

**Camp Lyle McLeod**  
Camping on Girl Scouts of  
Western Washington Properties



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Welcome to Girl Scouts of Western Washington's camp properties! Our seven camp properties provide a breath-taking backdrop for your troop, service unit, or organization use. This guide will provide helpful information for your stay, including facilities and amenities descriptions, usage guidelines, and info on the reservation process. Whether it's your first time camping, or your hundred-and-first, Girl Scouts of Western Washington can't wait to make it a great one.

*When and where do we check-in? Can we park in our unit? What are the guidelines for building a fire?* You may have many of these questions and more as you prepare for your outing at camp. Here, we'll try to address most of those topics. If your question or concern isn't addressed, call or email your reservation contact, and they will be happy to find the answer for you.

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## Arriving at Camp

### Check-in/Check-out

The “person in charge” for your group will check in with the site host or camp manager when you arrive, before you enter camp. At this time, the camp host will give you a camp orientation (including pertinent emergency procedures), issue any equipment you have requested, and confirm your check-out time. This is a great time for them to answer questions, help solve problems, and make your stay at camp more enjoyable. You’ll also provide all necessary certifications (waterfront, first aid, etc). Please allow at least 10 minutes for the check-in process, and at least 15 minutes for the check-out process.

Check-In can be as early as 3:00pm, and no later than 9:00pm. Check-Out is generally scheduled by 2:00pm. If your group needs an earlier check-in or later check-out, we’ll do our best to arrange that prior to your arrival with the site host or camp manager.

### Parking

Most of our units do allow you to drive in to unload gear, but not all areas are accessible by vehicle. Check with your camp host regarding your specific unit, and pack accordingly. Once you are unloaded, please return all vehicles to the designated parking areas. Posted speed limits and vehicle-restricted areas ensure that everyone in camp has a safe, enjoyable stay. If your group has special accessibility needs, talk to your camp host at check-in to arrange appropriate transportation accommodations.

## Using Camp Facilities

### Dining Hall and Kitchen Use

Meal services can be provided for groups larger than 35 for an additional fee, pending staff availability. To request meal service, please include it on your camp reservation request. If you have already submitted your request, contact Girl Scouts of Western Washington to schedule this service.

#### *A few reminders for kitchen use:*

- Groups with a qualified cook (Food Handler’s Permit and training/documented experience in commercial cooking) may rent the dining hall commercial kitchens. Does someone in your group need a Quantity Cook workshop? Search “Quantity Cook” on our website to learn more and find the current training schedule.
- You will receive a kitchen orientation at check-in. Please also read the provided kitchen and lodge manual.
- Youth must be age 15 or older to prepare foods or utilize the commercial equipment in our camp kitchens. Need a job for your younger group members? Set them up with table hosting and table setting!
- For non-commercial kitchens (like Skogly Lodge), a Food Handlers Permit is only needed if you are providing meals for more people than your immediate troop/small group. Looking for a smaller, non-commercial kitchen? Check out available options in the Facilities at-a-Glance or Camp Facilities Descriptions documents at the end of this guide.

## Using Camp Facilities (cont.)

### Waterfront Use

Our camp waterfront areas are open to groups who bring certified adult personnel or hire Girl Scouts of Western Washington certified staff. If you are planning to use the waterfront with your own certified staff, please include the program area in your reservation and confirm with your site host prior to arrival. Your site host will need copies of all applicable certifications when you check-in at camp.

*A few reminders for waterfront use:*

- All swimming, boating, and other waterfront usage must be supervised by certified adults
- Heed the posted swim and boat dock rules
- Swimming is permitted in designated swim areas
- Observe all dock closure signs as posted
- Waterfront access is available March 15–October 31, pending safe air and water temperatures
- For detailed procedures for waterfront usage, please refer to Girl Scouts of Western Washington Waterfront Use Guidelines.



### Tents & RVs

Each camp property has a primitive camping area where visitors can tent camp. In some instances, groups may want to set up a tent to expand the group size or provide for men in camp; please work with your site manager/host for approval.

Our camps have no sanitation, water or power facilities for recreational vehicles. Self-contained RVs require prior approval from the camp host and are limited to the main parking areas.

