

# Camp Lakamaga

girl scouts   
river valleys







# Why work at camp?

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**01** Live, play and work in the great outdoors!

**02** Make a difference in campers' lives and be a role model.

**03** Make new friends from all over the world.

**04** Receive training on child development, teaching techniques, leadership skills, and DEI.

**05** Gain problem solving and collaboration skills that you can take with you no matter where your career takes you.



# Our Mission

Building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Girl Scouts River Valleys is committed to diversity, equity, inclusion, access, and racial justice, and is working to boldly lead as an anti-racist organization that uplifts and empowers every Girl Scout to know their worth and lead in their world. This means leading not just with words, but with actions.





# Working at camp

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Work hours are 7 am – 11 pm with 2 hours off during the day.

Work week is Saturday – Friday with one day off each week (typically a Saturday or a Thursday)

Meals and lodging available for the summer (meals will not be served during the 4th of July break).

Camp Lakamaga has WIFI in select locations at camp. The dining hall/office, staff lounge, and staff safe spaces are the only places with internet access.

Laundry is available on camp.

Girl Scouts River Valleys is an equal opportunity employer. We do hire staff of all genders.

Our camps are open to girls (including cisgender and transgender girls) and individuals who don't identify with the gender binary, including those who identify as transgender, non-binary, gender fluid, and gender nonconforming.





# Living at camp

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Camp Lakamaga is located in Marine on St. Croix next to Big Marine Lake. Camp is 15 minutes from the closest city and 30-60 minutes from Minneapolis and St. Paul.

On days off transportation will be provided to either go to town to buy needed items and 3 times we will offer rides to participate in a Minnesota based activity – past activities have included going to Twins/Saints game, Mall of America, river tubing, and Minneapolis Sculpture Garden.

There are a variety of places staff will live while at Camp Lakamaga. All locations have bathrooms located outside the sleeping space with some being flushing toilets and others have latrines or porta potties. Counselors and Specialist change living locations about every 2 weeks.



## Sleeping accommodations at Camp Lakamaga:

- Yurts are a cross between a cabin and a tent and have bunk beds for 12 staff (try to only place 6-7 staff to provide more space), a domed skylight, and screened windows and doors. Most have electricity while some do not.
- Four-season cabins have bunk beds, sleep six campers (try to only place 3-4 staff to provide more space), and have electricity. One of our four-season cabins sleeps 16 campers and 2-3 staff.
- Three-season cabins have three screened walls, electricity and sleep six staff.





# A day in the life of staff

Camp Lakamaga

7:00 am:	Campers wake up, get dressed, and head to morning gathering. Counselors may need to set their alarm a few minutes earlier so they are available to help campers get ready for the day.
8:00 am:	Breakfast. You'll sit with 6-8 campers to help them learn proper table manners, engage all campers in conversation, develop camaraderie, and ensure that campers are eating a well-balanced meal.
8:45 am:	Brief staff meeting, and then counselors lead campers in completing kapers (a.k.a. camp chores) like picking up litter, sweeping, emptying garbage, cleaning up cabins, etc.
9:00 am:	Program time: Staff organize and lead a variety of camper activities like archery, paddleboarding, art, outdoor skills, fishing, swimming, and so much more (staff are encouraged to get creative!)
12:15 am:	Lunchtime! You'll refuel with your campers over a healthy meal and good conversation.
Rest Hour:	While campers rest and relax in their cabins or do individual activities, you'll check-in to ensure they are using this quiet time to themselves to re-energize. You might use this time to work on a lesson plan, paperwork, scheduling, or a new activity idea.
Late Afternoon:	You'll lead program time for your group and help with all-camp activities, like open swim, hiking, or boating.

5:15 pm:	Dinnertime! At dinner, staff ensure campers are eating enough (they're expending lots of energy during the day!) and are connecting with others and feeling comfortable at camp.
Evening:	You might lead an activity with your group, like Gaga Ball or a sunset walk, or help lead an all-camp activity like songs and s'mores around the campfire.
Bedtime starts sometime between 8:45 and 9:15:	Staff ensure campers are ready for the night (teeth brushed, PJ's on, tick check complete, hair brushed, etc.) and winding down for a good night's rest. Then, you'll turn in for the night and get re-energized to do it all over again the next day! Even when sleeping, staff members in units need to be available to comfort campers who may be homesick, help with night trips to the bathroom, and attend any other of the campers' needs. Staff curfew is 11pm.





