

2023 Girl Scout Summer Camp Guide

Camp Edey, Bayport



girl scouts 
of suffolk county

About Our Camp

Every Summer Has a Story...

Camp Edey is located on 95 acres on the beautiful San Souci lakes in Bayport and has been home to amazing Girl Scout outdoor experiences for over 75 years. We have two pools, an archery range, hiking trails, and even a frog-friendly pond. Our summer camp program includes things our girls love- like GaGa ball, scavenger hunts, outdoor sports, weekly themed activities, and crafts in a safe and fun environment that fosters her sense of adventure.

Camp Culture

Our Camp Values: Camp is a community. The community of camp is unique; it is shaped by the physical, the outdoor space of camp, the team-building nature of our activities, and the welcoming environment that we strive to create. Your camper should expect to be immersed in an environment that:

- *Encourages personal responsibility: campers take care of themselves, the camp, and one another.*
- *Takes place in nature: campers learn environmental stewardship and share space with bugs and critters.*
- *Is “unplugged” and focused on being present: campers will not have access to electronics.*
- *Encourages self-exploration: campers try new things and gain confidence.*
- *Relies on teamwork: campers work together as part of a team.*
- *Is respectful and inclusive: campers and staff strive to create a safe space and respect one another’s identities.*
- *Nurtures belonging and empowers campers to keep an open mind and heart about the experiences of others so that they can learn how to nurture equity, opportunity and inclusion for everyone.*

Why Girl Scouts?

Girl Scouts helps girls discover the wonders of nature, experience the thrill of adventure, and challenge themselves to reach new heights. Girls increase their interest, confidence, and competency in the outdoors with the backing of a global sisterhood that helps them expand their horizons while connecting with the world around them.

And Girl Scout camp is fun. Girls have a chance to make new friends and explore nature guided by our amazing camp staff who are there to support them along the way. They get a chance to unplug and take a break from the “world of screens”-the smartphones, laptops, and tablets that have become a part of everyday life.

Your Girl Scout may want to go to camp for the archery, GaGa ball, and pedal boating, but you can start her outdoor adventure at Camp Edey knowing she will also learn important leadership skills that help foster her self-confidence while challenging her to try something new.

Camp Season

Dates: June 26 - August 25, 2023
(9 Weekly Sessions)

Hours: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Location: Camp Edey,
1500 Lakeview Avenue,
Bayport, NY 11705

[\(Google Directions\)](#)

[Watch Our Summer Camp Video](#)



Weekly Themes

Week	Theme
Week 1: June 26-30	Outdoor Art: Art is everywhere! Campers will participate in unique artistic experiences like camouflage art and squirt painting and design creations using natural materials including leaves, rocks and branches found right in the acres of woodland in Camp Edey!
Week 2: July 5-7 (3-days only)	Gross Science: Embrace the ICK! Campers will engage in some amazing and disgusting experiments while learning about fascinating scientific processes including mold science and fun with insects!
Week 3: July 10-14	Magic Kingdom: Calling all Disney kids! This is the week to embrace your inner Mickey Mouse! Campers will be immersed in all things Disney including a Disney-themed crafts, games, and sing-alongs!
Week 4: July 17-21	Animal Kingdom: Lions, Tigers & Bears, oh my! Camp Edey will host an interactive live animal experience this week and campers will play unique animal-themed games to help channel their inner wild animals!
Week 5: July 24-28	Camp Hogwarts: You're a wizard, Edey! Campers who elect to participate will be sorted in a Hogwarts House and spend the week playing Quidditch and concocting potions!
Week 6: July 31-August 4	Invention Camp: Eureka! Campers will have their wonder ignited as they are led in exciting STEM activities including robotics and engineering!
Week 7: August 7-11	Color Wars: IT'S ON! All week campers will learn the importance of sportsmanship, spirit & camaraderie as they participate in friendly competitive events, culminating in the final day of the week with an old-fashioned color war!
Week 8: August 14-18	Edey's Got Talent: Lights, camera, action! Performing arts is the name of the game this week. Campers will be led in acting, singing and dancing activities by visiting professionals with a finale talent show at the end of the week!
Week 9: August 21-25	Harry Potter Returns: HE'S BACK! We end Summer 2023 with another helping of all things HP. Get your Gryffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff or Ravenclaw best ready and gear up for a thrilling week of Camp at Hogwarts!

