



Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta
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Serendipity Weekend Confirmation Packet 2024!

Welcome to Camp Meriwether!

We are looking forward to you joining us for this fun-filled event. Below you will find information that will make your experience easier to prepare for, so please make sure to read over it carefully. If you have any questions the Camp Meriwether Team will be happy to assist you at 678-274-8654 or 770-927-1020. If email is more convenient for you we can be reached at CMWweekend@gsgatl.org.

"Any person entering the premises waives all civil liability against the premises owner and operator for any injuries caused by the inherent risk associated with contracting COVID-19 at public gatherings, except for gross negligence, willful and wanton misconduct, reckless infliction of harm, or intentional infliction of harm, by the individual or entity of the premises."

Smoking / Alcohol / Drugs / Weapons / Pets / Horses: All Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta properties are drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free facilities. There is no smoking on the camp property (including traditional cigarettes and vape devices). Alcoholic Beverages, Illegal Drugs, and Weapons are not permitted on the property at any time. Plan to leave all pets (including personal horses) at home.

About Camp Meriwether

Camp Meriwether is about 300 acres of rolling hills, fields, and forests just southwest of Atlanta in beautiful Meriwether County. We have 2 small lakes, miles of trails, and all other types of outdoor activities for you to enjoy. Thanks to this wonderful location we are quite secluded from the hustle of everyday life, allowing you to enjoy this time with your girls.

For more information about all of our facilities click [HERE](#).

Directions to Camp and of Camp

Google Maps easily finds Camp Meriwether and our gate is well marked. In case you have problems here is a link to find our [maps to camp and of camp](#). (scroll to the bottom of the page for the links to the maps)

Girl Scout Leadership Experience

Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta events are a great time for bonding with your troop and making new friends! Like all Girl Scouting programs, we are focused on helping girls learn to **DISCOVER** things about themselves and the world, **CONNECT** with other people, and figure out ways to **TAKE ACTION** to make the world a better place!

Camper Supervision: Our staff team this weekend is primarily focused on providing a great program and being there to help you with whatever you need. **You are responsible for supervising your own camper(s) under the age of 18 at all times.** Remember that all campers at camp use the BUDDY SYSTEM at all times while here at camp.

EVENT INFORMATION

Event Details: This weekend is about engaging our families and campers in the outdoor Girl Scout experience. Friday night is time to settle into the idea of being at camp. We hope to have a few light activities to engage campers when they arrive. Saturday will have plenty of time to engage in fun activities. Sunday will be a calmer, more laid-back experience to slowly bring ourselves away from camp and back home. We will have a few activities offered at this time, for example, arts and crafts, hiking, and nature activities.

Equestrian activities (Groom a Pony, Groom a Pony with a Pony Ride, and Arena Ride) are pre-scheduled.

Please know that activities are executed in accordance with all Safety Activity Checkpoints and council policies. In the case of any policy changes, program structures may change best to conform to these policies. Please know that the Camp Meriwether Team makes attendee safety and quality experience a top priority.

Required Forms: Every Serendipity attendee must have a health form and carry it on their person (in the case of minors the adult should have it) at all times in case of an emergency. Please make sure that the listed emergency contact is not another attendee of the event. Adults will hold onto health forms during the event.

If you are planning to attend with someone from a different household, please make sure that you have a current health history form and a properly completed permission slip for that person.

Check-In: Check-in will be on **Friday from 6 PM to 8 PM**. If you are planning to attend for just the Day or are deciding to check in late and stay only Saturday night, we will designate a check-in area for you starting at 8 AM on Saturday morning. You will receive more detailed information on how to check-in no later than 30 days before your check-in date.

Accommodations: You will receive an email the Monday before your check-in date prior that will include your sleeping arrangements. Please know that if your group has not registered for a cabin overnight and requested a cabin together you may be staying with other families in the same cabin. The request form for both troop/group sleeping arrangements and other logistics gathering information will be sent out 14 days before the event. **It is imperative that you complete this form promptly to help camp staff plan for your stay at camp. If we do not receive this form from you, we may not be able to make any changes to accommodate any living/activity slot changes to meet your requests after the due date listed on your final confirmations.**

Activities: Activities will include areas that will be scheduled to help assist in keeping certain program areas from being very crowded while others further away from the main camp remain low traffic. This is to help make your experience the best that it can be and allow everyone to make the best use of their time at camp.

- ☞ Examples of some activities that may be included are candle making, making paper, sewing reusable bowl covers, metal and leather stamping, and more. Most activities will be led by a CMW team member. Some of the craft stations will be self-led but immediately adjacent to a CMW Team Member if the need for assistance may arise.
- ☞ Adults are expected to help manage minors' behavior throughout the entire event as the staff members and volunteers are there to provide quality programming for all attendees and will not be responsible for the behavior of minors. They are responsible for the safety of everyone. Should a behavior issue pose a risk to any person, animal, or camp property they can request you leave their program area. If this were to occur a report would be made to the event manager with the details of the safety concerns.

