



Camp Like You Mean It Camp Patch Program

Have fun AND learn about camp by doing the activities in this packet. Troop leaders may request the Camp Like You Mean It Activity Kit from the GSGWM council office to assist with these activities.

*Indicates activity ideas included in the activity kit.

To earn the Camp Like You Mean It patch, complete the Camp Guide Explorer activity and one activity from each of the following: Discover, Connect, and Take Action.

CAMP GUIDE EXPLORER

REQUIRED: Using your Camp Guide or the council website (girlscoutsgwm.org), find the answers to these questions:

- a. Which camp(s) is/are running for 8 weeks this summer?
- b. Which day camps offer horseback riding programs?
- c. How many day camps are there in Vermont? In New Hampshire?
- d. What programs allows you to spend your week learning about animals?
- e. What program gives you the chance to visit a gallery or art studio?
- f. What is the name of the resident camp? Where is it located?
- g. Which day camps offer “Medieval Madness,” where you can create your own coat of arms and prepare to enter into the Camp Quest?
- h. Which program would you most like to attend?

Discover: (complete at least 1 activity)

CAMP COOKING:

Make S’mores or banana boats over a campfire. Or, try cooking them in the oven or microwave.

If that’s too easy, look through recipes for outdoor cooking and find one you’ve never tried before. Build a campfire and try cooking this new recipe.

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CAMP SONGS*:

Learn a new song that you might sing at camp. You can perform it for adults at your troop meeting, record a video for Instagram (make sure to tag @girlscoutsgwm), or visit a younger troop to teach them the song you’ve learned!

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CAMP GAMES*:

Learn 3 games that girls play at camp. Play them!

*Having trouble finding a song or game? Visit www.ultimatecampresource.com for ideas.

Connect: (complete at least 1 activity)

CAMPER TO CAMPER:

Interview a camper to find out more about Girl Scout camp. Here are some sample interview questions:

- a. What program did you do and how did you pick it?
- b. What did you like best about camp?
- c. What were your favorite activities?
- d. Who were your counselors? What were they like?
- e. What did you do at camp that you've never done before?
- f. What advice would you give someone who has never been to camp?

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CAMPER TO CAMP STAFF:

Using the above questions as examples, come up with interview questions you might ask a camp counselor. Invite someone to your meeting who has worked at a Girl Scout camp and put them on the hot seat! Find out how you can become a PA, CIT, Barn Aide, or counselor at your favorite camp.

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CAMPER TO COUNCIL:

Take a little trip! Call the GSGWM council office and arrange a visit to your nearest Service Center to look at pictures and hear all about camp.

Host a camp party (with multiple troops if you can)! Invite someone from the Outdoor Experience team at the council office to come to the party and get answers to all of your toughest camp questions, and maybe play some games and learn some songs from them. Set up tents inside, make an edible fire, plan how you'll earn a badge outdoors this summer, explore part of the Journey It's Your Planet-Love it!, make a dunking bag for your mess kit, or learn how to make a duct tape flashlight—there are so many fun things to do at a camp party!

Take Action: (complete at least 1 activity)

PROPERTY:

Visit one of the camps, take part in a photo scavenger hunt, fill out the *Camp Like You Mean It Property Survey*, and send your scavenger hunt photos and survey to customercare@girlscoutsgwm.org or bring them to your nearest Service Center on a USB drive. You never know—we might use them in our next Camp or Program Guide! You may also turn in the *Camp Like You Mean It Property Survey* with the patch order form.

Photo Scavenger Hunt: (take a picture of your group for each item below)

- a. All sitting in an Adirondack shelter or other living space.
- b. By a campfire circle, singing a song with funny movements.

- c. Arranged in a shape (like a pyramid or spell out a word using your body as a letter) at your favorite place at camp.
- d. All holding onto the same tree.
- e. Everyone eating GORP (trail mix) at the same picnic table.
- f. Everyone's feet in a circle around something really interesting or beautiful.
- g. A photo that shows courage, confidence, and/or character.

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PEOPLE:

After you visit camp (or if you've attended camp with us in the past), visit another troop that wants to earn the Camp Like You Mean It patch and help them. Tell them what you think of camp and answer their questions about what it might be like to come to camp this summer. You could also contact the GSGWM council office and ask to help out at one of our camp tables at a recruitment event, camp fair, or a council event.

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PROGRAM:

Find out what our camps could use more of or what equipment we want to replace this year or next year, and look for ways to help us get them! You could ask a local business to donate fishing poles or archery equipment, make a kit for each of our day camps that includes a science or nature activity, or build teambuilding equipment that we can store at each camp. Be sure to talk to the Outdoor Experience team **before** planning your project—we want to be sure that what you plan fits into our program needs. We don't want to end up with anything we can't use (like 200 fishing poles) or that we can't find a place to store (like a giant obstacle course)!

Camp Like You Mean It Property Survey

This survey goes with the photo scavenger hunt, but anyone who has been to one of our camps may return it with their patch order form.

What is your Girl Scout level?

Daisy___ Brownie___ Junior___ Cadette___ Senior___ Ambassador___

What camp did you visit?

What did you like best about this camp?

What did you think could be better at this camp?

Some suggestions take a lot of work or money to turn them into a reality. Do you know anyone who could help make your ideas for this camp come true? Yes / No

If yes, please provide their name and contact information:

Now that you have seen the camp, what program in the Camp Guide are you most excited about?

Now that you have seen the camp, is there a kind of program you wish were in the Camp Guide that you didn't see this year?

Thank you so much for taking the time to help us think up new ideas for camp! Sometimes we cannot make all of the changes we want, but it is so important to hear what YOU, our Girl Scouts, want at YOUR camps. See you this summer!

CONGRATULATIONS!

You've earned your patch! Now, all you have to do is fill out the Patch Order Form and send or bring it with payment to the Bedford and Williston Service Centers. Anyone who has visited one of our camps may also fill out the *Camp Like You Mean It Property Survey* and return it with the patch order form.

Camp Like You Mean It Patch Order Form

Troop/Group level:

Daisy__ Brownie__ Junior__ Cadette__ Senior__ Ambassador__

If not in a troop, how do you participate in Girl Scouting?

Troop/Group Leader:

Street: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** ___ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

What did you (or your troop) discover about camp opportunities?

**How did you (or your troop) connect to others who have had camp experience?
What did they gain from that experience?**

What did you (or your troop) do to take action for camp this year?

Are you (or your troop) excited about attending camp this year? If so, tell us why!

How many girls in your troop are going to camp?

Camp Like You Mean It Patch Order Form

_____ # of patches @ \$2.00 each \$ _____

Shipping rate*: \$ _____

*Visit our [website](#) to see latest shipping rates.

Check is enclosed (Checks should be made out to GSGWM)

Charge my Credit Card* this amount: \$ _____

*We accept Visa, Mastercard, and Discover

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____ / _____ CVV: _____

Signature: _____

Please send this Evaluation/Order form to:

Mail:

Mountain Top Shop – GSGWM

1 Commerce Drive

Bedford, NH 03110

Email: customercare@girlscoutsgwm.org

Fax: 603-627-4169