Day Camp Program

For Girls Only, Grades 1-6 *(Entering in Fall)*

Includes everything girls love about Summer Camp, like swimming, boating, GaGa ball, scavenger hunts, outdoor sports, arts & crafts, weekly themed activities, special guest events, and more! *(Weather dependent.)*

- ▶ Weeks 1, 3-9 - \$400 per Camper per week
- ▶ Week 2 - \$240 per Camper per week*



Teen-Ventures Program

For Girls Only, Grades 7-9 *(Entering in Fall)*

The best parts of Summer Camp, like swimming, boating, GaGa ball, scavenger hunts, outdoor sports, crafts, weekly themed activities, special guest events, geared towards teens. *(Weather dependent.)* Plus an off-camp trip per week.

- ▶ Weeks 1, 3-9 - \$550 per Camper per week
- ▶ Week 2 - \$330 per Camper per week*



**Week 2 is July 5-7 (3-days only due to the July 4th holiday.)*

Not a Girl Scout? Not a problem! A \$50 required membership fee for all campers is all it takes. Fee does not apply to registered Girl Scouts. See full registration policy on page 12.

Sleepaway Program

Available Weeks 3-8 (July 10-August 18) • For Girls Only, Grades 5-9 *(Entering in Fall)*

Includes Day Camp or Teen-Ventures Program + access to exclusive evening activities like, night swims & hikes, campfire s'mores, and glow-in-the-dark GaGa. *(Weather dependent.)*

- Grades 5-6: \$600 per Camper per week
- Grades 7-10: \$670 per Camper per week

Drop off on Monday at 8:00 AM; Pick up on Friday at 4:30 PM. Meals and boarding included. See required packing list at www.gssc.us/summercamp.



Counselor-In-Training Program

For Girls Only, Grades 10-12 *(Entering in Fall)*

A unique leadership opportunity for those interested in becoming a day camp counselor

Get hands-on experience with child development, camper supervision, first aid, camp programming, developing communication skills, and teamwork. Participate in leadership training and be assigned to a group under the supervision of the camp team. Upon completion, girls will be awarded the Counselor-In-Training award and potentially be invited to be part of the summer camp staff. Apply by June 1.

[Learn more at gssc.us/summercamp](http://gssc.us/summercamp)



Multi-Week Discount: Register for at least 5 weekly sessions and Save 5%. Register for all 9 weekly sessions and Save 10%. *This discount is manually added to your account. Please reach out to camp@gssc.us once you are registered. Cannot be combined with other offers or financial assistance.*

Teen-Venture Trips

Only Teen-venture campers will go on trips this year. A bagged lunch will be provided unless otherwise noted (Week 8 trip). Campers may bring money to purchase food or souvenirs on site, however, Camp Edey staff assumes NO responsibility if a camper chooses to do so. Please remember electronic devices, including cell phones, are prohibited on camp, this rule extends to camp trips.

Date	Where to
Wednesday, June 28	<u>Sunken Forest, Fire Island:</u> Our teens will take the ferry from Sayville and take part in a guided exploration of the unique ecology of the Sunken Forest/Sailors Haven Fire Island enclave. According to the New York Natural Heritage Program, the Sunken Forest was ranked as “globally rare,” meaning there are few remaining occurrences of this assemblage of plants throughout the world. Campers will also have the opportunity to wade in the ocean and enjoy a bagged lunch on the beach.
Wednesday, July 5	<u>Long Island Game Farm, Manorville:</u> Campers will visit the largest combined children’s zoo and wildlife park on Long Island and have the opportunity to feed the animals (campers are provided with one bag of food each) before enjoying a bagged lunch in the park.
Thursday, July 13	<u>Long Island Ducks Game, Central Islip:</u> Our teen campers will join several other camps from across Long Island to take in “Camp Day” at the Long Island Ducks game where Quackerjack and the Ducks will take on the Lancaster Barnstormers!
Wednesday, July 19	<u>Splish Splash, Riverhead:</u> Teens will spend the day at one of the largest water parks in the country, where they will have the chance to ride waterslides and swim in the wave pool.
Wednesday, July 26	<u>Escape Games LI, Ronkonkoma:</u> Teen campers will be split in four groups and spend the day tackling fun and challenging escape room puzzles before enjoying a bagged lunch.
Wednesday, August 2	<u>Adventureland, Farmingdale:</u> Teen ventures will visit Long Island’s Amusement Park and will enjoy a fun and exciting day on the over 30 fun and exciting rides and attractions. Bagged lunch provided.
Wednesday, August 9	<u>Gr8skates, Shirley:</u> Our teen campers will join other camps from Long Island to enjoy two hours of skating and access to the arcade at Suffolk’s newest roller rink. Campers will return to camp in time to enjoy pool time!
Wednesday, August 16	<u>Coram Country Lanes, Coram:</u> Teens will have a fun day playing “cosmic bowling” at one of Long Island’s most beloved bowling alley - and will also have the opportunity to play games in the arcade before enjoying a pizza lunch.
Wednesday, August 23	<u>Country Fair, Medford:</u> Our teens will enjoy a fun day at one of Long Island’s most picturesque entertainment parks where they’ll have the chance to ride the go-karts, play mini-golf, laser tag, or try their hand at the batting cages before enjoying a bagged lunch in the park.

