

# Girl Scout Weekend Campout Planning Packet



**CHAMPIONS RETREAT**

# Timeline for Pre-Trip Due Dates

**6 weeks before the trip-** Your scheduler will contact you to start the planning process. If you have any questions before then please reach out to Rob Letendre at [rletendre@campchampions.com](mailto:rletendre@campchampions.com)

**4 weeks before the trip-** The group information form and the Girl Scout Scheduling form are now due.

**3 weeks before the trip-** The certificate of liability insurance is now due. Tax exemption forms are now due.

**2 weeks before the trip-** The final group numbers are due. Cabin assignments are now due. Dietary restrictions are due. Payment for the contracted minimum is now due.

**Day of trip-** Make sure all Visitor Agreement forms have been signed and turned in. Payment for the remainder of the balance is now due.

# Pre Trip Details

- **6 weeks out** Your scheduler will reach out to you. They will also include a link to our portal to send all guests attending. Waivers and dietary restrictions forms are at this link and must be filled out by all guests. If the contract has not been signed, or your deposit has not been turned in these are due immediately to continue the scheduling process. If you have not heard from your scheduler or you have any deposit or contract questions please email Rob Letendre at [rletendre@campchampions.com](mailto:rletendre@campchampions.com)
- **4 weeks out** The Group information form and the Girl Scout Scheduling forms are now due. Please look at the next section of this packet for details on activities; of course, your scheduler will be happy to answer any questions. These can be found on the website in the forms section at <https://www.outdoorschool.com/champions-retreat/forms/>
- **3 weeks out** Please turn in your Certificate of Liability form if you have not yet. Your scheduler is happy to explain what that is if you are unsure. Your sales tax exemption form and state hotel tax forms are due, and they must list a current troop number that is attending. Please know that even though you are tax-exempt, you are not exempt from County Hotel Tax.
- **2 weeks out** If you have not confirmed final group numbers those are now due. Your cabin assignments are also due. Your scheduler should have sent you a list of cabins for you to select from. If you have any questions about the size of cabins or amount of cabins, they will be happy to talk you through it. If you have not yet given us information about how many dietary restrictions your group has, we need those turned in now. **Payment for the minimum contracted amount is now due.** Please pay by either having mailed a check or paying through Gazebo, our online portal.
- **Day of trip** Payment for the remaining balance is due upon the group's arrival. Visitor Agreement forms are due before guests arrive at camp for all guests. Please ensure everyone fills one out before the trip. All scouts need a signature from a parent or guardian to participate. A link for this will be sent to you at the 6-week mark.

# List And Description Of All Activities Offered and Facilitated By Champions Retreat

Below is a comprehensive list meant for reference. On the following pages is a breakdown of what is already included for the different age groups and what you can choose from.

## **Climbing Activities:**

**Small Climbing Wall (Daisies & Brownies)-** This wall is perfect for younger scouts. It is not as tall as our full-size wall, but still provides plenty of fun and challenge for Daisies and Brownies.

**Climbing Wall & Zipline (Juniors)-** Our 45-foot climbing wall is a perfect challenge for the Juniors. If Scouts make it to the top, you have the option to take a ride on our zip-line.

**Pirate Ship Ropes Course (Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors)-** This ropes course is a twenty-element static course that allows an entire activity group to be in the air at one time. With 3 levels, Scouts have a variety of options to choose from. *Please note this is a group-size restrictive activity. You may select either this activity or the Space Ship ropes course for the Scouts.*

**Space Ship Ropes Course (Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors)-** The spaceship can accommodate an entire activity group up in the air at the same time. With 2 levels and 4 sections, there is plenty to explore as participants attempt a variety of challenges to complete the course. *You can select either this activity or the Pirate Ship for your Scouts.*

**Screamin' Eagle (Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors)-** Our giant swing element is a lot of fun and requires the whole team to be involved. The team will take turns pulling up their teammates to the height they have picked to swing at. When the Scout is ready to swing, they let go of the tether and go for an exhilarating ride.

\*Champions Retreat adheres to the ages recommended by the Girl Scout Council. For clarification, see their website page on safety standards:

<http://www.gsctx.org/adults/volunteers/currentvolunteers/safety-checkpoints>

## Water Activities:

**Kayaking (Brownies and up)-** Spend some time in our scenic kayak cove. We have one-person kayaks for Juniors and up to use and 2-person kayaks for Brownies. This activity is supervised by certified lifeguards.

**Lake Swim (All levels and parents)-** There is plenty to explore in our Lake LBJ swim bay! We have a jumping tower, a rope swing with 2 different levels, a wading area, and a swim area. All participants, regardless of age and swimming ability, are required to wear lifejackets.

**Pool Swim and Spin Cycle (All levels and parents)-** Our Junior Olympic-sized swimming pool has something for everyone. It ranges from a beach entry to ten feet deep and has two slides, a tanning ledge, and of course, our spin cycle! The spin cycle is a dual vortex pool that pushes swimmers in a loop much like a whirlpool. Group size limit is 200 people.



## Traditional Camp Activities:

**Archery (Brownies, Juniors)-** Scouts will learn how to safely fire a bow and arrow, along with the proper technique of shooting.

