



# Summer Day Camp 2020

## General Information & FAQs

### Where is Camp held?

500 Main Street  
Sioux City IA 51103

### What are the dates for the camp?

Session 1: May 26-June 26  
Session 2: July 6 – August 7

### What are the Camp days and hours?

- Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Flexible drop-off is available 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
- Flexible pick-up 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

### How much does Camp cost? What is included in the fee?

- The cost to attend is per week/per child. Weekly fees are \$20/\$30/\$60 per week/per child, based on income and family size. This all-inclusive fee includes breakfast, lunch and snack, summer Camp T-shirt, field trips, and all program materials.
- There is a one-time activity fee of \$45 per girl/per session or \$80 for both sessions. This is due no later than **May 8th**. This fee must be paid in full to reserve your child's spot in camp.
- Any outstanding balance is due by **May 8th**.
- Payment Options:
  - Pay in full at the time of registration.
  - Pay each week at Camp by cash/check/credit/debit.
- Payments are due by the end of the day each Friday. Failure to pay the weekly fees by the due date will cause your child to lose their spot in camp.
- Families are granted 1 week of vacation per session during the summer program. **All other weeks must be paid**. The weekly fee is the same for attendance one day or all days of a week. Please notify the Administrative Coordinator of vacations in advance.

### Do you offer any scholarship assistance for camp?

- Yes, need- based scholarship assistance that will cover some, but not all, of the weekly fee and/or the activity fee is available for those that qualify.

- **The scholarship application deadline is Friday, May 8th.**
- Applications are available at Girls Inc.. The most recent tax returns or W2 forms are required.

### **What are the pick-up and drop-off procedures?**

- Drop-off begins at 7:30 a.m. All girls need to arrive by 9:30 a.m. (Breakfast ends at 9:00 a.m.)
- No early drop-offs permitted. Your child will not be supervised before 7:30 a.m.
- Parents/Guardians are required to escort girls out of the building when leaving each day. Girls must be signed out every day.
- Flexible pick-up is available between 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **If a girl is picked up after 5:30 p.m., a \$10 late fee will be imposed for the first 5 minutes and \$1 for every minute after the first 5. If there is a second late, your child will not be able to return for the rest of the session.** Please have a backup plan in place if you think you're going to be close to 5:30 or at all late.
- Please inform the Administrative Coordinator at the front desk and the Program Director of anyone who may not pick up your child/children.
- Girls may be dropped off/picked up at Girls Inc. ONLY.

### **What will my child do every day?**

- Our summer day Camp is super active and fun-filled, as well as educational. Camp is designed to inspire girls, ages 6-18, by challenging them mentally, enhancing their physical ability, promoting creativity, and encouraging them to take risks. Summer Camp includes hands-on activities in a safe, friendly, pro-girl, all-girl environment.
- In addition to all of the programs and activities at Camp, girls will also attend weekly field trips and educational opportunities around town.
- **A monthly calendar is at the front desk for the schedule details.**

### **What should my child wear to camp?**

- Girls Inc. is very active and sometimes messy doing various activities. Girls should be prepared to participate in all of the fun projects, games, etc., so play clothes work best and **closed-toe shoes (preferably tennis shoes) should be worn every day.**
- On Field Trip days, send your child in their Girls Inc. Camp T-shirt. If the T-shirt is lost, a \$5 fee will be applied for a replacement.
- Girls will be swimming each week and they **will need a swimsuit and towel.** They can bring flip flops to change into at swim time if desired.

### **Are Meals Included? Can my child bring their own lunch?**

- Breakfast is optional, but girls **must be signed in before 9:00 a.m. in order to be served.**
- Girls will be provided healthy lunch and snack daily. If your child has a specific dietary need, please inform us when enrolling so that her needs are met as much as possible. Documentation from a medical professional may be required.
- No candy or gum is allowed at Girls Inc.
- Girls will have regular access to water fountains, but are encouraged to bring a water bottle to keep with them throughout the day. Be sure to put a name on the water bottle!

