

Camp Jessie Bloom 2012

Important Dates to Remember

Please submit all payment and paperwork to the Girl Scout Office

Registration and \$50 Deposit Dates

Begins: Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Ends: Friday, May 18, 2012

Full Payment, Health Examination and Health History Form

Payment plans not accepted.

The health examination portion needs to be completed and signed (by physician, RN, NP, etc.). A health examination form dated after August 7, 2010 is still valid for this year's camp. Contact the Office if your camper's is on file.

The health history portion must have been completed and signed by the parent or guardian within the last six months before camp. All girls must have this filled out annually.

Due: Monday, June 4, 2012

Campership Applications

Application available at our website

Due: Friday, May 18

Welcome to Camp!

"Where Girls Grow Strong"

Camp Jessie Bloom is held at Lost Lake camp, 58.5 miles south of Fairbanks on the Richardson Highway. The camp facilities are on a lovely campground in a spruce, aspen, and birch forest. Girls swim and canoe on the lake, hike on the trails, and observe the wildlife which includes ducks, beavers, owls, red squirrels, and moose.

Campers are divided into units according to their age. Specific sleeping accommodations are: Teddy Bear, GS Brownie Adventures, and GS Junior campers will be housed in cabins. Survivors will be housed in wall tents. A packing list is included this packet.

The campers eat in the dining hall or in a special activity area for cookouts and campfires. The meals are planned with the girls' preferences and health in mind. Reasonable accommodations for special dietary needs can be negotiated with Program Director. Severe and/or multiple food allergies cannot be accommodated in our remote camp setting.

Adults from various age groups are chosen as camp staff for their character, commitment to youth, love of the outdoors, and special skills. All receive training prior to the start of camp in the areas of first aid, safety, camper sensitivity, program planning with girls, teamwork, and much more. The ratio of staff to campers in a group is one counselor for every 10 campers. One counselor sleeps in each cabin.

Camp Jessie Bloom uses the "buddy" system 24 hours a day. Farthest North Girl Scout Council follows the guidelines established by Girl Scouts of the USA for safety of the site, in the programming, and with the campers. To ensure a safe and fun camp experience, please let the council know of any special needs or unusual circumstances such as a recent loss of a family member, medication that might alter moods, food allergies, and special diets. Please contact the Girl Scout Office to discuss them with the Camp Director and Executive Director. Our goal is to have a safe and enriching environment for all campers.

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Camper Age Levels

Teddy Bear Campers (1st - 2nd graders)

This discovery camp gives younger Girl Scouts the chance to experience a natural outdoor environment and to see themselves in a new light. During the 2 night, 3 day camp the girls swim, play games, sing bunches of camp songs, create crafts, eat s'mores around the campfire, and work towards a Brownie badge!

Brownie Adventure Campers (2nd - 3rd graders)

Brownies build valuable life skills while they go on an adventure of a lifetime! They learn to be more independent and self-reliant, how to work with a team and how to enjoy the natural resources the interior has to offer! Activities include arts and crafts, swimming, canoeing, sports and games, hiking, and learning about our environment!

Junior Campers (4th - 5th graders)

Juniors cultivate outdoor skills and learn about the surrounding natural environment. They will enjoy the beautiful scenery through hikes and water sports and participate in challenging badge activities to hone their camping abilities!

Survivor Campers (7th - 12th graders)

During this high adventure camp, girls will enjoy the thrill and excitement of being Survivors! Survivors fly on the zip line climb the wall, and learn traditional camp activities like building fires, perfecting canoe skills, emergency preparedness and much more! Girls 13 and older will also brave the sky bridge, try the monkey walk, and do the flying squirrel on our high adventure course!

Camp Dates & Prices

Teddy Bear Camp: July 29-July 31 \$200

Brownie Adventures Camp: July 22-July 28 \$350

Junior Session 1 Camp: July 22-July 28 \$350

Junior Session 2 Camp: July 29-August 4 \$350

Survivor Camp: July 29-August 4 \$350

A Typical Day at Camp Jessie Bloom

Camp day starts with a flag ceremony and songs, followed by the girls breaking into age appropriate groups. The rest of the morning, campers participate in a variety of activities. These may include songs, games, nature, cooking and arts & crafts. Each day the girls will participate in badge work, swim and canoe, and do a variety of other outdoor activities! The girls end the day with clean-up and a memorable evening program presented by the camp directors.

