

Meadowbrook Site Orientation

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Camp Meadowbrook is located on nearly 14 acres in Queensbury and has many unique features including a splash pad, a double treehouse, a nature trail, fun and fitness trail, ceremonial area great for bridging ceremonies. Additionally, there's a beautiful brook, playfield, a horizontal climbing wall, and three lodges with indoor plumbing.

Important Information

Contact & Maintenace Information:

For emergencies contact 911. For non-immediate issues call 518-489-8110 and leave a voicemail at ext. 151. For all maintenance requests like water leaks, gas leaks, and lack of heat contact 518-489-8110 ext 151. If calling after hours please leave a message with a phone number so we may return the call as soon as possible. This voicemail box is being monitored.

Check-in/out:

Check-in is 4:00pm and Check-out is 3:00pm. (fellow campers may be using the grounds)

Parking:

Most cars should be parked in the main lot near the entrance to the camp. One vehicle only may remain parked near each unit/lodge, facing out, for emergency use only. The camp roads are one-way lanes and must be kept open for emergency vehicles. The one vehicle that will stay in the unit may transport food and heavy gear.

Trash:

Papers may be burned using extreme caution. All other trash must be taken home unless the dumpster fee is paid. Grease must be placed in cans until cool and stored with other trash in the vehicle.

Cancellation/Refund Policy:

- Refunds will be made IF GSNENY must cancel a reservation
- Cancellation made less than days 10 prior to the camping trip forfeit their full payment.

Gate:

For the security of all concerned, the camp gate is to be closed before dark and kept closed until early morning. **In the girls' best interest, we advise that the gate be kept closed at all times. **

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Firewood:

Some fallen wood is available at the camps. Troops may want to bring some extra dried wood. New York State has a regulation prohibiting the transport of firewood more than 50 miles from its source. Please keep this in mind when transporting firewood.

Campfires:

Fires must be built in fire circles or woodstoves only. A full pail of water must be nearby before the fire is lit. Campers with long hair need to tie back their hair when near the fire. Also, use caution with loose clothing around fires.

Toilets:

Toilets: All lodges have flush toilets. Single-ply white toilet paper should be used in all toilets and is provided. Small plastic bags need to be available for disposal of sanitary napkins, tampons, etc. which must not be dropped into toilets.

Animals:

No pets are allowed at camp. Never touch or try to feed a wild animal.

Health Forms:

Leaders taking girls camping should have with them a current Health Examination form. It is recommended that adults also have a completed Health Examination Form. A camping troop also needs a First Aider, as well as a First Aid Kit.

1:1 Adult to Child Ratios:

We advise rental groups to discuss/ train Adults on 1:1 Adult to child ratios. This is to ensure that no adult is alone with a child with whom they are not a parent/guardian of. We encourage 1 Adult to 2+ Children or 2 Adults to 1 child.

Illness:

Notify the parent and request they pick up their child. If a parent is unavailable, contact the emergency number given for the child. If neither parent nor emergency contact is available, isolate the child from the group and keep comfortable until contact is made. First Aider should record the date, time, symptoms, and any action taken.

Medications:

NO medication is to be given to a child without written parental permission. All keep medications need to be kept under lock and key unless they are being administered by a trained individual.

Note: Exceptions would be for a limited amount of medication for life-threatening conditions carried by a camper or staff person (e.g., Epinephrine auto-injectors or inhalers) or limited medications approved for storage in first aid kits.

Buildings

Building etiquette:

When camping in a building, shoes, and boots should be wiped upon entering. Boots need to be left near the door and not worn indoors.

Temperature:

Temperature: Thermostats should be kept no higher than 65 degrees for daytime, 60 degrees at night. Doors and windows should be kept closed when the furnace is on, and the thermostat should be turned down where there is a fire in the fireplace.

Smoking, Alcohol, and Drugs:

Smoking is not permitted on the camp property or in the presence of children. There is no consumption of alcohol or use of illegal drugs on any GSNENY property or at any GirlScout function where girls are present.

Lodges:

Friendship and Winter and Nature Lodges have dishes, pots, and pans, coffee maker, microwave, and mattresses; pails, brooms, mops, etc. are also provided. Each lodge also has a TV and DVD player. Mattresses are available in all lodges; they are not waterproof and should be used only in buildings, for sleeping.

Lanterns and Cookstoves:

Lanterns and cookstoves may be used in kitchen shelters if desired. If propane fuel or "Coleman" fuel is used, adult supervision must be maintained. Lanterns and stoves should never be left burning without supervision.

Buildings-Year long



Heidi's Friendship Lodge:

Sleeps 25, Friendship Lodge is a wonderful lodge for meetings, programs, and overnights. The spacious lodge offers a full kitchen, two full restrooms with showers, a fireplace and two separate meeting rooms (one carpeted), a coffee maker, and tables and chairs. As with any kitchen stove, gas or electric, please keep all children away from hot surfaces.

Buildings-Seasonal Closed October - May



Nature Lodge:

Sleeps 16, Nature Lodge is similar to Winter Lodge, including a newer screened-in porch that mirrors the Winter Lodge. There is a limited amount of cookware, but plates, silverware are in abundance. There are two stoves in place and two sinks. As with any kitchen stove, gas or electric, please keep all children away from hot surfaces.



Winter Lodge:

Sleeps 16, Winter Lodge is a great program and sleeping space with one main room that includes a full kitchen. There are also flush toilets and a screened-in porch with picnic tables for bug-free summer projects or meetings, a coffee maker, and tables and chairs. As with any kitchen stove, gas or electric, please keep all children away from hot surfaces.

Other Areas of Camp



Bridge:

Camp Meadowbrook is home to a gorgeous bridge where troops can hold their bridging ceremonies, and where many beautiful senior pictures or wedding pictures can be taken.



Playfield:

There is a large play area great for large activities and has a fire pit with picnic tables and benches for seating.



Splashpad:

The Splash Pad – a water play area with overhead water pipes and water pails. Service Units may request the use of the Splash Pad for a fee. Girls are recommended to wear water shoes when in the Splash Pad. Adults must closely supervise all activities at the Splash Pad when their group is engaged there. Adults must first inspect the area in and around the Splash Pad for garbage, sharp objects, and other safety hazards each time before use. As there is no standing water, no swim test is required. Campers should not run in the Splash Pad area.



Treehouse:

The treehouse is a wooden structure where campers can climb and play. Groups may eat their lunch, or just relax and play, in the treehouse. Proper precaution is taken when climbing. Make sure the slide is clear before the next person goes down the slide.

Evacuating Units/Lodges

If you discover a fire (or hear a siren from another unit), SOUND YOUR FIRE ALARM (if you have one nearby) and:

- 1. Quickly and quietly assemble campers, count them, and proceed to the pre-arranged meeting place. One adult should lead. Use the buddy system.
- 2. At Camp Meadowbrook have campers meet at the flagpole.
- 3. Stay on established roads and trails. Remember to keep campers out of the way of emergency vehicles.
- 4. One adult should stay behind to be sure all campers are out of tents/lean-tos, latrines, and doors are closed from a lodge, etc. That adult "brings up the rear" as the group exits camp.
- 5. Once campers are assembled outside of camp, count heads again. Send one adult from your meeting place to report any missing campers to the firefighters, rangers, or camp director. (Know who they are so the searchers will know for whom to look).
- 6. The first adult out should call the fire department.

Do Not return to the camp until the okay is given by the firefighters (or person in charge of the drill). When you return, shut off the fire alarm if it is still sounding.



Heidi's Friendship Lodge (Named after Heidi Coleman)



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