## **My child takes daily medication. Is this okay to send to camp?**

- Any medication brought to Camp by the girl's parent/guardian must be in the original pharmacy bottle, with the girl's name and instructions for administering the medicine printed on the label.
- The Administrative Coordinator keeps all medicine in a locked cabinet and will administer the dosage(s) as prescribed.

## **What about personal belongings?**

- Do not send cash, cell phones, iPads, handhelds or other electronic devices to camp. In the event of an emergency, the Administrative Coordinator can always be reached, so there is no need for a child to have a cell phone. If there is an emergency at camp, staff will call you.
- If it is discovered that your child has an electronic device, it will be taken away and held at the front desk until taken home at pick up time.
- Girls are responsible for their own personal belongings. Please put a name on everything that you send to Camp to ensure its safe return to its rightful owner. Girls Inc. is not responsible for lost or stolen items brought to camp, so please label everything and do not send valuables.

## **Who are the staff and what training have they received?**

- Our Camp is led by skilled, enthusiastic staff members who deliver hands-on, age-appropriate activities to inspire and support girls in a fun, friendly environment.
- Each staff member is trained in CPR, first aid, girl development, conflict resolution, team building, and overall safety to ensure that your girl has a great Camp experience.
- Girls are always supervised by Girls Inc. staff in the building and on field trips.
- All staff and volunteers working directly with the girls have undergone extensive interviews, criminal background screenings and reference checks.

## **How do you handle discipline issues at camp?**

- Activities at Girls Inc. are done in a group setting. **All girls must be able to function in a group setting and abide by Girls Inc. rules in order to attend.** This includes behavior on the bus, at Girls Inc., or at events with Girls Inc. If your child is not able to behave in a group setting, or requires one-on-one assistance from a staff member, the parent will be notified, and the girl will need to leave. Should your daughter have a recurring problem abiding by these rules, she may be dismissed from the program without refund. If you have questions, please contact the Program Director or the Executive Director.
- There are no refunds for any child that withdraws or is suspended or expelled due to behavior.
- Behavior Consequences:
  - First Offense – verbal reminder of expectations and/or time out away from activity.
  - Second Offense – Thumbs down – Each girl at Girls Inc. has a Girls Inc. bank account where they keep their Girls Inc. money. The girls are able to spend their money at the store once a week. Girls earn 1 Girls Inc. dollar per day they attend, and earn \$4 for a thumbs up. Girls lose \$5 for a thumbs down. With both a thumbs up and down you will receive a note from her staff that explains the reason behind it.
  - Third Offense – conference with the parent/guardian.
- Suspension Policy – The following offenses will require more severe discipline, such as suspension or expulsion:
  - Stealing

- Verbal or physical abuse to anyone including other campers and staff
- Possession or consumption of illegal drugs or alcohol
- Swearing or other inappropriate language
- Bringing a weapon onto the premises
- Gross insubordination – for example, absolute refusal to follow the rules

### **Is there any other information I need to know?**

- If your child is ill, you will be required to pick her up soon as possible. Camp does not have appropriate space or staff to properly care for sick girls for any length of time.
- Regular lice checks are conducted during Camp and your daughter will be sent home if nits or bugs are present. When you treat your daughter (with combing), she is allowed to come back and will be checked upon her return.
- A parent/guardian bulletin board will be by the check-in desk with daily announcements.
- Each family will have a dedicated folder with their name on it at the front desk where items like payment invoices can be found.
- Our federal tax ID number for tax purposes is 42-1272032.

### **If there is an emergency, who should I contact?**

- The Administrative Coordinator will be on site at all times, and will be accessible through the main Girls Inc. phone number and/or the Girls Inc. cell phone.
  - Main Number: 712-252-1088
  - Cell Number: 712-577-5633front des
- The Program Director and Executive Director are additional emergency contacts if needed.
- Additional contact information is provided to all parents/guardians of enrolled campers closer to the start of camp.