- 8:00 a.m. Good morning!
- 9:00 a.m. Flags and songs
- 9:15 a.m. Breakfast and clean-up
- 10:15 a.m. Canoeing or badge work
- 12:15 p.m. Cabin choice
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch and clean up
- 2:00 p.m. Swim or craft
- 3:00 p.m. Showers or swim
- 4:00 p.m. Showers or craft
- 5:00 p.m. Campers' choice
- 6:00 p.m. Flags and songs
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner and clean up
- 8:00 p.m. Evening program

Camp Dining

Three rounded meals are provided every day. Breakfast items range from fruit to pancakes to bacon and more. Lunch can be sack lunches, grilled cheese or lasagna. Dinner can be chicken tots, tacos, or pizza. Fruit, veggies, water, and juice are available at every meal and milk is served in the morning. While this year's menu is not planned, look at the menu below as an example.

Breakfast:	Cereal w/ Milk, Bacon, Biscuits, Fruit
Lunch:	Hamburgers, Tossed Salad, Jell-O
Snack:	Granola Bars
Dinner:	Tacos, Salad, Cake
Snack:	S'mores

Living Arrangements

Cabins house between 7-15 girls each. Mattresses are provided, however we encourage girls to bring a sleeping pad to put on top of their mattress. Sheets or sleeping bag are required. There are flush toilets, latrines, and showers around the camp area which are easily accessible from the cabins and tents. The survivors will be sleeping on tent platforms, with the tents included. Each tent sleeps 3-4 girls. Girls may want to attend camp with a special friend. Note this on the registration form. Efforts will be made to place the girls in the same cabin but this cannot be guaranteed.

Homesickness

Talk to your camper about going away to camp. Find out what she is looking forward to and what she may have concerns about. Explain that there is a phone at camp, but for emergency use only! If you have an emergency, contact the council office. Camp payment cannot be refunded for girls who go home early due to homesickness.

Camp Address:
Camper's Name
C/O Lost Lake/ Girl Scout Camp
Mile 58.5 Richardson Hwy
HCR 10
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Mail Tips *(All girls love to get mail at camp!)*

- Make sure your mail is positive in nature. Keep the tone upbeat and positive.
- Stay away from writing things like: "I do not know how we can live without you." These tend to spur homesickness.
- Write letters a week before and mail them before camp starts.
- Prepare letters and put them in her luggage with the day of the week to open it or give them to the camp staff to distribute.
- Parents, friends, and relatives are encouraged to stop by our camp letter station before leaving camp.

Girl Scout Council Shop

There will be no shop at Camp Jessie Bloom, so please do not send money with your camper.

Stop by the Council for your camp needs. We have mess kits which are required for dining and a tote and flip flop combo perfect for shower time at camp! Our Camp Jessie Bloom Moose Pillow Pal will be great for travel while our tattoos, bandanas, and key chains are stylish accessories for a fun summer at camp!

Packing List

Includes all Campers

1. Jeans & shorts (at least two pair of each)
2. Shirts with short and long sleeves
3. A pair of sturdy lace-up shoes or boots (closed toe- we do not allow sandals at camp)
4. A pair of "Water Socks" or old shoes for swimming
5. Warm and Cool Pajamas
6. Underwear and socks (enough for each day, please)
7. Raincoat or Poncho (garbage bags with head and arms cut out works too!)
8. Personal toiletries (deodorant, toothpaste, soap, shampoo etc.)
9. Light jacket or sweatshirt or sweater
10. Rain boots (optional but they are really nice for rainy days)
11. Water bottle or Canteen (to keep girls hydrated!!)
12. Sunscreen
13. Swimming suit
14. Two Towels, One for swimming and one for showering!
15. Shower shoes (plastic thongs to be used in shower ONLY!)
16. Shower bag or bucket (to keep all their shower "stuff" together)
17. A warm, heavier weight sleeping bag and blanket
18. Sleeping pad, cot, or cushion
19. Pillow
20. Fitted sheet or mattress pad
21. Mosquito net (optional)
22. Baseball Hat for the sun
23. Sit-upon (waterproof cushion)
24. Small day backpack (school backpack)
25. Dunking bag (this is a bag to hold dishes and is "breathable" so they can dry. Orange or onion bags can work. We have them for purchase at the council office too!)
21. Mess kit if you have one, plastic plate, bowl, cup & spoon and fork if not!
22. Flashlight with extra bulbs/batteries, some girls like head lamps or free standing "lantern type" lights (for night reading and letter writing)
23. Pen, pencil, notepaper/book, stamps, postcards
24. A laundry bag (so dirty clothing can go right into the washer.)
25. Insect repellent **NO 100% Deet!**
26. Disposable camera
28. Books (we do have quiet/rest time)
29. Sanitary supplies if necessary

