CORE Camp 2020 – Camp Sugarbush

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

Camp Sugarbush: 6515 Route 88, Kinsman OH 44428

Arrival & Check In: 5:45 PM – 6:15 PM

Gather girls and gear in main parking lot. When you have all girls, please check in at the parking lot where you will be given your unit assignment. Space availability may require troops to share a site with another troop or troops of appropriate age level. Once checked in, you will be directed to your unit to drop off your gear. Girls will be expected to carry their own gear. No cars will be allowed back to any site.

**At this point you will receive a detailed list of Saturday programs and descriptions that will be offered. Please discuss which programs you would like to participate in with your troop. Sign-ups for programs will occur at the Leader Orientation.

Departure & Check-Out: 10:00 AM Troop/group will be met at site by camp staff for check-out procedure.

Leader Orientation: Friday 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.

Camp Shop: Information TBD

Troop/Group Information

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

Troop Leadership: Troops are responsible for having the appropriate girl/adult ratio as required by Safety Activity Checkpoints and a currently certified First Aid/CPR trained adult. New for summer 2020: An Outdoor Essentials trained adult must attend with your troop. If you do not have an adult with OE training in your troop, you must assign one adult attending camp to take an online CORE Camp specific outdoor training no later than 2 weeks prior to attending CORE Camp. Please
indicate which adult is taking the training during registration. The CORE Camp Basics training can be found on the Nook

Troop adults are responsible for monitoring, supervising and the first aid administration of girls in their 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, and Health Form 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.

• Friday night evening snack
• Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner, and evening snack
• Sunday continental breakfast

You are welcome to bring additional snacks for your troop, but please note that food in tent units must be locked up each night.

Accommodation: Space availability may require troops to share a site with an appropriate age level.

Emergency Numbers: Please give the Off-Site Emergency Contact parent the camp phone number: Camp Sugarbush 330-772-4200.

Sugarbush Camp Director: Donna DeFiore
ddefiore@gsneo.org
330-983-0437

Special Dietary Needs: Contact Donna DeFiore about special dietary needs for your troop.

Program Information

Troops will have the opportunity to participate in all-camp programs and Saturday 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

**Friday 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!

**Saturday Night Campfire:** Join us for an all-camp sing-a-long. 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.

**Saturday Programs:**

Troops/groups will receive a schedule of Saturday’s programs with descriptions and times when they sign in on Friday. Troops can plan their day the way they want and pick the activities they want! The adult who attends the Leader Orientation on Friday 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
- Sports games
- Low Ropes
- Archery
- Nature activities
- Swimming (girls are required to take a brief swim test to determine in which sections of the pool they have the skills to swim)

**Age Requirements:**

Some special programs have specific age requirements based on Safety Activity Checkpoints

- Archery (Junior & up)
- Low Ropes (Brownie & up)
- Canoes (Brownie & up, but please note that Brownies must have an adult in the boat with them)
- Kayaks (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.

**Free time:**

Free time is whenever you’d like it! Need a break or rest hour in the middle of the day? Feel free to go back to your cabin or tent and relax.
Maybe you want to do some troop activities you’ve planned at camp, 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 Sugarbush! The Camp Director suggests you pick 5-6 activities for Saturday your troop really wants to do and create a plan. 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 scheduling or program questions, please contact Donna DeFiore at ddefiore@gsneo.org