



What is the Thursday overnight and what should my daughter and I expect?

The Thursday overnight is for the older Girl Scout campers (entering 4th grade and above) and is A LOT of fun for campers and the adult volunteers.



Activities at the overnight:

1. Swimming
2. Eat dinner with the Elk River Resident campers at the cafeteria
3. Put up tents - we will have a meeting to learn about tents, where to put them, where the adults are located, etc.
4. Games
5. Be entertained by the Caddies performing skits
6. Eat some dessert
7. Get ready for bed and get into their tents
8. Be serenaded by the caddies and go to sleep
9. In the morning they will wake up, get ready, eat breakfast, pack up their stuff and their tents, and wait for the rest of the campers to arrive.

Adult Volunteers for the Thursday overnight:

1. We usually need about 10-12 adults to stay overnight in tents near the girls. Remember this if you are signing up your daughter for the overnight - you may need to come stay overnight.
2. Adults stay in adult tents. The only exception is a tent which only has a mom and daughter, no friends. (GS rules)
3. Please listen to the short meeting after the busses leave and prior to tent set up to hear our expectations and rules for the overnight and then help the girls follow those rules for the rest of the night.
4. Help the girls put up tents, if needed (Caddies are great at putting up tents & are there to help the girls!).
5. Patrol around the tents to make sure everything is in a tent. Anything outside the tent will be wet in the morning because of dew overnight. (all shoes need to come in the tent)
6. Everyone must wear shoes when they are outside their tent. No exceptions! Flip flops may be worn to the bathrooms instead of putting on tennis shoes.

7. The adult volunteers staying in tents are in charge after the caddies serenade the girls to sleep.
8. Please monitor the girls and remind them to go to sleep if they continue to talk in their tents
9. If the girls wake you up or are homesick and just won't go to sleep, try to do what you can to get them to go to sleep.
10. If you have tried everything and cannot get them to go back in their tent and go to sleep, come into the Timber Meade office and let us know what is going on, so we can decide what the next step will be.
11. **Remember** - we are ALL volunteers just like you, please be patient and help as much as you can. We have been at camp all week and still have a full Friday to run, as well.
12. In the morning:
 - a. Remind the girls to get ready for their day. (I.e., brush teeth, hair, etc.)
 - b. Make sure they go into Timbermeade to get some breakfast.
 - c. Get them to pack all their overnight stuff up and put it back into the trailers
 - d. Pack up the tents or move them out of the way of morning flag, if they are too wet to pack up.
13. Have fun! Seeing these girls enjoy their camping overnight is amazing! You may not enjoy tent camping, but they LOVE it!!! If you are happy, they will be happy! We never get complaints from the girls about the overnight. They always ask if they can do it again next year.

Sign up for the Thursday overnight:

1. Sign up during registration
 2. If you don't know during registration, email us as soon as you know.
 3. We will be sending out confirmation for the overnight around the same time as you get your unit information
 4. We cannot hold the overnight unless we have enough adult volunteers to stay in tents as well..
- If you have additional questions please send them to moundsviewgscamp@gmail.com

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