



Girl Scout Howard County Day Camp

New Staff Training

I. Welcome to GSHCDC

II. Volunteer Must-Do's

- Adults must be registered with Girl Scouts
- CPS background check online, notarized at General Training
- (optional) If you want a rebate of camp fees, LiveScan fingerprint required
- Camp name

III. Your Resources

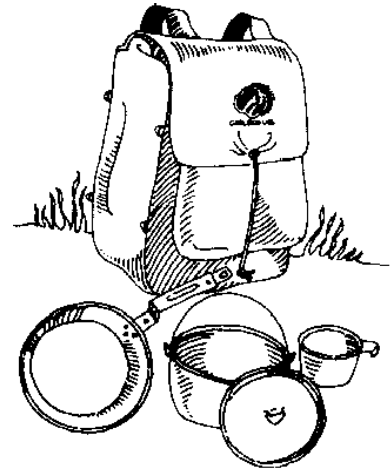
- Camp Booklet -on website
- GSCM Day Camp Manual pgs 9-33, -on website
- vintage GSHCDC Binder -on website
- HQ Staff
- Veteran adults and PAs

IV. How to Dress for Camp – set an example

- Head covered – no visors, please
- shoulder's covered
- Shorts that allow you to bend and move comfortably
- Socks that cover your ankles
- Athletic shoes-no open toes or heels

V. Traditions

- Camp name
- Heidi & Hodi - mascots
- Ilchester
- Announcements
- Dexterity Check
- Ribbons
- Theme Days:
 - Monday—former camp shirt/GS shirt
 - Tuesday—new camp t-shirt
 - Wednesday—camp name or patriotic
 - Thursday—Unit theme
 - Friday—new camp t-shirt
- Unit Spirit: units make up chants to share while hiking and at flagpole
- Unit Etiquette: campers may request a song from someone entering their Unit
- Sixth-grade Sleep-Over: Wednesday night
- Parade of Colors: Thursday at Flag Field
- Dance Party – Thursday morning before flag ceremony
- SWAPS - Friday afternoon



VI. Your Role at Camp

- A. Assistant Unit Leader
- B. Assistant Program Leader
- C. Fill-in / Floater

VII. Dinner

VIII. Walk Through Week of Camp - slides

- Preparing for camp
- You've made it to camp.....now what?
 - staff sign-in @ HQ by 8:30 AM
 - order lunch—optional
 - pick up supply bucket from garage
 - open/set up your unit for the day
 - take Tags to Peterson @ 8:45 AM
 - staff kids stay with parent until flag field
 - unit flags at cones in flag field
 - busses arrive—wave your flag to help campers find unit
(flag color matches color strip on camper's bus button)
 - take attendance from clipboard in your unit bucket
 - Flag Ceremony and "announcements"
 - send attendance slip to HQ
 - At Unit: hang backpacks, store lunches
- First day only:
 - Unit Meeting: discuss unit rules, camp safety, buddy system, assign "count-off" number
 - Choose camp name, make button, put name on clothespin (staff may want to write names for younger campers)
 - Decorate unit flag
 - Camp t-shirts will be delivered to each Unit and Program to wear Tuesday
 - Emergency Drill
- Daily Schedules:
 - Unit schedules in packets