Registration Policy

Girl Scouts of Suffolk County's Tax ID #112164434

Easy Online Registration

All you need is a \$50 non-refundable deposit per week for Day Camp and/or \$100 non-refundable deposit per week for Sleepaway Camp to reserve your spot. Refunds are only considered for medical reasons.

Payment Plan

Your balance will be conveniently and automatically debited from the credit card you choose on the due date, which is 14 days before the start of each weekly session. You may pay toward your balance at any time before the due date.

Girl Scout Membership Policy

All campers are required to be registered Girl Scouts and pay the \$50 membership fee. The fee does not apply to currently registered Girl Scouts.

Important Note:

Online Summer Camp registration, including Before and After Care and transportation, closes at 5:00 PM on the Wednesday prior to the start of the session. You may request to register after this time by contacting the camp director at camp@gssc.us or call (631) 543-6622 ext. 246. Registrations approved after this time will be charged a \$25 late registration fee.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations made more than eight (8) business days in advance of the first day of your child's camp session will receive a full refund, including the deposit. Requests made less than seven (7) business days before the start of the applicable session, will not receive a refund for the canceled session. All requests for refunds must be submitted electronically via the Refund Request Form 8 days prior to the start date.

[Refund Request Form](#)

Transfer Request

Requests to transfer sessions must be made in writing through our online form and require a \$15 session transfer fee. Missed days will not be prorated.

[Transfer Request Form](#)

Add-Ons

Registration cost includes activities/program, lunch & snacks every day (breakfast and dinner for Sleepaway), \$10 per week in Trading Post account. Every camper will receive one FREE camp t-shirt for the season. If registered for multiple weeks, campers will receive a second camp t-shirt after the 4th week.

- **Before & After Care:** \$75 per camper per week (Week 2 only: \$60)
Drop-off as early as 8 AM. Pick-up before 6 PM.
- **Bus Transportation:** \$125 per camper per week (Week 2 only: \$75)
Only available for Day Camp & Teen-ventures.

Trading Post

At the Trading Post, your camper can shop for souvenirs, ice cream, snacks, and much more!

Each week, we will allocate \$10 to your camper's Trading Post Account. Most campers spend between \$15-\$20 each week. Log onto your summer camp account and add funds as necessary. All purchases will be debited from your camper's Trading Post account until it has been depleted. All Trading Post deposits are non-refundable.



Bus Routes

UPDATED: We will now have 3 Bus Routes, each with 2 Stops. Please note that times and locations are subject to change based on enrollment and traffic conditions. Each bus has a minimum of 25 campers and a maximum of 40 campers to be able to run on any given week. Visit www.gssc.us/summercamp for up-to-date info.

Bus Route A

Bus Stop	Pick-Up	Drop-Off
Ronkonkoma - St. Joseph's, 45 Church St. (In front of church)	8:20 AM	5:10 PM
East Islip - CVS, 15 West Main St. (Corner of Carlton Ave.)	8:40 AM	4:50 PM
Camp Edey (Arrival / Departure)	9:00 AM	4:30 PM

Bus Route B

Bus Stop	Pick-Up	Drop-Off
West Babylon - LIDL, 725 Sunrise Hwy	8:00 AM	4:55 PM
Commack - GSSC Main Office, 442 Moreland Rd.	8:30 AM	5:15 PM
Camp Edey (Arrival / Departure)	9:00 AM	4:30 PM

Bus Route C

Bus Stop	Pick-Up	Drop-Off
Rocky Point - Kohl's, 346 Route 25A (East Side)	8:00 AM	5:25PM
Nesconset - PetSmart, 3050 Middle Country Rd.	8:35 AM	4:55 PM
Camp Edey (Arrival / Departure)	9:00 AM	4:30 PM

Health & Safety

Our camper's health and safety is our top priority. Our camps operate in accordance with the high standards of Girl Scouts of the USA, New York State health laws and Suffolk County health regulations. Inspection reports concerning our camps and full written safety plan are on file at the health department.

Health/Medical

A health supervisor is on duty at all times. All camp staff are 18 years old or older and trained in CPR, First Aid, and Epi-pen procedures.

