

**OTHER RESPONSES to the question: “Are there any barriers that prevent your troop or individual girl member from attending outdoor events at council owned properties?”**

*Multiple responses...*

- Bad experience with council run events (3 responses)
- Camps closed (permanently or intermittently) or for sale (9 responses)
- Conditions of the camps. (2 responses)
- Events cancel without notice, before we get a chance to sign up, for lack of interest etc. (11 responses)
- Few programs/options offered (21 responses)
- Lack of interest of troop leaders (2 responses)
- Lack of interest or support from parents (8 responses)
- No events/programming offered (14 responses)
- Not enough options for C/S/A girls (4 responses)
- Parent(s) uncomfortable with letting girls attend (3 responses)
- Poor program quality in terms of variety, challenging activities, cost for activities offered, general planning: (13 responses)
- Registration process (7 responses)
- Scheduling conflicts with other GS and non-GS events, time of event, and travel (28 responses)
- Training (2 responses)
- Time needed to travel to camp for events beginning late afternoon/evening interferes with school hours/bussing (2 responses)
- Unaware of event, not enough notice given, poor promotion of events (14 responses)
- Wheelchair accessible, lack of accommodation for Special Needs (2 responses)

*Single responses...*

- Always needing to find a facilitator for activities such as archery, zip line, etc.
- Comments from current Troop Leaders in my area. Now, camp is too far for girls from lower end of Council.
- Corp. thinking
- Cost vs. better facilities cheaper
- Disagreement of troop leaders

- Events do not allow adults to stay but we have to drive HOURS to the nearest camp, so two round trips with two vehicles is prohibitive for our troop if adult vehicle drivers can't stay at the program.
- Getting enough parents to meet Safetywise minimums
- I understand that options and lack of interest ate the primary reasons
- Information and help running it.
- Lack of bus to camp. Requires expensive charter or taking the train and then cabs. Parents don't go to camp and most don't have cars.
- Lack of camps of interest in KC and expense
- Lack of promotion from Leader to parents
- Lack of trained staff to host and run programs
- Lack of water activities or waterfront
- Leaders are not prepared for out of doors, no experience and camp training is a full weekend, who has time?
- Many 'programs' for camp are clean-up - free labor
- Many offerings in Faces and Places were co-underwritten from Grant Money and far from our county
- Medical
- My daughter doesn't like GSTOP campsites - too old
- My dd likes outdoor activities but most of the other girls do not.
- No longer a horse program which girls desperately want.
- No options other than resident camp unless you are a junior
- No programs for my age level
- None, other than that the leader doesn't want to.
- None. We try and get the girls outdoors as much as possible.
- Not planned far enough in advance to schedule because ambassadors have a lot of other commitments
- Oak springs isn't ready yet, other troops have better facilities
- Only 2 adults allowed for 12 girls. Even when special needs are noticed by leader.
- Only summer camp age limit
- Requirement for adult supervision from troop - adults must also pay and be available for event
- Since we reorganized as a State centered council and all the staff with knowledge and experience were pushed out for out of state staffers who were not ever Girl Scouts the offering if events has disappeared. There are many in Denver but very few in Colorado Springs and the quality is lackluster. We've learned not to go, sadly there are so many other organizations that do events so much better. Also all the paperwork, red tape and legalities required to attend or have events on GS properties is too time consuming for leaders. Many just book a campsite and take their troop unofficially to skip all this.

- The camps were closed and have fallen into disrepair-- but the volunteers are fixing that!
- The other troop leaders think the girls are too young to attend. They are not outdoor persons. They just want to revolve everything we do around crafts. They dismiss my input even though I am the most trained.
- They have disabilities that prevent them.
- Troop leader rarely does anything outdoors. Perhaps it is lack of interest or awareness that events are being offered. Or events that are offered are at location too far from home.
- We are experienced and prefer doing our own cooking, etc
- We are fortunate to have a very active SU, so we already have many events to choose from. Also, some council events are held on week days when public schools but not private have a day off. We have girls from both public and private schools.
- We don't have council owned properties although our council does offer some outdoor program at other local venues. Cost, distance, and lack of older girl options are an issue though
- We have a flex troop with three levels
- We have a large troop and there are fewer options at camps that fit us and affordable
- We use to have problems due to amount of people signing up. Now they have sold the property that the camp was on. I don't have any idea where these girls go now. Maybe that's why there is a lack of GS in our area. Hard to even find cookie booths anymore, so that I can buy some.
- We do a lot on our own! Council options are solid and varied.
- Weather
- Willing to travel far with my own daughter but not my troop
- Winter Camping not allowed

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