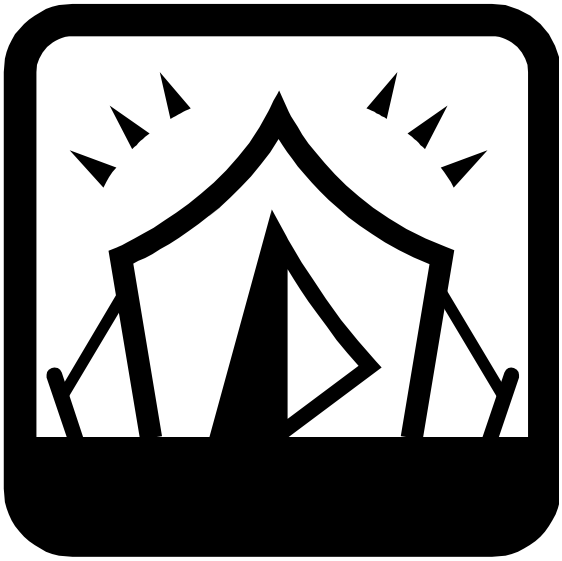
2014-2015
Sandy Ridge Information Packet
For Out of Council Girl Scout Groups



Girl Scouts of Eastern South Carolina

History of Sandy Ridge
Girl Scout Program and Training Center

1963	Site was decided
1963 – 1965	Purchased 487 acres with cookie sale proceeds
1966	Development began with the entrance road, dam and conservation lake; purchased with cookie sale proceeds
1968	Troop House (renamed Grady Lodge in 1991); construction began in June with dedication in November; purchased with cookie sale proceeds
1969	Recreation lake built, 21acres; purchased with cookie sale proceeds
1970	Tall Timbers (10 tents, shelter and latrine) built; purchased capital campaign funds
1971	Summer Fun Days held (day events for girls)
1972	Resident camp started with small sessions – only using Tall Timbers as the unit. Troop House (Grady Lodge) was used as Dining Hall, Health Center and Administration
1973	Ground broken in March – Boathouse, Administration Building, Health Center, Ranger's House, Dining Hall, Windy Hill Shelter and the 5 cabins; purchased with capital campaign funds
1974	Name "Sandy Ridge" chosen – contest held to name the camp; name came from all the sand and the ridge that runs through camp.
1974	Whispering Pines shelter built
1975	Gregg Shelter built; proceeds donated by Santee Electric Co-op
1989	Pool built, purchased with cookie sale proceeds; amphitheater built, new bathrooms at Tall Timbers
1992	Ranger House remodeled, cabins built at Tall Timbers
2000	Grady Lodge bathrooms renovated
2006	Dining Hall renovated
2008	Floating dock installed, replaced stationary dock; grant received from the South Carolina Credit Union Foundation
2012	Window air conditioners installed at Windy Hill and Whispering Pines
2013	Waterslides installed at lakefront
2014	Zip-line at lakefront installed, window air conditioners installed at Grady Lodge, new storage shed build, New and improved Trading Post located in the Health Center

Grady Lodge

GSESC Girl Scout Troop/Group Rental Fee: $65 per night

- Large building with wall heating units and window air conditioning
- Can accommodate 24 people (girls and adults), mixture of bunk beds and cots
- Meeting area for 50 people
- Kitchen with refrigerator, microwave, and stove/oven
- Bathroom with flush toilets (4) and hot water showers (4)
- Indoor fireplace
- Tables and chairs
- Outside fire ring
- Building and restrooms are wheelchair accessible

Health Center

GSESC Girl Scout Troop/Group Rental Fee: $65 per night

- Large building with wall heating units and window air conditioning
- Can accommodate 24 people (girls and adults)
- Two bedrooms with two cots each; mattresses with no cots for the remaining in open room
- Kitchen with refrigerator, microwave, and stove/oven
- Bathroom with flush toilets (5) and hot water showers (3)
- Outside fire ring
- Building is wheelchair accessible

