

NEED TO KNOW Girls in Science, June 13-18, 2022

- Let us know if there are any changes to the medical information you filled out when you registered
- **ARRIVE** at Tremont **between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM on Monday, June 13.**
- **PICK UP** your child promptly at **10:00 AM on Saturday, June 18.**

In case of an accident or illness parents will be notified if children require medical attention beyond what Tremont is able to provide. If we are unable to reach you in an emergency situation, the director will make a decision regarding appropriate action and continue to attempt to contact you or another responsible person as indicated on the medical form. Your child's camping experience depends in part on her wellbeing. Please send only a healthy, illness-free child to camp.

PACKING FOR CAMP

[Please review the packing list here.](#)

ARRIVAL

We will do our best to be efficient as we meet each one of you, review your health form, collect any medications needed at camp and answer any questions you may have regarding your camper's stay. Please have these medications ready for check-in. You will then have the opportunity to help your camper move into the dormitory, tour the site and say your good-byes. Our sales area will be open on the first and last day of camp.

[View a tentative program schedule here.](#)

CAMPER T-SHIRTS

When you check in, you will be given a coupon to purchase a camper t-shirt in our gift store at a discounted price. The coupon is only good for that day.

MEDICATIONS

*We request that you please do **not** take your child off/alter the dosage of any regularly prescribed medications during their week at summer camp.* The resulting behavior following a sudden change in medicine regime can be difficult for both your child and our staff. We realize that opinions may differ on this. However, camp can be a challenge as it is without further burdening a child with disrupting a routine.

CAMPER INVESTIGATION PRESENTATIONS

A big part of Girls in Science camp is designing and conducting scientific investigations of the wonderful world around us! No science investigation is complete without sharing what we learned with others. **Please join us on Friday, June 17th @ 2pm** to learn from our young scientists as they present their findings to their peers, family, and local scientists at Tremont. *This is not the end of camp! Do not plan to pick up your camper at this time.*

PHONE CALLS

Because telephone calls intrude and interrupt the magic of the camp experience, we are not able to field telephone calls between campers and parents. Rest assured, not hearing from your child is a sign that they are having fun and are fully involved in the life of camp. The best way to stay in touch with your child is by writing letters and postcards. **If there is an emergency**, you can contact us by calling our office Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. When our office is closed, you can leave a message on our answering machine and we will get it first thing in the morning. If it is urgent to contact us immediately when our office is closed, call the National Park Service Dispatch at 865-436-1294.

MAIL

Every camper loves mail. Start writing those letters now! Rather than writing how much you miss your daughter (which is of course true but could make them homesick), consider instead telling him or her how proud you are of them for spending a week away from home!

Send mail to:

(Camper's name)
Girls in Science Camp
Tremont
9275 Tremont Rd
Townsend, TN 37882

SAFETY

We are proud to report that we have an outstanding safety record when it comes to kids and the outdoors. However, we do take the concerns of parents very seriously and have provided some insight into risk factors during summer camp. Please call or visit our web site if you're interested in learning more about precautions we take to ensure your child has a safe experience. [Review our COVID-19 precautions here.](#)

LOST AND FOUND

When picking up your child on the last day of camp, please make sure they return home with every item they brought with them. Following the end of camp, we are able to keep items for only a brief period due to the large amount of lost and found items left behind. If you wish any items to be returned to you, you must notify us immediately following the end of camp and we'll send you instructions to arrange for a UPS pick up.

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