

Camp Kaufmann Summer 2021 FAQ's

General Questions

- **How do you register for Camp Kaufmann Day Trips and Family Camping?**
 - You register for both on CampBrain, which you can access at girlscoutsnyc.campbrainregistration.com
- **What is the difference between a Day Trip and Family Camping?**
 - A Day Trip is when you come up just for the day (10am – 4pm) with your family. Family Camping is a 2-night experience, also with your family. It runs Monday through Wednesday or Friday through Sunday. See schedule below.
- **Am I able to register for a Day Trip and Family Camping, for the same dates?**
 - No, however you can register for them on different dates.
- **How do I register for both Day Trips and Family Camping?**
 - You will use the same account and log-in information to register for both types of experiences. On the homepage, you must select which type of program you are registering for. Once you have completed your first registration, you can go back to the homepage and navigate through the registration for the other experience.
- **How do I get to Camp Kaufmann?**
 - You can either drive or take the MetroNorth. Driving times can vary depending on where you are coming from in the city and can be between 1-2 hours. If you want to see how far you are from camp, we are located in the town of Holmes, NY (for safety reasons, the specific address will be given when you register).
 - If you choose to take the MetroNorth, you will take the Harlem Line to Patterson, New York (2-hour ride), then take a taxi to camp (about 10 minutes). We suggest using Pawling Taxi Company at (845) 855-9800 or Segundo's Taxi [\(845\) 264-3020](tel:8452643020)
 - No buses will be allowed.
- **Are we able to travel as a troop?**
 - Carpooling or group train travel is allowed but all CDC guidelines must be followed, including mask wearing inside vehicle or train cars.
- **How many people will be at camp at once?**

- We are operating at a 50% capacity. For Day Trips there will be a max of 50 people, and overnight family camping has a max of 80. This does not include staff which is roughly 20 – 30 individuals.
- **What safety precautions is Camp Kaufmann taking?**
 - All staff must be fully vaccinated.
 - There will be multiple handwashing/sanitizing stations around camp.
 - All supplies and equipment will be sanitized between uses.
 - All campers will have a health screening and temperature checks at check in.
 - All campers are required to wear masks, except when swimming.*
 - All activities and meals if possible, will be outdoors.
 - We will have a nurse onsite overseeing the outdoor triage and the Health Center.
 - There is a full communicable disease plan in place.

*We will continue to monitor and follow the most recent recommendations from the CDC and New York State Department of Health.

- **What is your policy on masking?**
 - Masks must be worn when in close proximity to other groups. For example, if you need to use the bathroom during a meal, bring your mask along in case someone from another group is also in the building. You may also be asked to mask outdoors for short periods of time to receive instruction. We will make every effort to use alternative methods of protection to reduce the amount of time campers must wear masks.
- **Are there any forms or paperwork I need to bring upon arrival?**
 - There are some forms that you will have to complete online during registration and other waivers that you have to sign in person. In addition, there is a Health Pre-Screening form for each camper to complete in the two weeks prior to their arrival at camp. Our staff will collect this paperwork before you get out of your car.
- **Is there wi-fi?**
 - No, but there is cell service for most providers.
- **What is the refund policy?**
 - The refund policies for each type of experience are different. Please see the relevant section below for more information on day trip and family camping refunds.
- **What is your rainy-day plan? Do I get my money back?**
 - Camp doesn't stop for a little bit of rain! Activities will continue as scheduled unless it becomes unsafe, so make sure to bring your raingear! If the weather becomes severe, we have several outdoor covered areas that can provide protection as well as our dining hall. Camp staff will direct campers to the closest safe place in case of bad weather. And as long as it is not thundering/downpouring, we will still be able to swim!

- **Are payment plans and financial assistance available?**
 - There is limited financial assistance available for family camping. Please see the “Family Camping” section for more information.
 - Day trips must be paid fully upon registering.
If you are a member of Troop 6000, please contact Jessica Bartlett at jbartlett@girlscoutsnyc.org, who will guide you through the process and provide you with a code.

- **Can I use my Cookie Dough or Cookie Credits for camp this summer?**
 - Yes! You should have received a code from the Cookie Team that would take \$25 off the cost of camp for you this summer. If you would like to combine cookie codes for different girls, please reach out to Lauren O’Connell at loconnell@girlscoutsnyc.org.

- **If I book multiple sessions is the full payment due upfront?**
 - The payment for any day trip would be due in full. Family camping requires a 50% deposit.

- **Am I able to bring my son/brother/men family members?**
 - Yes, as long as they are older than 4 years old.

- **Do we all have to be registered Girl Scout members?**
 - Each family must have a registered Girl Scout member. We encourage all adults to become registered members.

- **Are Girl Scouts earning badges at any of these events?**
 - No, but you will receive fun patches! And depending on which activities you participate in, you might be able to count it towards a badge you’re already working on!

- **Will we be able to make any purchases at the Trading Post?**
 - Yes. We will provide you with a catalogue to “pre order” your items. We will pack them for you and make them available for pick up during an allotted time.

Day Trips FAQ'S

- What are the dates of day trips?