Windy Hill

GSESC Girl Scout Troop/Group Rental Fee: $90 per night

- Cabin unit with 3 double cabins and a unit shelter
- Cabins have wall heating units, window air conditioning, and ceiling fans
- Can accommodate 36 people (girls and adults)
- Mattresses with cots
- Kitchen with refrigerator and stove/oven
- Bathroom with flush toilets (4) and hot water showers (4)
- Fireplace in shelter and outside fire ring
- Activity field and flag pole
- Shelter with activity area
- Cabins and unit shelter area wheelchair accessible

Whispering Pines

GSESC Girl Scout Troop/Group Rental Fee: $65 per night

- Cabin unit with 2 double cabins and a unit shelter
- Cabins have wall heating units, window air conditioning, and ceiling fans
- Can accommodate 24 people (girls and adults)
- Mattresses with cots
- Kitchen with refrigerator and stove/oven
- Bathroom with flush toilets (2) and hot water showers (2)
- Outside fire ring
- Activity field and flag pole
- Shelter with activity area
- Cabins and unit shelter area wheelchair accessible

Tall Timbers

GSESC Girl Scout Troop/Group Rental Fee: $50 per night

- Cabin unit with 4 cabins
- Cabins have no electricity, bathroom and shelter have electricity
- Can accommodate 32 people (girls and adults)
- Mattresses with cots
- Kitchen with refrigerator and stove/oven
- Bathroom with flush toilets (3) and hot water showers (2)
- Outside fire ring
- Screened-in shelter with fireplace
- In an isolated area of camp
- No heat or electricity
- 1 cabin is wheel chair accessible

Additional Information for All Units

- No kitchen supplies are included at units (pots, pans, utensils, etc.)
- Each campsite has the following tools: 2 brooms, 2 buckets, 1 shovel, and a rake.
- 1 roll of toilet paper per stall and first trash bag are provided. If you believe you will need more please be prepared to bring it with you. Cleaning supplies are not provided

Dining Hall – No Kitchen Use

GSESC Girl Scout Troop/Group Rental Fee: $75 per day

Dining Hall and Kitchen Use

GSESC Girl Scout Troop/Group Rental Fee: $125 per day
The kitchen is only available for Service Unit use.

Guidelines and Procedures for Males Camping with Girl Scouts

Males are often involved in the leadership of a Girl Scout troop. It is not uncommon for a man to be an assistant leader, a First Aider or the Troop Camper. Often a male Registered Adult will accompany a troop on a trip or campout. Common sense and prior planning will make the trip or campout with a male troop adult a positive experience. Follow these simple guidelines and enjoy your trip or campout.

Make sure you reserve a separate facility for the male. It is not appropriate for men to sleep in the same facility or use the same bathroom facilities with females on a Girl Scout outing. Camping facilities with separate male and female sleeping units and bathrooms are required for trip approval. If a male is coming with the troop to Sandy Ridge please contact the Camp Director at 843-479-6814 to discuss facility options. Males accompanying troops on overnight trips cannot be counted as part of the girl/adult ratio, per *Safety-Wise* Chapter IV in *Volunteer Essentials*.

Sandy Ridge Site Regulations

Report to the Camp Ranger upon arrival. Please consult him when you need help with any of the facilities. He is ready and willing to render the assistance you need. If you have any questions about the facilities at Sandy Ridge please contact the Camp Ranger at 843-479-6742 or 843-601-1352.