Meals Four meals are included in your Serendipity Weekend registration. Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner on Saturday, and Breakfast on Sunday. All meals will be served in our dining hall. You will receive a separate email from CMWweekend@gsgatl.org to submit any medical or religious dietary restrictions that you may have.

Packing List

Cabin Campers: you will be staying in "bunkhouse" style cabins with bunk beds and twin-size mattresses provided. Bring bedding that you find necessary – most bring a fitted sheet and blanket or sleeping bag in addition to the normal pillow. **These cabins are climate-controlled.**

Tent Campers: You should plan on bringing a sheet, a pillow, warm blankets, or a sleeping bag, and any tent camping gear that you find necessary. Please keep in mind that you may have to wheel your gear from your car to your camping location. This distance will be no more than 1 to 2 football field lengths depending on the location you choose.

Basic toiletries (Shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrush, hairbrush). All areas have access to flush toilets or bathhouses depending on your cabin or tent registration.

Layers! Activities will take place outside. Please take into consideration the weather and pack accordingly.

Sleepwear

Spring outerwear. a coat, gloves, hat, etc.

Raingear (a poncho or raincoat): please note that ponchos will not be allowed to be worn during Equestrian Events.

Re-useable Water bottle (hydration is key)

Flashlight/Headlamp

Required forms (kept with an adult)

Horseback Riding Specific: If you have added any equestrian program to your registration, please plan to bring:

- 🐾 A pair of durable pants (fabric covering from waist to ankle – NO CAPRIS) for safety.
- 🐾 If you own boots with a ½-inch heel and non-stick tread, you are welcome to bring them. If you do not own a pair, we do have suitable pairs for borrowing. (Rain boots and hiking boots are not permitted for safety reasons)
- 🐾 If one of your riders has a helmet specifically designed for horseback riding, they are free to bring that if it is within 5 years of its manufacture date and in good condition. Bike or non-equestrian helmets will not be permitted.
 - If you do not own any, we have suitable helmets for riders to borrow.

Forget Something?: Some of the nearest stores to Camp Meriwether are:

- Dollar General (about a 5-minute drive from camp)
- Dollar Tree/Family Dollar Combo (about a 5-minute drive from camp)
- Walmart (about a 30-minute drive from camp)

Parking & Traffic: You will have an assigned parking area depending on the living accommodation you registered for (cabin/tent). **General vehicle use is not allowed on non-paved areas during the course of the event for safety reasons.** The only vehicles you will see around camp are maintenance/camp director/leadership staff ATV-type vehicles or golf carts.

Health & First Aid: If you are supervising minors other than your own - A member of your group must hold current certification in First Aid and CPR/AED appropriate to the age of your group. You are responsible for the routine and emergency medical needs of your group, including transportation off-site if necessary. In the event you require emergency assistance with health or first aid, please ask any member of the staff to notify the event manager so the Emergency Action Plan can be activated accordingly.

🐾 In the event an ambulance is needed, please contact a member of the camp staff (ANY PERSON WITH A STAFF SHIRT) and we will assist with this process, we have pre-communicated plans with our local emergency services to aid in the event they need to visit our site.

Medications: If you have ANY medication (prescription OR over the counter) **it must be securely ON YOUR PERSON or LOCKED IN YOUR CAR at all times.** (i.e. in your pocket or in the bag that you're carrying).

Leaving Camp? Though you probably won't need to leave during the event, you certainly may. Please follow the below guidelines when doing so.

If you need to leave camp before the official check-out time, please remember these guidelines:

- 👉 You are free to come and go as you wish. Please make sure you can be accounted for in the event of an emergency by letting someone else from your group know where you are going or alerting the camp staff in person or via text to the cell # given to you upon arrival.
- 👉 Please take your child(ren) with you, even if you're just running to the store at no point should your children be left alone or with someone that does not have all the appropriate paperwork.
- 👉 Please take **ONLY YOUR** child(ren) with you. :-)
- 👉 Please remember to sign back in when/if you return by texting the designated # or alerting a camp staff in person. If you're leaving early and not planning on returning, find any member of the staff, and we'll get you checked out.

👉 Please understand that this is so we can maintain a current roster. In case an emergency occurs, we will have accurate information to give to rescue personnel. We don't want them to risk life or injury searching for someone who isn't on the property. 👉

NO GO ZONES: For your safety, we ask that you do not go into the barn/pastures, kitchen, maintenance complex, swimming pool, or into the water without staff permission.

Open Fires & Stoves: You are free to have a campfire as long as you have had the proper training and are using a designated fire ring. If you have any questions, please consult with a member of staff before starting a campfire or cooking fire or using a fuel-burning stove. Liquid fuel is not permitted to start campfires or use in camp stoves. You are more than welcome to use sticks and wood that are already in the fire ring.

Emergencies: In the event of a FIRE, please congregate in the main parking lot. In the event of SEVERE WEATHER, please remain indoors and await further instructions. In the event of a MEDICAL EMERGENCY, please contact any member of staff. In the event of a MISSING CAMPER, please contact any member of the staff.

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