

# Girls In Science Camp

## Camp Information and How to Apply



June 11-16, 2018

**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)



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. To make this opportunity available to as many girls as possible, priority will be given to those who have not attended Girls in Science before.

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](http://www.gsmit.org)

Questions about the camp?

Contact Kelly Lecko and Gar Secrist  
[kelly@gsmit.org](mailto:kelly@gsmit.org) and [gar@gsmit.org](mailto:gar@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 1<sup>st</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_

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 (2017/2018 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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*Short answer questions: Please write or type the answers to the following questions. Use another sheet of paper if you need more space. 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.  
\*if you are homeschooled, a coach or adult family friend works, too\**
- *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 applications 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/ Adult Reference Questionnaire



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



- **Do NOT mail a check with this application.**
- **Once you are accepted, you will be sent a registration form and medical waiver form to fill out and mail in with your check.**

We expect this program to cost \$680 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. The amount you are willing to pay will not impact our decision on your selection. A minimum of \$100 will be required to complete your registration.

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

Mail this completed application to:

Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont  
Attn: Girls in Science  
9275 Tremont Road  
Townsend, TN 37882

Or fax it to: (865) 448-9250