1. Troops using facilities are required to review Safety-Wise Chapter IV in *Volunteer Essentials* and Safety Activity Checkpoints.
2. Tag-alongs are NOT allowed on Day Trips or Troop Camping Trips to Sandy Ridge. Examples of Tag-alongs include unregistered brothers or sisters, babies and toddlers, and anyone else who is not a Registered Girl Scout. If Tag-alongs arrive with the troop they will need to leave immediately.
3. All participants must wear socks and closed-toes shoes while at Sandy Ridge. Sandals, flip-flops, or Croc-type shoes are NOT allowed to be worn by girls or adults.
4. Vehicles are to be parked in designated parking areas.
5. Pets are NOT allowed on Sandy Ridge Girl Scout Program and Training Center property.
6. Alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted on the premises.
7. Smoking is NOT permitted in any building at Sandy Ridge. Those wishing to smoke may only do so within a fire ring, when girls are not present. Be sure to carry cigarette butts out with you and dispose of them properly. Smoking is never allowed in front of girls.
8. Emergency procedures are posted at each site. These procedures list what to do in case of an emergency and where to locate the nearest telephone.
9. All facilities are to be left CLEAN. Please bag up your trash and leave it outside your campsite for pickup. Cleaning supplies are not provided by Sandy Ridge. Please be prepared to bring your own.
10. Check-Out is at 11:00 a.m. Your Troop is not required to leave at 11:00 a.m. if you have other activities planned but you must Check-Out of your unit by 11:00 a.m.
11. The Camp Ranger must check you out of your site before you leave.
12. If your camping trip includes more than two (2) nights, extra insurance MUST be applied for through the Volunteer Services Specialist and paid for four (4) weeks in advance. (Minimum premium is $5.00). All requirements as listed on Trip Approval Form must be met to receive insurance.
13. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Sandy Ridge's Site Regulations please contact the Camp Ranger at 843-479-6742 or 843-601-1352.
14. If it looks like you are going to be arriving at a different time than what you listed on Site Reservation Application, please call the Camp Ranger at 843-479-6742 or 843-601-1352 and let him know what your new arrival time will be.

Site Reservation Procedures for
Sandy Ridge Girl Scout Program and Training Center

- Troops with product sale delinquencies will not be able to register for events, including troop camping experiences, until balance is paid in full.

- Troops must file a Troop Annual Finance Report for the 2013-2014 membership year with the Membership Registrar. Troops will not be able to participate in events, attend trips or participate in product sale activities until this form is turned in.

1. GSESC will be utilizing the Active Works registration system for site reservations and site fee payments. Please visit www.girlscoutsesc.org and click on the ACTIVE button on the left hand side of our homepage to be taken directly to the Active Works registration system. All reservations must be made using the Active Works registration system at least three weeks prior to date of reservation.
2. After you complete your reservation and made your full payment using the Active Works registration system you will receive an e-mail from Active Works. This e-mail is not an approval or confirmation of your Troop Camping Trip. It is merely a notification stating that your reservation and payment were received.
3. You must follow the procedures set by your council in regards to getting your Troop Camping Trip approved. Please forward the paperwork, which shows that the Troop Camping Trip has been approved by your council, to GSESC's Camp Director at chuckiler@girlscoutsesc.org or 3680 Girl Scout Road, Bennettsville, SC 29512. This paperwork must be submitted at least 3 weeks prior to date of reservation.
4. Once the paperwork showing your Troop Camping Trip has been approved, your site reservation has been set using the Active Works registration system, and your full payment has been received you will receive confirmation of your Troop Camping Trip via e-mail. You must bring your confirmation information with you to Check-In with the Camp Ranger.
5. If you have any questions concerning the Site Reservation Procedures please contact the Camp Director at 843-479-6814.
6. Cancellation Policy: If you cancel your site reservation three weeks or more prior to the date of the reservation you will receive a 50% refund of the fees paid. If you cancel less than three weeks prior to your reservation you will not receive a refund.

Sandy Ridge Activities

There are tons of things to do during your time at Sandy Ridge! Reservations for all of the following activities must be made using the Active Works registration system. For more information contact the Camp Director at 843-479-6814.

Science & Nature

These kits are free to use, except where noted. The kit will be placed at your site prior to arrival. Please return all equipment and unused supplies to the kit. Troops will be responsible for any missing equipment. It will be picked up after check-out.

