

General Information

Camp Lakamaga is located at 12303 Lakamaga Trail N, Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047, which is just 40 minutes north of downtown St. Paul. The camp is 170 acres of wooded paradise on Big Marine Lake. Participants can enjoy a variety of activities such as hiking, biking, canoeing, swimming, archery, games, and peaceful walks.

This is a Girl Scout resident camp where you will be parking some distance from your sleeping unit. However, carts are available for your use to easily move your gear.

You will be walking on unpaved trails to different sites for meals, workshops, and restrooms. If you have mobility requests, please check in at the Answer Booth and we will do our best to meet those needs. You are welcome to bring a mobility scooter, carts, or bicycles for your comfort and convenience.

Please dress for changing weather conditions, wear good foot gear, carry a water bottle, and bring a flashlight.

Accommodations

All participants are encouraged to stay overnight at camp, but it is not required. Sleeping accommodations include dormitory-style troop houses, cabins, platform and trail tents, or yurts – which are octagonal canvas buildings with six bunk beds.

Accommodations will be assigned based on the arrival of your registration form – on a first-come, first-served basis (you may reserve for one other participant). Those who require **special accommodations** should indicate such on the registration form; space will be reserved for you. Please specify upper or lower bunk as bunks will be assigned and labeled with your name on them. *(Do not request a lower bunk simply because of preference as we have many that have a need that necessitates the use of a lower bunk.)*

The two troop houses have either bunk beds or mattresses placed on the floor for sleeping and both have indoor restroom facilities. Many of the cabins, and all of the yurts, have bunk beds. Platform tents have metal spring cots with mattresses and mosquito netting. Those staying in these units have a short walk to a latrine or indoor restroom. Classes will be held in most buildings during the day, so daytime access to your gear may be limited.

Trail tents will be available for checkout at the conference. Please request a trail tent on your registration form. You are welcome to bring your own tent. There is a meadow area outside the Mary Randall Troop House or you may use a grassy area by the Sports Pavilion. There are indoor restrooms close to both locations.

There are showers available in the Sports Pavilion and the shower house which is located in the lower level of the Lakamaga Troop House.

What to Bring

- 1) Sleeping bag, pillow, flashlight, toiletries, towel and personal gear, water bottle, bug repellent, sun screen, swimsuit, alarm clock, notebook and pen, lawn chair (optional).
- 2) Several of the workshops are held outdoors regardless of the weather. Don't forget your rain gear!
- 3) A backpack or tote bag may be helpful to carry things you will need during the day.
- 4) Bring money to buy snacks, beverages, or something from the Girl Scout shop.
- 5) Check the workshop descriptions for additional items to bring and review your confirmation form for accuracy.

Transportation and Parking

Carpooling is strongly encouraged because of limited parking space at camp. We also need to use our resources wisely. A Girl Scout troop will be the parking attendants and will direct you to your parking spot; ***please be considerate of the job they are doing and follow their instructions.*** You will be asked to park very close to the next vehicle to accommodate as many vehicles as possible in designated lots. If

you enter the parking lot when there are no attendants, please follow the parking pattern established and park your vehicle close to the other vehicles.

Girl Scout Shop

The Girl Scout shop will have camp trading post hours on Friday from 11:30 a.m. – 7 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Sunday from 8 a.m. – Noon. The trading post is located in the Annie Paper Dining Hall. For your convenience, pre-ordered merchandise will be available for pick-up at the conference. Order forms are available on the River Valleys website. Be sure to stock up for the 2009-2010 program year!

Meals and Snacks

We have fantastic cooks who prepare wonderful meals for the conference...AND do the dishes! Menus are posted in the dining hall. Meals are served family-style and participants are asked to perform kapers at each meal (just like the girls do at camp).

Complete the meal section of the registration form so we can prepare the right amount of food for each meal. Please alert us to any special dietary needs. If you have specialized dietary requirements, you may prefer to supply your own food (we do have storage facilities for special needs).

Menu (subject to change)

Friday lunch

Taco bar, fruit, dessert

Friday supper

BBQ chicken breast, au gratin potatoes, broccoli salad, rolls/butter, dessert

Friday snack

Watermelon, popcorn

Saturday breakfast

Lakamaga egg bake, fruit cup, muffins, juice, milk

Saturday lunch

Turkey/ham sandwiches, fruit, chips, carrots/celery, brownies

Saturday supper

Lasagna, bread sticks, tossed salad, dessert

Saturday snack

Build your own ice cream sundae at the sundae bar

Sunday breakfast

Cinnamon rolls, bagels, oranges/bananas, hard cooked eggs, yogurt

Sunday lunch

Lakamaga feast – all the combinations from the weekend. A favorite for most participants!