**Fishing (All Levels)-** Scouts will learn how to bait their own hook, how to correctly hold a fish and remove the hook, as well as how to properly release a fish. With any luck, we will catch several different types of fish that live in Lake LBJ.

**Group Games (All Levels)-** Champions Retreat staff will lead the Scouts through fun, interactive games best suited for their age level.

**Petting Zoo( All Levels)-** Champions Retreat staff will lead the scouts through our wilderness property, showing off some cool things in nature! No nature walk is complete without a visit to our farm animals.

**Reptile Visit (All Levels)-** Scouts get to interact with our resident reptiles.

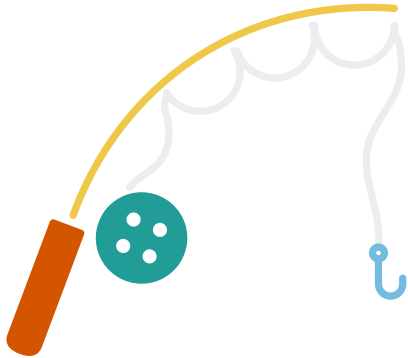
**BBs and Hatchet Throwing (Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors)-** Scouts will be shown how to safely handle a BB gun or axe, and how to safely fire the BB gun or throw the axe. Can pick one or the other. There is an extra charge of \$5 per participant for Hatchets.

**Teambuilding (Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors)-** Champions Retreat staff will give the Scouts a series of challenges to complete by working together as a team, with the skills learned from one challenge being the foundation of what is needed for the next challenge.

**The Jungle (Juniors)-** Our very own Ninja Warrior course. The Scouts can challenge themselves on our obstacle course or try to make it to the top of our warp walls.

# Daisies

At Champions Retreat, Daisies can fit in 8 total activities. Below is a list of the activities that are automatically included, along with the choice option for the last activity. Please note that this selection is for all the Daisies attending and the schedule cannot vary from troop to troop.



**Included:**  
Small Wall  
Reptile Visit  
Games/Relays  
Swim or Free Time  
Fishing  
Petting zoo  
Sports



## **Girl Scout Leaders Facilitate:**

Choice of GaGa or Crafts (must bring supplies)

## **Choices that could earn petals:**

**Petting Zoo- Clover (3):** We have a large garden on our walk that any of our facilitators would be able to answer questions about.

**Rosie (3) :** Everywhere on camp there are chances to make the world a better place, but especially on this lovely walk!

**Crafts:** Depending on what craft your troop decided to bring supplies for: Clover (2) Tula (3) Zinni (3)

\*Free Time: It is a long day here and often scouts appreciate a period to relax.



# Brownies

At Champions Retreat, Brownies can fit in 8 total activities. Below is a list of the activities that are automatically included, and then a list of the additional activities you can choose. Please note that this selection is for all the Brownies attending and the schedule cannot vary from troop to troop.

## **Included:**

Small Wall  
Kayaking  
Fishing  
Archery  
Swim/ Free Time

## **Choose any 3 from:**

### **Champions Retreat Facilitates:**

Petting Zoo, Sports, Reptile Visit, Games/Relays

### **Girl Scout Leaders Facilitate:**

Crafts, Free time, GaGa

## **Choices that could earn the BUGS badge and HIKER badge:**

**Petting Zoo-** Bugs (3,4 & 5) There are a large number of insects and their homes that can be observed all around our wilderness property.

Hiker (1,2,3 & 5) We will help decide where to go, we can provide trail maps, and a majority of our staff are experienced hikers. If you pack a snack ahead of time you'll have this badge all wrapped up in 55 minutes!

**Crafts-** Bugs (1 &2) If you bring the supplies the Bugs badge will be yours!





# Juniors

At Champions Retreat, Juniors can fit in 7 total activities. Below is a list of the activities that are automatically included, and then a list of the additional activities you can choose. Please note that this selection is for all the Juniors attending and the schedule cannot vary from troop to troop.

## **Included:**

Climbing Wall and Zipline (takes up 2 activity blocks)

Kayaking

Archery

Swim/ Free Time

## **Choose any 3 from:**

### **Champions Retreat Facilitates:**

Petting Zoo, Sports, Reptile Visit, Games/ Relays, Fishing, Teambuilding, The Jungle

### **Girl Scout Leaders Facilitate:**

Crafts, Free time, GaGa

## **Choices that could earn the FLOWERS badge:**

**Petting Zoo-** Flowers (1,2 & 3) Spring is gorgeous here at Camp Champions and the wildflowers are really the key. On our hike we can stop and look at all the flowers you would like, just remember to bring your botanist's notebook.





# Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

At Champions Retreat, C/S/As can fit in 7 total activities. Below is a list of the activities that are automatically included, and then a list of the additional activities you can choose. Please note that this selection is for all the C/S/As attending and the schedule cannot vary from troop to troop.

## Included:

Screamin' Eagle

Pirate Ship or Space Ship; takes up 2 activity blocks and is group size restrictive.

Kayaking

Swim/ Free Time

## Choose any 3 from:

**Champions Retreat Facilitates:** Petting Zoo, Sports, Reptile Visit, Games, Fishing, Teambuilding, BB Guns, Ax Throwing

**Girl Scout Leaders Facilitate:** Crafts, Free Time, GaGa