Day Trips: Dates and Themes

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11
	Water	Adventure				Adventure
July 12	July 13	July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18
Service				Arts		Water
July 19	July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25
Nature				Water		Adventure
July 26	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31	August 1
Adventure				Leadership Institute Day		Highest Awards Day
August 2	August 3	August 4	August 5	August 6	August 7	August 8
Adventure				Nature		Water
August 9	August 10	August 11	August 12	August 13	August 14	August 15
Arts				STEM Cybersecurity Day		Water

- How long is a day trip?
 - Check-in begins at 9:30am. Programming starts promptly at 10am and continues through 4pm.

- What are the themes of the day trips?

Water

Get ready to splash, play, and have fun at Camp Kaufmann during our Water Day! Learn all about H₂O, explore the camp lake, and hop into the pool for a cool, refreshing swim. And always remember, hydration = happiness!

Adventure

Lace up your hiking boots and discover your inner explorer! During our Adventure Day experience, you'll learn outdoor skills and hit the trail on a day hike. By the end of this trip, you'll be an outdoor expert!

Nature

Camp Kaufmann is filled with amazing plants and critters that make our ecosystem thrive. During Nature Day, you will learn about bugs, plants, and the atmosphere that surrounds us through interactive, fun, nature themed activities.

Service

At Camp Kaufmann, community is important to us. During the Day of Service, you will participate in projects that enhance our camp property and help create a better environment for many campers to come. Break out your work gloves and camp songs for your Day of Service at camp!

Art

What do you get when you combine artistic expression with the great outdoors? Art Day! Explore your creative side and try out some different craft projects. Learn new skills, work with unusual materials, and let nature inspire you!

STEM

Attention all scientists! Get ready to test your science knowledge and get messy with hands on experiments during our STEM Day! Why *is* the sky blue? What is a polymer? And what happens when you mix diet coke and mentos? This is a day to ask some questions and get some answers!

- **What is included in the Day Trip experience?**
 - All programming, lunch, pool time, a campfire and s'mores, a themed fun patch, and a Camp Kaufmann fun patch.
- **What should we bring with us?**
 - A full packing list will be sent out as part of your confirmation packet. Some key things to bring though are sunscreen, bug spray, a reusable water bottle, raingear, bathing suit and towel, extra layers, and masks.
- **Can I register for more than one Day Trip at a time? How often are day trips happening?**
 - Day trips happen three times a week: Monday, Friday, and Sunday. You can register for as many trips as you'd like!
- **Are activities for Day Trips different?**
 - The activities for the individual themes will be different, however each theme will repeat. If you register for Water Day twice, you will repeat the same

activities. If you want different activities, you must register for different themes.

- **Will there be any self-guided time?**
 - There will be no self-guided time during Day Trips. All activities will be staff led. You will receive a full program itinerary prior to your trip.
- **Is food provided?**
 - Yes. Day Trips include a full lunch, drinks, a snack, and s'mores. We can accommodate most dietary restrictions such as vegetarian/vegan, gluten-free, and dairy free. While we do not serve nuts, we are not a nut-free camp.
- **How much does it cost?**
 - Day Trips cost \$60 per person. This includes any adults or children attending the program.
- **What is the refund policy?**
 - The total amount must be paid at the time of registration. You have up to 48 hours after registration to cancel for a full refund. After that, you can get a 50% refund until two weeks before your trip. If you cancel less than two weeks before your trip, you will not receive a refund.

Timing	Refund
Up to 48 hours from the time you submit this registration	100%
More than 48 hours after registration and more than 2 weeks before your trip	50%
Less than 2 weeks before your trip.	0%

Family Camping:

- What are the dates for Family Camping?

Family Camping Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11
				Check in	Full day	Check out
July 12	July 13	July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18
				Check in	Full day	Check out
July 19	July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25
				Check in	Full day	Check out
July 26	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31	August 1
				Check in	Full day	Check out
August 2	August 3	August 4	August 5	August 6	August 7	August 8
				Check in	Full day	Check out
August 9	August 10	August 11	August 12	August 13	August 14	August 15
				Check in	Full day	Check out

- **How long is a Family Camping trip?**
 - Family Camping is a two-night experience.
- **Where will we be staying?**
 - At the outdoor units: Ohrbach, Cedar Knoll, Eleanor Edson, Forest Haven, or Journey's End. There will be two families per unit with a max family size of 6, 8 or 10 depending on the unit.
- **What do the cabin looks like?**
 - To see pictures of the cabins, [CLICK HERE](#)
- **What is the difference between the units? How do I know which one to choose?**
 - The main difference is capacity and cost, however there are other things to consider when checking out a space, listed below:
 - **Eleanor Edson (A and B)**
 - Capacity: 10 people
 - Cost: \$1,000, plus add-on activities