### Garbage & Recycling

Our commitment to environmental stewardship extends to our camp properties, and we do practice recycling and compost at most of our locations. Work with your group to plan a menu that minimizes garbage and maximizes recyclable and compostable materials. Your site host can provide more information about what materials your site can recycle or compost. For those unavoidable trash items, garbage bags are provided. Please note that Styrofoam dishes and cups are not allowed on Girl Scouts of Western Washington properties because of their negative environmental impact. You are encouraged to make use of the reusable dishes at camp or bring your own reusable implements to conserve our environment.

### Facilities Capacities

All of our buildings have a listed capacity that meets with local fire code regulations and Girl Scouts of Western Washington guidelines. For the safety and comfort of all of our guests, please abide by all listed capacities.

## Using Camp Facilities (cont.)

### Lights

Many visitors to camp live in urban areas where light pollution is common, and have rarely experienced a pitch black sky. Camp is an opportunity to experience this first-hand, so most of our units do not have electric lights. Make sure to pack heavy-duty battery-powered or rechargeable lanterns. You may bring propane lanterns or check them out from the site host, but please leave liquid gas lanterns at home.

### Accessibility

Girl Scouts of Western Washington follows a general policy of inclusion. If a member of your group requires special assistance, please call us to make arrangements. Reasonable accommodations will always be provided when feasible. We strongly recommend a member of your group visit the site prior to the event to see if specific needs can be met.



## Safety at Camp

### Emergencies in Camp

Each group is responsible for bringing their own first aider and first aid kit. Bring with you a list of all participants that includes name, address, emergency contact(s), health statements, and permission to seek emergency medical treatment. In the event of any serious accident or emergency, notify your site host immediately, and follow his or her direction. Medical emergency transportation shall be provided by Emergency Medical Services (911).

Each site has procedures for notifying camp visitors if evacuation of the camp becomes necessary. Your site host will provide this information during your check-in and orientation. Emergency procedures are posted in each unit and designate the appropriate evacuation point.

### Fires & Propane Use

We gladly provide firewood at all of our camp properties! Bring dry kindling and fire starters to start fires. Each camp provides posted rulings on fire management in camp. Basic guidelines include:

- Please keep fires within designated areas, with fire safety equipment close at hand. Always supervise your fire, and make sure that it's completely extinguished before leaving your site or retiring for the evening.
- Check the local burn bans to ensure fires are permitted. Charcoal fires may be permitted in designated areas during outdoor fire bans.



## Safety at Camp (cont.)

### Fires & Propane Use (cont.)

- Ask the Site Manager/Host for instructions on putting out fires in masonry fireplaces and wood stoves.
- Avoid placing box ovens on wood or flammable surfaces or concrete floors.
- Girl Scouts of Western Washington-owned propane stoves are set up in many of the outdoor units. Some camps have propane stoves available for checkout through the camp host. Two to three burners per stove unit available, propane provided. Gas matches or fire starting lighters are provided for propane stoves.
- Candles or any type of open flame are not allowed in sleeping shelters. Candles are restricted in camp buildings and cook shelters with the exception of special events, for example: birthday candles on a cake or Girl Scout candle ceremonies. This restriction DOES include candles used for repelling bugs and candle lanterns. Please check with the site manager/host prior to use of candles in any camp building.
- Please do not use charcoal lighter fluid, gasoline, or other liquid fire starters.
- Liquid gas stoves and lanterns are prohibited, except when used as part of a Girl Scouts of Western Washington-approved training or program progression.