*KNOTS
*ROCKS & MINERALS
*STAR PARTY
*ASTRONAUT TRAINING
*MAGNET FUN
*COLORED WATER
*FOSSILS
*ALL ABOUT SHAPES
*WATERPROOF TISSUE
*BIRD WATCHING
*TRAIL SIGNS & COMPASS
*ANIMAL ARTIFACTS
*GEOLOGY
*SUN & LIGHT POWER
*PULLEY POWER
*TREE EXPLORATION
*PIEZO POPPERS
*MYSTERY SAND
*GARDENING
*WEATHER & CLOUDS
*POND EXPLORATION --- A certified lifeguard with CPR/First Aid certification must be present and cleared by the Camp Director upon arrival
*MAKE YOUR OWN SLIME --- $1 per person
*ANIMAL PROGRAM --- $5 per person

Arts & Crafts

There is a usage fee of $1 per person/per kit for arts and crafts. This money helps to restock the supplies. The kit will be placed at your site prior to arrival. Please return all equipment and unused supplies to the kit. Troops will be responsible for any missing equipment. The kit will be picked up after Check-Out.

*SWAPS
*PICTURE FRAMES
*WOOD ORNAMENTS
*PET ROCKS
*JEWELRY MAKING
*LANYARDS
*POPTAB BRACELETS
*SAND ART
*PAINTING
*DREAM CATCHERS
*FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS
*BOTTLE CAP CANDLES
*TIE DYE --- The Tie Dye bin does not include items for you to dye

Pool

A certified lifeguard with CPR/First Aid certification must be present and cleared by the Camp Director upon arrival for all swimming activities. Certified lifeguards are available for $10 per hour, payable directly to the lifeguard at the time of your program. This fee is in additional to the pool usage fee listed below.
*SWIMMING: $5 per person/per hour

Lakefront

A certified lifeguard with CPR/First Aid certification must be present and cleared by the Camp Director upon arrival for all lakefront activities, with the exception of the clay pit. Certified lifeguards are available for $10 per hour, payable directly to the lifeguard at the time of your program.
An instructor, with certification, or documented experience must be present during the following activities. For more information please refer to Safety Activity Checkpoints.

*CANOES
*KAYAKS

A certified lifeguard with CPR/First Aid certification must be present and cleared by the Camp Director upon arrival for all lakefront activities, with the exception of the clay pit. Certified lifeguards are available for $10 per hour, payable directly to the lifeguard at the time of your program.

*STANDUP PADDLE BOARDS
*PADDLE BOATS
*WATER SLIDES
*LAKE ZIPLINE
*POND EXPLORATION
*CLAY PIT
*FISHING – Girl Scouts are allowed to fish at Sandy Ridge. No equipment is provided and you must release everything that is caught.

Other Activities

*SPORTS EQUIPMENT
Sandy Ridge has a large variety of sports equipment from badminton to our large earth ball.

*HWY 98 AND OTHER TRAILS
Feel free to use camp trails at your leisure.

*AGGIE'S TRAIL AND TEAM BUILDING
A 2 hour team building and low ropes program with instructor.
$20 per participant

*ARCHERY
Must have a certified USAA archery instructor who is cleared by the Camp Director upon arrival.
$3 per participant if Troop supplies instructor
$6 per participant if an instructor is needed

*HIGH ROPES COURSE
Camp Pee Dee allows us to use their high ropes course and zip line. Troops must provide own transportation to Camp Pee Dee, which is 2.5 miles away. Participants must be 11 years old or older. Troops must have a minimum of 10 participants. A release, signed by parent/guardian is required for each girl participant.
A minimum of 3 weeks' notice is required.
$20 per participant

*HORSEBACK RIDING
Camp Pee Dee allows us to use their horse coral. Troops must provide own transportation to Camp Pee Dee, which is 2.5 miles away. A release, signed by parent/guardian is required for each girl participant. A minimum of 3 weeks' notice is required.
$20 per participant