- Details: located centrally at camp. Details: Located centrally at camp. Each group would get 2 cabins with 10 beds each. One cabin is handicap accessible
 - **Ohrbach**
 - Side A
 - Capacity: 8
 - Cost: \$800, plus add-on activities
 - Details: 2 cabins with 8 beds each
 - Side B
 - Capacity: 10
 - Cost: \$1,000, plus add-on activities
 - Details: 2 cabins with 10 beds each
 - Other: closer to Lake Carola with good access to hiking trails
 - **Cedar Knoll (A and B)**
 - Capacity: 6
 - Cost \$600, plus add-on activities
 - Details: Each group gets 2 cabins with 6 beds each. Located more centrally, between Eleanor Edson and Orbach
 - **Forest Haven**
 - Side A
 - Capacity: 8
 - Cost: \$800, plus add-on activities
 - Details: 2 cabins with 8 beds each
 - Side B
 - Capacity: 10
 - Cost: \$1,000, plus add-on activities
 - Details: 2 cabins with 10 beds each
 - Other: behind Elanor Edson, in a more wooded area. Further from areas like the climbing wall, but in a great area with trees all around
 - **Journey's End (A and B)**
 - Capacity: 6
 - Cost \$600, plus add-on activities
 - Details: This unit is the furthest from areas like Westover, however is very quiet.
- **What should we bring with us?**
 - A full packing list will be sent out in your confirmation packet. However, some basics include bedding/sleeping bag, pillow, clothes, bathing suit, close toed shoes, toiletries, any games, books or balls for your family to use during their stay.
- **What is included in the Family Camping experience?**

- Everyone will have a campfire, smores/songs, meals, access to many self-guided activities, and a fun second night evening activity.
- Program add-on activities include boating, fishing, archery, pool time, climbing tower, and survival skills,
- **How will we know what we are doing while at camp?**
 - When you register you will select your program add-on activities and you will receive a full itinerary confirmation schedule prior to your trip.

Accessibility:

- **Are we able to bring strollers/and wheelchairs? (pathways, elevators)**
 - Yes, but, if possible, we encourage you not to. The main camp paths are paved. However, it is very hilly. There is a wheelchair accessible unit at camp. Please be sure to select Eleanor Edson and contact the team to discuss any concerns.
- **What are the recommended ages for a full Camp Kaufmann experience?**
 - Family members 4 and up are allowed to come to camp, however some activities have age restrictions. Individuals must be 8 to do archery and 10 to use the climbing wall.
- **Can we bring our own food/snacks?**
 - You may bring non-perishable snacks to keep in an extra-large cooler box that is in the program shelter. There is NO refrigeration. Snacks should be kept in this extra-large cooler box to keep animals from getting to it. There will be NO cooking in the units.
- **Is food provided?**
 - Family Camping is – two dinners, two breakfast, one lunch and one bagged lunch with drinks and snacks. We can accommodate most dietary restrictions such as vegetarian/vegan, gluten-free, and dairy free. While we do not serve nuts, we are not a nut-free camp.
- **How much does this cost?**
 - Family Camping ranges from \$600 - \$1,300, broken down below:

Unit	Max. Capacity	Cabin Cost (no add-ons)	1 Activity Add-on	2 Activity Add-ons	3 Activity Add-ons
Cedar Knoll A	6	\$600	\$660	\$720	\$780
Cedar Knoll B	6	\$600	\$660	\$720	\$780
Ohrbach A	8	\$800	\$880	\$960	\$1,040
Ohrbach B	10	\$1,000	\$1,100	\$1,200	\$1,300
Eleanor Edson A	10	\$1,000	\$1,100	\$1,200	\$1,300
Eleanor Edson B	10	\$1,000	\$1,100	\$1,200	\$1,300
Forest Haven A	8	\$800	\$880	\$960	\$1,040
Forest Haven B	10	\$1,000	\$1,100	\$1,200	\$1,300
Journey's End A	6	\$600	\$660	\$720	\$780
Journey's End B	6	\$600	\$660	\$720	\$780

- **How do I apply for financial assistance?**
 - On CampBrain in the application process.

Summer Troop Camping

- **How is this different from Family Overnights and Day Trips?**
 - The experience is the same, however instead of coming with your family you can come with your troop.

- **How is it different from traditional troop camping?**
 - Traditional troop camping requires different certifications, your own food, and all activities are an additional cost. Summer troop (overnight) camping does not require the Outdoor Adventures and Beyond training.

- **What is included in Summer Troop Camping?**
 - Summer Troop Camping is the same as Family Overnights and Day Trips. See below for what's included:
 - **Day Trips:** meals snacks, all programming, supplies, campfire and smores, and pool time.
 - **Overnights:** Everyone will have a campfire, smores/songs, meals, access to many self-guided activities, and a fun second night evening activity. Program add-on activities include boating, fishing, archery, pool time, climbing wall, and survival skills.

- **Are there any requirements for Troop Leaders to attend Summer Troop Camping?**
 - For overnights, one person in the group will need Overnight Adventures and Beyond. All groups must follow the Girl Scouts ratios. An adult with first aid training is required for the ride to camp, but not at camp.

- **How do I apply for financial assistance?**
 - On CampBrain in the application process.

- **Can non-troop leader adults come with the troop?**
 - Yes, as long as there is space in the unit, or they purchase their own individual ticket for the day trip.

- **Can men come for Summer Troop Camping? What about younger siblings?**
 - Men and younger siblings cannot come for Summer Troop Camping, however they can for Family Camping.