### Restricted Substances & Weapons

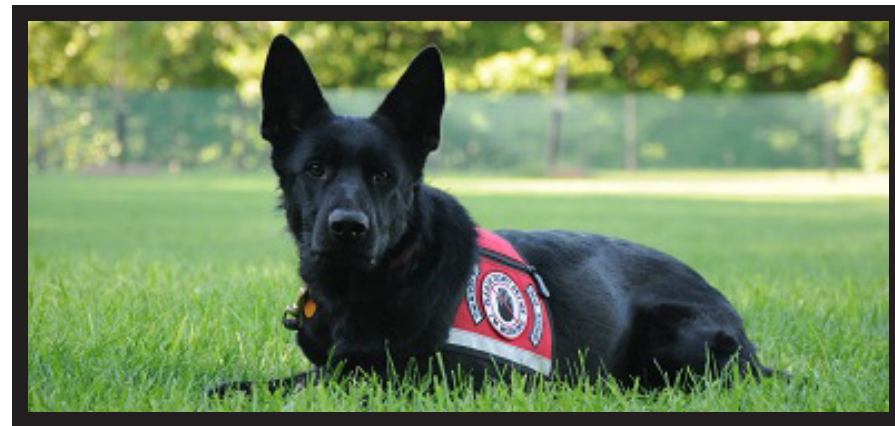
Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on all Girl Scouts of Western Washington properties; exceptions are made only with approval by the board of directors. The use of marijuana, illegal narcotics, and drugs is prohibited on property. The use of prescription or over-the-counter medication must not impair adults' ability to effectively carry out their responsibilities.

Smoking or use of tobacco is allowed only at areas designated by the camp host. Persons accompanying and/or at any time responsible for minors must not smoke or use any form of tobacco in the presence of minors. Girl program participants may not use tobacco products.

Fireworks, firearms, and weapons are prohibited. Pocket knives are allowed as part of an approved activity.

### Service Animals & Pets

We love our pets, but for the safety of everyone at camp, please leave your animal friends at home. Service animals are allowed; please notify your camp host prior to arrival.



## Sharing our Camps

### Respect for Others

Often there are several groups camping at our sites on weekends. Please show respect for other people's belongings and their space. Use only the fire circle and bathroom assigned to the unit you have rented. Individual troops may be asked to share a unit or bathroom facility with another troop in order to maximize outdoor opportunities for all girls. Visitors should be careful to only enter an occupied unit with permission from those using the facility.

### Co-ed Groups

Separate sleeping/bathroom areas must be provided for males and females. For assistance with specific situations/ solutions, please contact your site host.

### Service Projects

Giving service to others is an important part of Girl Scouting, and ensures that our camp properties can be enjoyed by all. Opportunities for family or group experience provide a means for your group to gain appreciation and a sense of ownership in our beautiful camp facilities. The camp host or site manager may have service projects where you can lend a helping hand. Remember: site staff time for supervising service projects is limited so be prepared to be given only tools, instructions and safety training. Some camps offer the "I Worked Like a Beaver" patch.

## Available Equipment

### Equipment Available in Outdoor Facilities

Three pots with lids*	2-4 brooms
1 cast iron frying pan*	2 dust pans
1 cast iron griddle*	1 rake
1 cutting board*	1 shovel
1 Dutch oven	1 axe or hatchet
1 hot water kettle*	2 fire buckets
1-2 dish drainers*	1 garbage can
3 dish pans*	1 recycling bin
1-2 cooking grates for fireplace	1 bottle of Mineral Oil for cast iron
Gas Match	1 fire extinguisher
2 or 3 burner propane stove*	Tables and benches
- (propane provided)	Disinfectant

\* Some larger units may have double these items

### Equipment Available in Indoor Cooking Facilities

All items listed above, plus:	2 veggie peelers
Refrigerator	1 sheet pan
Stove/Oven	2 paring knives
Microwave	2 or more pitchers
6-12 cup coffee maker	1 spatula/flipper
4-6 mixing bowls	1 mop and bucket
1 ladle	3 or more large spoons
2 can openers	Table service (plates, cups, bowls, utensils) for building capacity
1 or more rubber scrapers	

Toilet paper and garbage bags are provided. Other equipment available in limited supply for check-out with Site Host:

Tents/Tarps Charcoal Chimneys Flags Propane Lanterns

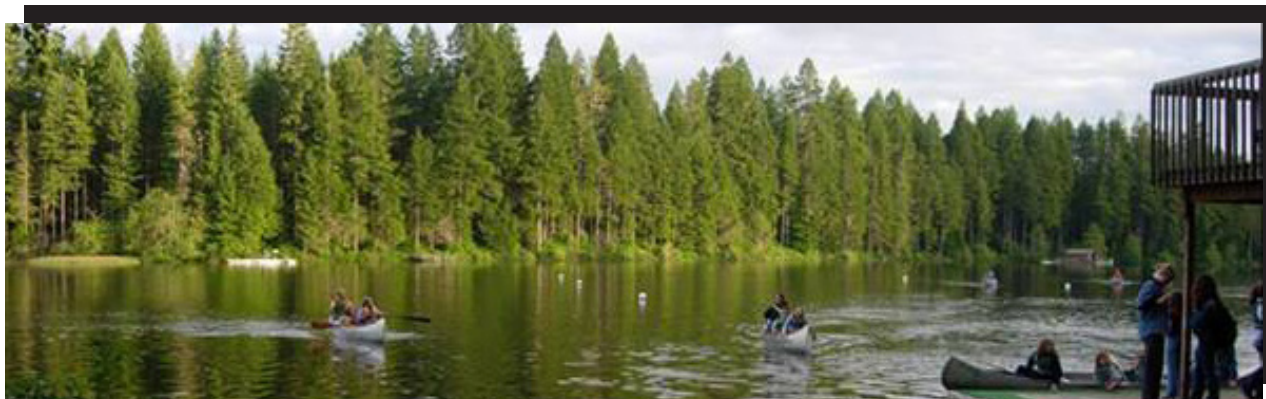
## Facilities at a Glance

Notes: Please refer to <i>Waterfront Use Guidelines</i> for requirements for qualified supervisors of waterfront activities.	Electric lights	Electric heat	Wood heat	Indoor/Covered fireplace	Outdoor Fire Circle	Stove	Refrigerator	Showers	Toilets F=Flush, L=Latrine	Water	Open Program shelter	Open sleep shelters	Propane Stove	Capacity
Lakeside				X	X				L	X	X	X	X	30
Pioneer				X	X				L	X	X	X	X	30
Ark					X				L	X	X	X	X	16
Totem Landing				X	X				L	X	X	X	X	40
Hilltop				X	X				L	X	X	X	X	20
Hacienda	X	X			X	X	X	X	F	X				28
Upper Tilakum (former Health House-Upstairs)	X	X			X	X	X	X	F	X	X			12
Lower Tilakum (former Health House-Downstairs)	X	X			X	X	X	X	F	X				14
Yurt Village				X					L	X	X		X	30
Ulali Resource Center	X	X			X	X	X	X	F	X				8
<b>Total bed capacity</b>														<b>228</b>
Dining Hall with Kitchen	X	X		X		X	X		F	X				200
Dining Hall without Kitchen	X	X		X			X		F	X				200
Additional available unit/activities:														
Primitive					X				L	X				11 sites
Archery Range per day									L					
Waterfront - swimming									L					
Waterfront – boating - canoeing									L					
Waterfront – boating – rowing									L					



# Camp Lyle McLeod

Camp Lyle McLeod was named after the first Girl Scout leader in Kitsap County. It offers a serene and secluded setting, far from busy city sounds, for hiking, nature study, swimming and boating. Located ten miles northwest of Belfair, the camp's 160 acres of pine, hemlock and fir forest surround Lake Bennettsen. A relatively level 1-1/2 mile trail encircles the lake, connecting each of the nine village units.



## Programming

There's tons to do at Camp McLeod, whether you're exploring the lake on by boat, honing your skills at Margaret Scout, or observing wildlife.

**Bird Blind** Hike to this concealed spot with picturesque views across Lake Bennettsen - the perfect location to observe the swamp habitat!

**Playfield** Located behind the dining hall, this large grassy area accommodates large groups for open-area activities. A volleyball court is adjacent. Playfield equipment is available in the small room at the back of the dining hall.

**Waterfront** The boathouse serves as a program and storage area for our canoes, rowboats, and funyaks, and accompanying safety equipment. Or jump on in from our swim dock!

**Margaret Scout Area** This training area provides the space and tools to teach outdoor living skills including knots, lashing, fire building, compass points, and more.

**Archery Range** Targets and equipment available for 4th grade and up.

## At-a-Glance

Offering both seasonal open-air and year-round winterized sleeping facilities, Camp McLeod has an overnight capacity for 228. A primitive site has space for 11 pitched tents. Gather for meetings or meals in the dining hall, and explore various program areas throughout camp.