Old Clothes are best (almost out grown jeans are great!)
Think warm! There are chilly nights!
Don't Buy, Borrow
Label EVERYTHING!
Make a list of what you sent to camp to remind you
Lost and Found will be at the Council

Transportation

All campers are responsible for transportation to and from Camp Jessie Bloom. There are designated drop off and pick-up times according to what camp they are attending. All drivers must sign in and sign out for each camper they are transporting. If special arrangements need to be made please contact the Girl Scout Council no later than a week in advance of your camp date.

Directions

Lost Lake is located about an hour south of Fairbanks down the Richardson Hwy (Hwy. 2) at the end of Lost Lake Road. The closest mile marker to the camp (coming from Fairbanks) is mile post 307.

From Fairbanks:

Go South on Richardson Highway (Hwy 2), the one that takes you to North Pole, Eielson, Delta, Valdez, etc. Set your car's odometer. At mile 58 there will be a yellow sign on the right hand side of the road that says Lost Lake.

Then, the Lost Lake Road sign will be on your right. It is a standard green road sign. Make a right onto Lost Lake Rd. and follow the road until the end. You will see gates and our registration table. We will instruct you where to go from that point. If you pass the Birch Lake rest area you have gone too far, but just barely. Lost Lake is virtually across the street and back in the woods from Birch Lake.

Drop Off and Pick Up Times

Teddy Bear Camp

Drop off: Sunday, July 29, 2:00PM

Pick-up: Tuesday, July 31, 6:00PM

Brownie Adventures Camp

Drop off: Sunday, July 22, 3:00PM

Pick-up: Saturday, July 28, 10:30AM

Junior Session 1 Camp

Drop off: Sunday, July 22, 4:00PM

Pick-up: Saturday, July 28, 10:30AM

Junior Session 2 Camp

Drop off: Sunday, July 29, 3:00PM

Pick-up: Saturday, August 4, 10:30AM

Survivor Camp

Drop off: Sunday, July 29, 4:00PM

Pick-up: Saturday, August 4, 10:30AM

Registration

Registration:

- Fully complete the inserted registration form — one form per girl. Please carefully print or type all information. Incomplete forms will be returned.
- A **\$50 non-refundable deposit** is required at time of registration to confirm a space for your camper.
- Return all forms, deposit, and payments to:
Farthest North Girl Scout Council.
431 Old Steese Highway, Suite 100
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Registration deadline:

Registration is February 21 through May 18, depending on availability. Camp fills up quickly. First come, first serve.

Balance of fees and health forms deadline:

June 4, 2012. Fees must be paid in full and all forms turned in for the camper to attend.

Refund Policy

Refund policy:

The \$50 registration deposit is non-refundable.

There will be no refunds of camp fees except in extreme cases such as:

1. Illness, accident or family emergency prevents attendance. Parent must notify council prior to camp session regarding absence and reason to be considered for a refund.
2. Financial aid cannot be granted.

**If a camper is sent home because of illness, injury, or at the director's recommendation, a pro-rated refund may be granted in *some* circumstances. Parent must apply in writing to the council for a refund within one week of the camper leaving camp.

** Refund decisions will be made by the Executive Director on a case by case basis once a written request is made and only for the extreme circumstances listed above.

Health Form Requirements

A health examination from a licensed physician, RN, PA, or Nurse Practitioner of your choice is required. A complete school or sport physical dated after August 8, 2010 may be valid. Also, if you have a physical on file from last summer it may be valid but please call the office for confirmation. If not, please use the included Health History and Health Exam Form. This form must be on file with the council before your daughter attends camp. All campers must complete a Health History form every year.