

Camp Ledgewood Overnight Field Trips

girl scouts
of north east ohio



Explore Camp Ledgewood and the Vivian von Gruening, MD, STEM Center of Excellence, located in Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Research shows that camp experiences help kids build confidence, independence, resilience, and stronger social skills. An overnight field trip gives students the chance to step outside their comfort zones, unplug, and experience new challenges together.

Through outdoor adventures shared experiences, and STEM exploration, they will practice teamwork, strengthen friendships, solve problems, and create lasting memories.

We can't wait to welcome up to 100 students in grades 4-12 to Camp Ledgewood for an overnight adventure they'll always remember!



Discover more at gsneo.org/fieldtrips or contact
Customer Care at customercare@gsneo.org or 800-852-4474.

Stay Overnight at Camp LedgeWood

Camp LedgeWood offers a variety of overnight accommodations to fit your group's needs and comfort level—from platform tents and rustic cabins to modern lodges and tiny houses! Amenities vary by site and may include indoor kitchens, bathrooms, showers, heating, and air conditioning. While more rustic sites feature outdoor kitchens and latrines. We're happy to help you choose the perfect site for your group! [Learn more about Camp LedgeWood.](#)



Meals at Camp



Each campsite includes access to a kitchen, and groups are welcome to bring their own food and beverages for the duration of their stay. Many groups choose to have volunteers join them at mealtimes to prepare and serve food for students.

Want to make mealtime part of the adventure? Depending on your group size, we may be able to arrange an outdoor cooking experience over an open fire!

If you'd rather leave the cooking to someone else, we've got options! Contact us to discuss catering and delivery options.

If your trip includes snacks, we can accommodate vegetarian, gluten-free, and nut-free options. Please note that food is not prepared in a certified nut-free facility.

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Camp Activities

Camp Ledgewood offers a variety of exciting camp activities from environmental education experiences and nature hikes, to target sports and ziplining!

Build an overnight experience that's perfect for your group! Each stay includes a set number of activity blocks that can be filled with a combination of classic camp favorites and engaging STEM activities. Explore the classic camp options below and start creating your adventure.



Air Riflery

Fire Building

Nature Hikes

Scavenger Hunt

Archery

Fishing

Nature Building

Team Challenges

Boating

High Ropes*

Orienteering

Ziplining*

Creek Walk

Lake Lab

Outdoor Cooking

Nighttime Activities

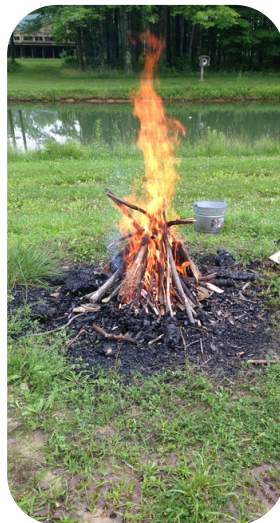
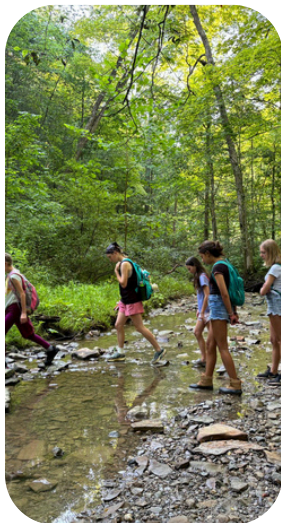
Field Games

Low Ropes*

Outdoor Art

Campfire and S'mores

* Premium activities with additional per-participant fee.



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STEM Center Activities



The Vivivan von Gruenigen, MD, STEM Center of Excellence includes a Wet Lab, Workshop, Tech Lab, Observatory, and outdoor learning spaces for students of all ages and abilities to experience hands-on learning as they explore STEM, teamwork and careers.

Every overnight camp experience includes activity blocks that can be packed with camp fun, STEM discoveries, or a little of both. Browse the STEM activities below and design an unforgettable experience for your group.