### Outdoor Sleeping:

Lakeside (30)  
Yurt Village (30)  
Pioneer (30)  
Ark (16)  
Totem Landing (40)  
Hilltop (20)

### Winterized Sleeping:

Upper Tilakum (12)  
Lower Tilakum (14)  
Hacienda (28)  
Ulali (8)

### Additional Facilities:

Lodge (200)  
Boat House  
Craft Loft  
Longhouse

# Facilities Descriptions

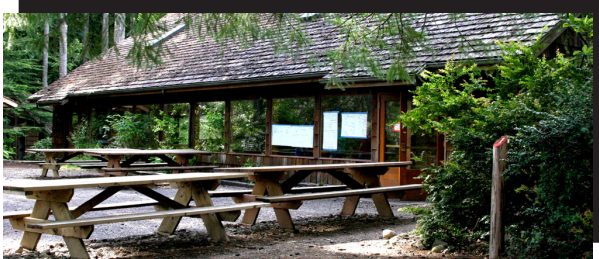
## Winterized Facilities

**Upper Tilakum** (capacity 12): The upstairs sleeps six in one main room, plus two each in three additional rooms. Also includes a dining and meeting area, bathrooms, and showers. Other amenities include electric lights, heat, a kitchen with range and refrigerator, cookware, and table service for 12, plus a nearby fire circle. Wheelchair accessible.

**Lower Tilakum** (14): The lower level of the Tilakum building, it features one large room that sleeps 12 in bunks. A separate bathroom with showers, electric lights, heat, and a kitchen area with range, refrigerator, cookware, and table service for 14. Fire circle nearby.

**Hacienda** (28): A two-story building with heat and electric lights. The downstairs has a meeting/dining area, bathrooms and showers, and a kitchen with range, refrigerator, cookware, and table service for 28. The upstairs is a large open loft, with mattresses available for sleeping "slumber party style" on the floor. A fire circle is out front, near the private dock on the lake.

**Ulali** (8): This recently remodeled facility has three bedrooms, a single bathroom with shower, and kitchen with range, refrigerator, cookware, and table service for eight. Additional amenities include skylights and a gas fireplace. Wheelchair accessible.



## Open Air Facilities

**Lakeside** (30): Five open-air shelters with Winnie the Pooh themed names, each with six wood bunks with mattresses. Amenities include a cook shelter, fire circle, latrine, and cold running water. Conveniently located near the dining hall.

**Yurt Village** (30): Five yurt shelters, each with six bunks. Amenities include a cook shelter, pit latrine, and cold running water. This unit is wheelchair accessible with a boardwalk connecting it to Forest Glade amphitheatre.

**Pioneer** (30): Four open-air shelters with pioneer women theme names; three with eight bunks, one with six bunks. Amenities include a cook shelter, pit latrine, and cold running water. Access to dock on lake.

**Ark** (16): A truly unique outdoor experience! This floating cabin with a deck sleeps 12 in strung canvas bunks (closed cell foam pads provided). An A-frame nearby on shore sleeps four in bunks with mattresses. Cozy up by the metal fire pit on the deck. On-shore amenities include a fire pit, pit latrine, and cold running water.

**Totem Landing** (40): Seven adirondack shelters each sleep 4 in strung-canvas bunks with closed cell foam pads. Two additional shelters sleep six each. Amenities include a cook shelter, fire circle, pit latrine, cold running water, and access to a dock on the lake.

**Hilltop** (20): Five platform tents with porches, each sleep 4 in cots. Amenities include a cook shelter, fire circle, pit latrine, and cold running water. This unit can accommodate up to four wheelchairs with ramps connecting the cook shelter with two tents and the accessible outdoor latrine.

**Primitive:** Primitive site for up to 11 pitched tents. Fire circle, pit latrine, and cold running water.

## Additional Facilities

**Boathouse/ Craft Loft:** Main level serves as a program and storage area for canoes, rowboats, funyaks, and water safety equipment. The arts & crafts loft above features tables and benches, electric lights, and limited outlets.

**Dining Hall:** Main dining hall with capacity of 200; features a fireplace, electricity, heat, and attached flush restrooms. This facility can be rented with or without the institutional kitchen (open seasonally). Dividing wall can split space as needed. Small adjoining room with fireplace & heat. Wheelchair accessible.

**Longhouse:** Covered building near dining hall with tables and benches. Day use only, no electricity.