

OTHER RESPONSES to the question: “What barriers (if any) impact your troop’s ability to use a council camp?”

Multiple responses...

- Age level of girls (4 responses)
- Availability (2 responses)
- Busy schedules/availability of girls/scheduling conflicts (20 responses)
- Camp(s) closed in winter (2 responses)
- Camp(s) do not meet ADA requirements (4 responses)
- Camps closed or for sale (6 responses)
- Difficulty working with council staff to make a reservation (7 responses)
- Difficulty with website and/or on-line scheduling system (3 responses)
- Don't know what is available/unaware troop's could use camp (5 responses)
- Getting trained instructors, lifeguards, etc. for specialized activities (4 responses)
- Girl interest (4 responses)
- Lack necessary outdoor training/availability of outdoor training (11 responses)
- Lack of information from council about properties and opportunities available (3 responses)
- Lack of programming and activities (7 responses)
- Leader interest (3 responses)
- No barriers (3 responses)
- Not enough tent sites (2 responses)
- Parent interest/involvement (2 responses)
- Parents over protectiveness (2 responses)
- Poor condition of camp and facilities/poor maintenance (5 responses)

Single responses...

- Accommodations for Special Needs
- Age requirement limits our Council approved outdoor experience
- At the Daisy age we want Family Camping with siblings and that can't happen.
- Being required to send paperwork in with at least 2 weeks notice
- Camp closest to us is pretty small and spare--camps w/more space/activities are further away.
- Cost is the cost of gas to travel
- Council randomly closes off camps for entire months, making them inaccessible.

- Families not being able to sleep in same tent. As in father isn't able to sleep in same tent as daughter.
- Getting enough trained people to go with you
- Getting over the minimum number of campers, which is very high! Too high for one troop to fill (75 people)
- GSSEM camps are too \$\$\$\$
- Hard to schedule spur of the moment, required to book way in advance.
- Have to fill the camp
- Having to take three days for leader to be trained BOLS before we can schedule an event.
- I prefer to use state parks
- It's easier to go to non Girl Scout camps that offer food and activities.
- It's not really camping
- Lack of leader's knowledge of opportunities
- More GS staff needed
- My daughter is a Juliette. My council does not seem to want this category to exist. We are not well informed.
- My energy to organize it-related to enough help
- Need dedicated volunteers or staff to do outdoor programming
- New Troop, have not tried
- New troops get first pick older troops get bummed large groups are not accommodate. like a SU camp out
- No horses
- No kitchen facilities at our big camp just yet
- No refunds
- Nothing is offered in our area or anywhere within a 2 hour drive.
- Now it will be location and lack of activities for girls to do at camp or nearby
- One leader gets to pick dates 2 weeks before anyone else is allowed to ask for a camp date
- Only open for troop use in May and September!
- Other non-GS camps that are closer, offer more for less money
- Our council has decided that they will not open the camp unless there is a 75 person minimum attending the camp. Most troops can't meet that requirement.
- Our SU tries to accommodate all troops with these issues by combining troops in cabin areas to provide enough adult coverage and trained personnel
- Planning all the individual events
- Popular camps are reserved for community encampments which limit camping for troops. Even if they don't fill the camp, as long as they pay for it, they lock the camp out from everyone else.

- Program and dates must fit a schedule of the camp alumnae who staff the camp, if this is in summer
- Progression: my girls have not camped in anything other than cabins/ museums (or not at all). They only have tent camping at our council camp that is 50 min away.
- Shared parenting due to divorce/custody issues
- Some girls are interested, some aren't.
- Space
- Summer it is completely booked for Girl Scout camps and then the other camps are over and hour away
- Summer resident camp only
- Terrain- activities at lowest level and platform tents at high elevation. Also condition and lack of activities.
- The 3 months out reservation rule
- The amount offered
- The closest camp for my girls is undesirable to them. Loaded with poison ivy! After that we need to travel 2 hours or more. They are selling/sold 2 closer camps and have NONE in our county.
- The Council only allows troops to reserve properties up to six months in advance. Our troop plans a minimum of one year in advance. Our families are extremely busy. It would really help if we could reserve properties up to one year in advance.
- There's a minimum occupancy rule making it IMPOSSIBLE for most troops to use the camp unless they can coordinate with several others for the same weekend!
- Too many rules of how many people and various certifications of people
- Training on ropes course, rock wall, canoeing
- Travel-no buses. Requires a train and then cabs.
- We can use local camp for next to nothing but leaders have to plan and bring everything. The council planned camps are a days travel away.
- We don't have one owned by Girl Scouts
- We must have volunteers to run these camps. We can't afford the council sponsored ones
- We've had good luck, only had a few cases where activities filled before we could get in, but that was leader error or lack of funds to make reservations early.
- Weather
- Weather and camp closings for the winter
- Winter camping was eliminated

Responses are presented "as is". They have not been edited for spelling or grammar.