Wet Lab

Animal Habitats
Bug Hunt
Dissections*^
Food Science
Forensics
Germ!
Geology and Gems
Mystery Science
Pond Investigation
Rainbow Science
Slime Lab

Workshop

Breakerspace
Build a Bridge or Tower
Camouflage Critters
Foam Gliders
Mathematical Art
Parachutes
Race Cars
Rockets- stomp or straw
Rockets- Engine*^
Rollercoasters
Soldering^
Woodworking- Bird feeder*^
Woodworking- Robot*

Tech Lab

3D Printing Intro
Alien Terrain Robots
Battle Bots
Buzzy Bot Build
Circuit Challenge
Coding Robots
Custom T-Shirts*
Robot Puzzles
Robot Automation
Wind Turbine Building

Nighttime Activities

Astronomy Exploration*

** Premium activities with additional per-participant fee*

^ Participants must be in sixth grade or higher



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Costs and Funding

Overnight field trip costs are customized based on the number of students, length of stay, accommodations, activities, and meal options chosen. We will work together to build an overnight field trip experience that fits your group, goals, and budget.

To help ensure a safe and successful experience, one chaperone per 12 students is required and included at no extra charge. Please note that chaperones are counted in your group's capacity. Additional chaperones may attend for an added cost.



Field Trip Camp Experience	Whats Included*	Starting Price per Student		
		Primitive**	Basic Cabin	Premium Cabin
1 day, 1 night	2 day time activities 1 evening activity 1 Snack	60	75	100
2 days, 1 night	6 day times activities 1 evening activity 2 Snacks	100	125	150
2 days, 2 nights	6 day time activities 2 evening activities 2 Snacks	125	150	200
3 days, 2 nights	9 day time activities 2 evening activities 2 Snacks	150	175	250

**The costs listed above do not include premium activities or prepared meals. Premium activities are available for an additional \$5 to \$10 per participant. **Primitive camping is available only during September, October, April, and May.*

FUNDING FOR FIELD TRIPS MAY BE AVAILABLE

Girl Scouts of North East Ohio (GSNEO) currently has grant funding available to help make overnight field trips more affordable for schools. Schools in select counties and districts may qualify for reduced overnight field trip costs based on their free and reduced lunch rates.

Transportation assistance may also be available on a case-by-case basis.

For a full list of funding opportunities please go to gsneo.org/fieldtrips

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Important Information

Safety

It is imperative that all students and chaperones follow any safety directives from camp staff. Chaperones will receive a camp safety briefing upon arriving at camp. Each activity will begin with specific safety information. Students should have a camp buddy who they remain with at all times for camp.

What to Wear

A detailed packing list will be provided. Some visits include a nature hike or power tools, while others do not. All students should wear closed-toed shoes, no loose clothing, and all long hair should be tied back.

Chaperone Responsibility

Overnight field trip experiences require one chaperone per 12 students. Teachers and chaperones should be prepared to be involved throughout the day assisting with activities and managing all student behavior.

Permission Slips and Waivers

All participants are required to complete the overnight field trip permission forms. Teachers are responsible for managing which students do not have permission to participate in certain activities.

Photo Release

All visitors are required to complete a photo release form. Students who do not have a photo release must wear a paper wristband, which will be distributed by their teacher.

Cancellation

To avoid a cancellation fee, all cancellations must be made at least two full calendar weeks prior to the scheduled program. A cancellation fee will not be charged if the class is canceled due to weather.

Locations:

Camp Ledgewood

7047 Akron Peninsula Rd, Peninsula, OH 44264

STEM Center of Excellence

6751 Akron Peninsula Rd, Peninsula, OH 44264

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Packing List

- Sleeping bag OR twin-sized fitted sheet and blanket
- Pillow
- Towel and washcloth
- Toiletries
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Shampoo, conditioner, and body wash
- Deodorant
- Hair care products (Hair should be tied back throughout camp.)
- Feminine care products if needed
- Clothing
- Weather-appropriate clothes for entire length of stay. (Plus one or two extras.)
- Shirts, shorts, pants, underwear, and socks (Plus, extra socks!)
- Pajamas
- Sweatshirt for cool evenings
- ***Those participating in ziplining MUST wear long pants**
- Sturdy, comfortable shoes—either sneakers or hiking boots—campers will be walking and hiking everywhere. No sandals, crocs, or heavy boots. (An extra pair of sneakers is recommended.)
- Flip-flops or slides for shower shoes
- Raincoat or Poncho
- Refillable water bottle labeled with name
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Small backpack or day bag
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Book or journal for quiet time
- Any required medications—must be handled through school chaperones
- Optional:
- Hat or sunglasses
- Disposable camera (labeled) or digital camera

Please leave at home:

- Valuable items
- Jewelry (small post earrings are okay)
- Large electronics—no tablets, laptops
- Headphones
- ALL sandals or crocs
- ALL candy, snacks, or food
- ALL sugary drinks like soda, energy drinks, coffee drinks, etc.

