, boating, and paddle boarding. Camp Laurel is rich with tradition and each girl will treasure the friendships forged and memories made at camp.

Themes change every week so that no matter how many weeks your camper will be at Laurel, she will have a wonderful adventure with her friends.

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Defend the environment and become a special agent for Camp Laurel’s ecology. Outsmart the lake fairies from their prankish follies, combat the energy miser and trip up the trash monster with “leave no trace” action.

## Week 5 Olympic Games

This week is all about competition and good sportsmanship. Cheer on your fellow athletes as you compete. Test your agility and strength. Design your own box chariot and if you wish, wear a toga for the big parade. (Bring a sheet). We will base our events on the weather to have one or more events per day. (Water sports/ swimming relays, field games like long jump, etc., an obstacle course, archery, badminton, beach volleyball, kayak races and much more.) Challenge yourself to earn spirit awards.

## Week 6 Space

Blast off for an exciting week of outer space-themed fun! Campers compete to see if your straw rocket can soar the highest. Archery takes on a whole new dimension when the target is staged as the solar system (bullseye is the sun). Creatively journal imaginative stories of space travel or alien life to read to your friends around the campfire. Become an astronaut during cosmos dodgeball as you dodge asteroids. Who says you can’t learn at camp when you are making marshmallow constellations (fun to make, then also fun to eat). Learn all about our solar system while evening star gazing. (Star gazing at Laurel Sleep-Away will be nightly. Laurel Day Campers will have an opportunity to star gaze if you participate in the special overnight on Thursday night.)

## Your Home Away from Home

Campers are placed in to living units based on grades they will be going into for the fall of 2022 school year. Each unit has multiple groups with counselors and a unit leader. Girls sleep in wood-framed rustic cabins or platform tents with cots with no electricity. Each unit has centralized porto potties, serviced by a professional cleaning company, and a washstand with running water. Girls shower in a centrally located shower house with individual shower stalls. Drop off time is on Sundays between 2pm and 4pm. Pick up times are on Saturdays at 9 am. Please check your registration for your drop off and pickup times as they vary depending on if you choose a one week session or two week session. Please note that all Leadership, CIT and WIT campers go home every two weeks. There are no overnight stays between one or two week sessions.

## Mini Camp-

Only At Camp Laurel

Four day, three night sampling June 22 -25

Drop off is 4pm-7pm on the 22 and Pick up is 9 am on the 25.

Get your summer off to an amazing start with a mini camp experience for the first time camper or a camper who wants just a bit of camp! It's a great introduction to life at camp, and campers have an opportunity to try many of the activities offered at Laurel. In addition to scheduled group activities with their friends, swimming, crafts, nature, campfires with s'mores, campers have several free time activity periods in which they can sign up for an activity of their choice. Our time together may be short, but we make the most of it by providing an awesome camp experience that will have you signing up for the next session, too! (Excludes horseback riding).

## Horse Programs

Camp Laurel resident and day only.

### Day Camp Horseback Riding

Horse Fun Grades 4+

One Week

Time to saddle up! Time at the stable includes riding, equestrian theory, and general horse care. The program includes four horseback riding lessons and limited traditional camp activities like boating, archery, crafts and hiking.

### Resident Camp Horseback Riding Grades 4+

For girls looking to gain new skills, the horseback riding programs at Laurel are designed for all levels of riders. On the first day, girls' riding abilities are assessed and they are placed into riding groups that allow girls to work comfortably and confidently at their own pace. Safety is always our first priority. Bad weather and excessive heat may shorten the time that the camper is on horseback. If that happens, they'll work on other horse-related activities. In a two-hour session, girls will learn horse and stable care which includes mucking stalls, feeding, grooming, and tacking horses. In between assigned riding rotations, girls work on equestrian theory. If you have any questions, please contact [customercare@gsofct.org](mailto:customercare@gsofct.org).

### Wrangler in Training

ONLY at Camp Laurel

Entering grades 11 and up or 12 • Six weeks

WIT is an advanced leadership program concentrating on horse handling skills, barn management, child development, and program design. Continue your development as a role model preparing for the next logical step—being a future camp staff member! Successful completion of CIT 2 is recommended. Some riding experience required, but this program offers limited riding time. All resident campers will go home for a short break every two weeks.

## Saddle Up

One Week Grades 4+

Time to saddle up! Time at the stable includes riding, equestrian theory, and general horse care. The program includes four horseback riding lessons and limited traditional camp activities like boating, archery, swimming, crafts and hiking. And lots of other traditional camp activities.

## Horse Savvy

Two Weeks Grades 4+

For girls who want the ultimate adventure this summer, Horse Savvy is a two-week general camp program with eight horseback riding lessons to grow and get more comfortable while riding. As their skills and confidence improve, a trail ride is included. The program also includes limited traditional camp activities like boating, archery, crafts, and hiking.

# The Laurel Sleep Away Experience

Grades Fall 2022	Cost	6/27 - 7/1	7/4-7/8	7/11-7/15	7/18-7/22	7/25-7/29	8/1-8/5
Grade 1-12	\$990	Two Weeks		Two Weeks		Two Weeks	
	\$520	One Week	One Week	One Week	One Week	One Week	One Week
Grades 8-9	\$920	LEADership Development		LEADership Development		LEADership Development	
Grades 10	\$995	CIT: Counselor in Training					
Grades 11	\$1,245	CIT2: Counselor in Training 2					
Grades 12	\$180	CIT3: Counselor in Training 3					
Grades 12	\$180	WIT Training					
Grade 4-12	\$1,310	Horse Savvy		Horse Savvy		Horse Savvy	
Grade 4-12	\$680	Saddle Up	Saddle Up	Saddle Up	Saddle Up	Saddle Up	Saddle Up
Short Programs		6/22-6/25					
Grade 1-9	\$325	Mini Camp					
Grade 9-12	\$250	CEO					

\*See All Camps Rate Sheet for more details