

Girls In Science Camp

Camp Information and How to Apply



June 12-17, 2017

Girls In Science Camp is a six-day, five-night experience for 12–15 year old girls at Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont, in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Campers will explore habitats throughout the national park with naturalists and conduct their own field research projects. The goal is to foster interest in science among girls at the middle school level. (Transportation to Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont is not provided.)

To apply, complete and send us the following in one envelope (do not staple). *If you fax or email your application, do not mail a hard copy. We will notify you if we can't read what you send.*

- Contact Information and Agreements Form
- Student Application (along with your short answer questions)
- Teacher Questionnaire (along with answers to questions 4–6)
- Payment information



We will review the completed applications as they come in and let you know if you are accepted within 4-6 weeks. **There is no deadline**, but you are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

For more information about Girls In Science Camp, as well as other experiences for kids, teens, adults and families, please visit Tremont's website at www.gsmit.org

Questions about the camp?

Contact Kelly Lecko and Emily Stein
kelly@gsmit.org and emily@gsmit.org

Teacher/Naturalists and Girls in Science Camp Coordinators

Thank you for applying!

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Contact Information and Agreements



Please fill in the lines neatly in **black ink** or type your answers on another sheet.

Camper's Name _____ Age (as of June 1st) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

County _____

Phone (_____) _____ - _____ E-mail _____

Is this a home, cell, or home/cell? Sign me up for Tremont's bi-weekly e-newsletter

Race (*circle; optional*) Black/ African American Native American Asian/ Pacific Islander

White/ Caucasian Hispanic/ Latino Bi-racial Other

Camper Agreement:

- I understand that Girls In Science Camp is an outdoor experience that involves sleeping in a platform tent and hiking on mountain trails.
- I understand that Girls In Science Camp is a group experience that involves living, working, and getting along with others who may be very different from me.
- I understand that Girls In Science Camp is a scientific experience that involves studying living organisms in their habitats and respecting them all, even organisms that may not be my favorites, like insects and reptiles.

Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Agreement:

- I understand that the application process is extremely competitive, so there is no guarantee my daughter will be selected for Girls In Science Camp.
- I understand that if my daughter is accepted, there is a medical form that needs to be filled out and signed by her doctor, and submitted to Tremont before camp.
- I understand that cancellation received up to 2 weeks prior to the camp start date will be refunded in full, minus a \$50 processing fee.
- I understand that transportation to and from camp is my responsibility.

Print name: _____

Signature: _____

Parent's email: _____

Please note that you will be notified of acceptance at this email address, not by mail.

Sign me up for Tremont's bi-weekly e-newsletter. I am interested in carpooling.

Parent's phone number: (_____) _____ - _____ Is this home, cell, or home/cell?

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Student Application



Please fill in the lines neatly in **black ink** or type your answers on another sheet.

1. Your name _____
2. Your current grade level (2016/2017 school year) _____
3. Your school's name _____
4. Have you participated in any Tremont programs before? If so, which?

5. How did you hear about Girls in Science Camp? _____
6. Rate the following on a scale of 1 to 3, where: 1 = little to none, 2 = average, 3 = great. Please be honest when answering. We choose a mixture of students, not just those with the highest interest and aptitude.
 - a) Your interest in science _____
 - b) Your interest in nature _____
 - c) Your interest in a science career _____
 - d) Your understanding of the scientific method _____
 - e) Your ability to conduct scientific studies _____

Short answer questions: Please write or type the answers to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper, with your name at the top. There is no length requirement, but please be thorough. **This is how we get to know you!**

6. Why are you interested in attending Girls In Science Camp?
7. Describe a favorite experience you have had in nature.
8. What can you contribute to the group through your presence at Girls In Science Camp?

You're almost done...

- Ask a teacher who knows you well to fill out the Teacher Questionnaire.
- Send all 4 (four) forms, your answers, your teacher's answers and payment to Tremont. (Send all forms together in one envelope. Please do not staple.)
- The review committee will evaluate application as they come in and will let your parents know if you are accepted or not within 4-6 weeks of receiving your completed application.

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Teacher Questionnaire



Please fill in the lines neatly in **black ink** or type your answers on another sheet.

Teachers: Your student is applying for Girls In Science Camp, a weeklong overnight experience for 12–15 year olds in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The camp will be based at Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont with a goal of getting girls excited about science as they move through their middle school years. The camp will include outdoor exploration throughout the park, participation in citizen science projects, and conducting their own field research projects . Thanks for supporting your student’s interest in experiencing field science!

Please fill in the lines neatly in **black ink** or type your answers on another sheet.

1. Student’s name _____
2. Is this student a 12–15 year old girl (as of June 1st)? ___ yes ___ no
3. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest, please rate your student’s:
Apparent interest in science _____
Aptitude in science _____

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

4. Describe your student’s approach to interacting with peers in a group setting.
5. Why is this camp right for your student?
6. Is there anything else you’d like to share about this student?

Teacher’s Signature: _____

School Name and address: _____

Date: _____

Please help your student by returning your portion to her quickly! Feel free to insert this form into a sealed envelope before returning to the applicant. All forms, along with your portion, must be submitted in one envelope. Students are accepted **on a rolling basis**, so the earlier you get this to your student the better. Students will not be considered without this questionnaire.

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Payment Information



- **Payment MUST accompany the application.**
- **Do not mail a check separately.**
- Copies of a check are not acceptable.
- Your payment will only be processed if you are accepted for the camp.

CANCELLATIONS received up to 2 weeks prior to the camp start date will be refunded in full, minus a \$50 processing fee.

Payment Options:

We expect this program to cost \$677 per girl for a week's food, lodging, transportation, and programming. But we don't want money to be a barrier for any girl to attend, so we ask that you consider what you are able to pay for this program, and include payment with this application. Payment will only be processed if you are selected for this program. The amount you are willing to pay will not impact our decision on your selection.

Check one: \$100 (minimum) \$300 \$500 \$677 \$ other amount

Enclosed is check # _____ (Make check payable to Tremont)

Arrival:

Tremont can be a long way away from home, and carpooling is a great way to get to know other campers and share the burdens of driving. Let us know if you would be interested in carpooling to Tremont with other girls in your area. If you would like us to share your contact information, check the box below. We will only share information with other families accepted to the program.

- If my child is accepted to Girls In Science camp, I would like my phone number and email to be shared with other campers with the purpose of carpooling to drop-off and pick-up.

Send to: Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont
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