Things to consider:

- The weather- if heavy rain or snow is forecasted, rain or snow boots should be included
- Clothing should be comfortable and easy to move in
- Clothing and shoes WILL get dirty, muddy, sweaty, etc. Pack items that are okay to get messy!
- Layers are always a good idea!



Frequently Asked Questions

Do students need to be Girl Scouts?

No, campers do not need to be members of GSNEO. If individuals are interested in joining, staff members will have a flyer!

Are boys allowed to attend?

Yes! Boys are allowed to attend overnight field trip experiences.

What happens if it rains?

Rain at camp happens; we have back up plans of fun-filled and creative activities even if it rains every day.

Can students bring phones?

Students may bring phones, but they must stay in their luggage. They should not be used during the camp experience. It is up to each school if students can use their phones once or twice per day to communicate with families.

Are the sleeping accommodations heated or cooled?

All cabin sleeping options are heated, some are cooled. Please see the details in the accommodation section.

Are there showers? Indoor bathrooms?

Some cabins have showers and indoor toilets, please see the details in the accommodation section.

Can parents attend as chaperones?

We urge against this, as it changes the students' experience. Though, we understand that some schools may need to utilize parent or guardian chaperones to ensure safety ratios.

What happens if a student gets sick?

Chaperones will contact the student's caregiver, and they may be asked to come pick up their student.

Do students need money?

No, there is nowhere to spend any money at camp.

Is bedding provided?

No, each camper will be assigned a bunk with a mattress. Each individual is responsible for bringing their own sleeping bag or sheets and blanket, and pillow.

What if someone forgets something?

We suggest first asking friends to borrow. If needed, parents can be contacted to bring forgotten items to camp.

Can students with disabilities be accommodated?

Yes, GSNEO is happy to make as many accommodations as possible. There are some activities that can not be altered and some sites that are not reachable for folks with disabilities. Specifics should be discussed with GSNEO staff during the planning process.

Are teachers expected to participate?

Yes, teachers and chaperones will be active participants of the entire experience. While they are not required to boat, zipline, code robots, etc., they are expected to assist in the facilitation of these activities.

What time is lights out?

Lights out varies depending on student age and activities, usually 9:30 PM - 10:30 PM is average.

Sample Three Day Schedule

WEDNESDAY				THURSDAY				FRIDAY		
9:00am	Arrive to Camp Ledgwood			7:30am	Wake up and get ready for the day			7:30am	Wake up and get ready for the day	
9:00 - 10:00	Check in, move luggage to Moss Ledge, drop luggage in cabins, Safety Briefing			8:15-9:00	Breakfast at Moss			8:00-8:30	Breakfast at Moss	
10:00 - 10:30	Walk to Lake, Snack			9:00 - 9:30	Walk to Zip Lining	Walk to Poolhouse		8:30-9:30	Pack up and move luggage to Low Lodge	
10:30-11:30	Boating	Lake Lab		9:30 - 12:00	Zip Lining	Creekwalk		9:45-10	Walk to STEM Center	
11:30 - 12:30	Lake Lab	Boating			Creekwalk	Zip Lining		10:00-12:00	Robotics	Wood Working
12:30 - 12:50	Walk to Moss			12:00-12:15	Walk to Moss					
1:00- 1:45	Lunch @ Moss			12:15-1:00	Lunch @ Moss			12:15 - 12:45	Lunch (on own) @ STEM Center	
1:45 - 2:00	Walk to STEM Center			1:00-2:00	Relax, walk to programs			1:00-3:00	Wood Working	Robotics
2:00-3:00	T Shirt Design			2:00-3:30	Community Art	Low Ropes				
3:00-4:00				3:30-5:00	Low Ropes	Community Art			3:15-3:30	Wrap up
4:15 -4:30	Walk to Moss Ledge							3:30-4:00	Pack up Busses	
4:30 - 6:00	Settle In: make beds, games, relax			5:00-5:30	Walk to Moss Ledge			4:00	Depart 4pm	
6:00-7:00	Dinner @ Moss			5:30-6:15	Dinner					
7:15 - 7:30	Walk to STEM Center			6:15-7:30	Relax					
7:30 - 9:30	Cosmic Quest			7:30 - 9:30	Campfire led by GSNEO					
9:30-9:45	Walk to Moss Ledge			9:30-9:45	Walk to Moss Ledge					
9:45-10:15	Get ready for bed			9:45-10:15	Get ready for Bed					
10:30	Lights Out			10:30	Lights Out					

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Main Gate