Current camper medical history reports are on file and a written medical plan is approved by the Health Department.

Our immunization policy will be as follows: Parents/Caregivers must provide documentation that their child has received NYS required immunizations including two doses of the MMR vaccine.

Staff

All directors have experience in camping administration or supervision and meet the requirements for NYS health code. Training is required and provided for all camp staff. During camp (on and off site), our safety ratio is 1 counselor to 8 campers.

During off-site trips for Teen-ventures, Trip Leader and accompanying staff are trained on all health/safety procedures, specific to field trips as well.

Fire Safety

We practice periodic fire drills for both campers and staff on-site and all fire safety procedure are held in accordance with NYS law. Campfires are held in a designated fire circle area and operated by trained staff.

Food & Nutrition

Food preparation and handling activities are reviewed to assure safe and sanitary practices. Kitchen staff are certified in food handling procedures.

Swimming/Lakefront

Our swimming program and all waterfront activities are administered according to American Red Cross standards and New York State health laws. We maintain a safety ratio of 1 counselor to 8 campers and use of the "buddy system" for all aquatic activities. Campers are swim tested weekly and non-swimmers are kept in water less than chest deep. Life preservers are worn for lakefront activities.

Archery

Our archery range is in a designated location at a safe distance from other activities and our Range Leaders are certified by USA Archery.

[For full details and important information, read our Summer Camp Parent/Caregiver Guide](#)

Questions? Please contact us at customercare@gssc.us or call (631) 543-6622



Meet Our Camp Director



Mary Ellen Rama

Manager of Camping Services & Community Programs

- **What you are most looking forward to this summer?**
 - Welcoming back campers to all of our programs. I know that everyone from Pixies through Teen-Ventures plus Sleepaway and our revamped CIT program will have an awesome summer. We have been working hard planning incredible trips, special guests as well as bringing back some camper favorites like Fun Fridays.
- **Your favorite camp activities?**
 - I love swimming!
- **Your favorite part of Girl Scout Camp?**
 - My favorite part is hearing all the joyful noise that happens all day long. I love to hear the campers chanting as they transition or cheering as they compete or just laughing and having fun in the pool.
- **Do you have a favorite camp song?**
 - The “Tarzan” repeat after me song
- **What is your favorite Girl Scout Cookie or Camp Treat?**
 - I have 3 favorite Girl Scout Cookies. I love to eat Thin Mints and Tagalongs right out of the freezer. I also love to eat Trefoils with a warm cup of tea, coffee or hot chocolate.

Ways Girl Scouts Builds Girl Leaders in the Outdoors

Eight in ten girls say Girl Scouting allows them to do outdoor activities they have never done before and wouldn't have done otherwise. When girls participate in Girl Scouts' outdoor programming, they benefit in important ways:

1. **Outdoor Competence** - Girls learn to engage safely and responsibly in a range of outdoor activities.
2. **Outdoor Interest** - Girls develop a love of nature and an interest in the natural world.
3. **Outdoor Confidence** - Girls gain confidence in their ability to take on new challenges and learn from and succeed in them.
4. **Environmental Stewardship** - Girls come to understand how their behaviors impact the environment and what they can do to protect the natural world.

86% of Girls learned a lot about the outdoors or nature.



83% say they learned how to take care of the environment.



Girl Scouts Soar in the Outdoors & Four Ways Girl Scouts Builds Girl Leaders in the Outdoors, Girl Scouts Research Institute (2019)

Day in a Life of a Camper

Here is an example of what a day could look like for your camper:

Group Name: Trefoils

		Drive-Thru Drop Off/Bus		
Check-in & Announcements <i>Welcome Center</i>		Time: 9:00-9:20 AM		
		Time Block: 9:25-10:10 AM	Weekly Themed Activity <i>Troop House</i>	
 GaGa Ball <i>GaGa Pit</i>		Time Block: 10:15-11:00 AM		
		Time Block: 11:05-11:25 AM	Special Guest <i>Side of Troop House</i>	
Lunch Break <i>Juliette Low Friendship Center</i>		Time Block: 11:55 AM - 12:40 PM		
 Pool <i>Pool 1</i>		Time Block: 12:45-1:30 PM	Pool <i>Pool 1</i>	
		Time Block: 1:40-2:15 PM		
		Time Block: 2:25-3:10 PM	Group Games <i>Sports Court</i>	
Trading Post <i>Cabin</i>		Time Block: 3:15-4:00 PM		
		Time Block: 4:00-4:10 PM	Clean-Up, Closing <i>Juliette Low Friendship Center</i>	
		Pick Up/Bus		



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