CORE Camp 2020 – Camp Timberlane

Here is some additional information to help you prepare for your troop's visit to Camp Timberlane!

**Camp Timberlane:** Located in Erie County at 13408 Green Rd. Wakeman, OH 44889.

**Arrival & Check In:** 6:00 PM Gather girls and gear in main parking lot. When you have all girls, please check in at the Welcome Center where you will be given your unit assignment. Once checked in, you will be directed to your unit to drop off your gear. Girls will be expected to carry their own gear and/or leave it in an assigned area at the Welcome Center to be delivered later in the evening by camp staff. No cars will be allowed back to any site.

**Departure & Check-Out:** 10:00 AM Troop/group will be met at site by camp staff for check-out procedure. Troop is responsible for cleaning up the space they lived in and for gathering the trash and taking it to the dumpster behind Stocker Lodge.

**Leader Orientation:** The first evening at 8:00 PM one adult from your group must attend the orientation meeting. Please arrive on time! Agenda items include property rules and information, session specific information, program scheduling and sign-up, all-camp programs, and check-out procedure.

**Trading Post:** Trading Post will be open the second day of CORE Camp from 2pm – 5pm.

**Troop/Group Information**

**CORE Camp Staff:** Camp staff is responsible for site orientation, leader orientation meeting, monitoring of weather, and leadership during camp emergencies, facilitating and instructing scheduled troop and all-camp program activities, and supplying meals and snacks during the weekend.

**Troop Leadership:** Troops are responsible for having the appropriate girl/adult ratio, training and certification for troop camping as required by Activity Safety Checkpoints and GSNEO. Troop adults are responsible for monitoring, supervising, and the first aid administration of girls in troop at all times. Accompanying males may not count in the girl/adult ratio and may be required to overnight at a separate site.

**Equipment:** Troop/Group camping basic equipment required is supplied by GSNEO. Troops will need to supply personal gear (refer to your training and experience, and suggested packing list). A First Aid Kit, Personal Health History and Medication forms for girls and adults as well a water bottle per person must accompany troop at all times. All personal gear should be packed in one bag lined with a sturdy plastic bag. Sleeping bag or bedroll can be packed separately, inside another plastic or waterproof bag. GSNEO supplies most program supplies and equipment.
Food: Camp staff will supply:

- First night evening snack
- Second day breakfast, lunch, dinner, and evening snack
- Third day breakfast

All meals will be served in Stocker Dining Hall. Troops are welcome to bring their own snacks and beverages. Reminder: Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at GSNEO camp properties.

Accommodations: Space availability may require troops to share a site with another troop of appropriate age level. Please be courteous to all guests living in shared sites.

Bathroom Facilities: All sites at Timberlane are equipped with indoor, flushing toilets and sinks (including the platform tent unit). Premium or Premium Plus cabins include showers. Troops using site bathrooms are responsible for keeping them clean. Guests staying in sites without showers are welcome to shower at the Pool House if desired. (Note: ALL guests are welcome to shower at the Pool House regardless of their site having a shower or not.) Male guests will have one designated private bathroom with shower, sink, and toilet reserved for them at the Pool House.

Emergency Numbers: Please give the Off-Site Emergency Contact parent the camp phone number: Camp Timberlane is 440-965-7234. This number is for emergencies ONLY.

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Program Information

Troops will have the opportunity to participate in all-camp programs and second day programs geared to the needs of their group. Facilitators evaluate groups and adjust programs to the age-level and experience of the girls.

No refunds or adjustments to your registration are allowed for a program schedule that is not what you expected.

All Camp Programs: All Camp Programs are designed for a large group setting. They are a great way for girls to come together and meet girls from all over the 18 counties and experience a small piece of what CORE Camp has to offer. The all camp programs are for all age levels and are optional for all troops.

Evening Programs: 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM

First Night, Night Hike: Troops are invited to join staff on a night hike. Enjoy how nature changes when the sun goes down and the moon comes out!

Second Night, Campfire: Join us for an all-camp sing-along. Troops/Groups will come together to share stories, songs and a fireside snack. Please bring your own ground sit-upon and a song or skit to share.

Second Day Programs: Troops/groups will receive a schedule of the second day’s programs with descriptions and times when they sign in on the first evening. Troops can plan their day the way they want and pick the activities they want! The adult who attends the leader orientation meeting on the first night will be able to sign her troop up for activities that the girls choose.
Programs include, but are not limited to:

- Crafts
- Boating
- Hiking
- Games
- Low Ropes
- Archery
- Nature activities
- Swimming
- Karaoke
- Splashpad
- Polar Bear Swim
- And more!

**Age Requirements:** Some special programs have specific age requirements based on Safety Activity Checkpoints

- Archery (Brownie & up)
- Low Ropes (Brownie & up)
- Canoes, rowboats, and paddleboats (Brownie & up; Brownies must have an adult in the boat at all times.)
- Furryaks and Corcls (Junior & up)

Additional programs may have age restrictions based on skill level needed.

**Swimming:** Each troop will be scheduled to enjoy pool time. You will receive your scheduled pool time when you arrive at camp.

**Swimming Test:** The safety of our campers is our top priority, so all campers take a swimming test and swim in areas of the pool that match their swim level. Swimming tests are conducted the first night.

There are three sections to the camp pool – shallow, middle, and deep. To swim in the shallow end, a camper must enter the shallow end of the pool and do ten bobs, submerging her entire head under water each time. If she wants to try for the middle section, she must jump in feet-first and swim from the rope to the wall without touching the bottom of the pool. If she chooses to try for the deep section, she will be asked to swim out to the middle and tread water for three rounds of ‘Row, row, row your boat’, and then swim to the opposite wall and back. Swimmers will wear swim caps to designate their appropriate swim area.

**Troop Time and Schedule:** Troop Time is scheduled on the second day. During this time, feel free to stay at your cabin or tent and relax. Perhaps you want to work on some troop activities you’ve planned such as badge work, a bridging ceremony, whatever it may be! This weekend is for you.

Activities will be scheduled throughout the day so there will always be something going on, but don’t feel the need to rush, rush, rush. Enjoy your time at Camp Timberlane! It is suggested that your troop chooses 5-6 activities for the second day that they really want to do and create a plan before arriving at camp. Don’t try to fit everything into one day or your troop will feel overwhelmed and may not enjoy their stay as much.

**Questions:** If you have program questions, please contact camp director, Catie “Tink” Hewitt at chewitt@gsneo.org