

# Lake Clear Site Orientation

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Lake Clear Camp is situated on 127 scenic acres of land on a peninsula on Lake Clear. Located just 20 miles from Lake Placid and adjacent to the St. Regis Canoe area. The camp is surrounded by breathtaking state land in Adirondack Park. Facilities at camp Lake Clear include cabins with full bathrooms, a dining hall, and a rustic lean-to unit. There are buildings for programs and activities – perfect for inclement weather. There's, swimming and boating areas, and hiking trails.

## Important Information

### Contact & Maintenance Information:

For any 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

Cars should be parked in the lot near the entrance to camp on the field on the right, parked facing out. One vehicle may transport food and heavy gear. No vehicles may remain parked near units.

**DO NOT PARK VEHICLES ON THE GRASS NEAR CABINS! Vehicles must remain on the "roadways". There are buried septic systems at every building as well as water lines and other various unseen obstacles. You will be charged for any damage caused.**

### Access Road

The road leading into camp is a mile long stone and dirt road owned by NYS and partially maintained by GSNENY. Most vehicles, when driven with caution, will have no issue getting in or out. The speed limit is 10 mph, please drive slowly as loose stones on the road and occasional muddy conditions may exist. The camp roads are one-way lanes and must be kept open for emergency vehicles.

**Winter:**

Lake Clear Camp is closed October-May

**Trash:**

Trash is carry in - carry out. In outdoor units, trash bags should be kept sealed and placed in a vehicle each night, out of the reach of animals. Grease must be placed in cans until cool and stored with other trash in the vehicle. The Franklin County Transfer Station is located right down the road on route 30. They accept most trash for a small fee.

**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.\*\***

**Telephone: Dial 911 for emergency services.**

Most cell phones receive service at the camp. The camp phone is located in Turner Lodge. The number is 518-891-0529.

**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 fireplaces 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. The fire circles are communal areas that should be always shared by all groups unless special permission is given. Please make an effort to make sure everyone at camp feels welcome at the fire circle and has the opportunity to enjoy this special area

**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. Never Alone

**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:**

There are no heat sources in most of the cabins. It can get quite chilly in the evenings in the Adirondacks; please pack a warm sleeping bag or blankets to be comfortable at night.

**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 Girl Scout function where girls are present.

**Lodges:**

All lodges have mattresses, and some have beds. Pails, brooms, etc. are also provided. Troops need to bring their own supplies for everything (cooking, serving, eating, housekeeping, etc.), including an airtight container for food storage. There are no kitchens in the lodges. All persons are responsible for any/all personal sports equipment and any other equipment. All lodges have electricity, running water, bathroom facilities (toilets, sinks, showers, and some have fireplaces). Turner Lodge campers must use the nearby shower house for bathroom facilities. There are grills for outdoor cooking.

**Lanterns and Cookstoves:**

Lanterns and cookstoves may be used outdoors 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-Seasonal

**Closed October - May**



## **Ash Grove:**

Sleeps 13, a delightful cabin with one large room that sleeps 13 in bunk beds. There is a screened-in porch to enjoy the view. Located at one end of the main camp, this cabin provides a bit more privacy.

## **Birches:**

Sleeps 3. This cozy cabin is perfect for a single occupancy or small family. There is a bunk bed with a full size on the bottom and single on top. Renovated bathroom 2023. Mini fridge and microwave.



## **Bunk House:**

Sleeps 19, there are three rooms with bunk beds and a fireplace. The wrap-around porch is great for relaxing in the fresh air. There is also a handicap-accessible ramp. Located in the center of main camp, adjacent to the waterfront and dining hall, this is a prime spot.



## **Chalet:**

Sleeps 17, this cozy cabin has bunk beds for sleeping. Located in the upper camp, It is a short walk up and down a hill to get to the waterfront, dining hall and the main areas of camp. This cabin provides more privacy than others.



## **Chuck Wagon:**

Commercial Kitchen & Dining Hall-As with any kitchen stove, gas, or electric, please keep all children away from hot surfaces. Seats approximately 50 at wooden tables with benches,





### **Fireside:**

Sleeps 6. This log cabin is the oldest on the property and is located near the water's edge with a wrap-around porch. This building is best used as a recreational space. There are two rooms and a large fireplace. There are mattresses, which can be placed on the floor for sleeping.



### **Infirmmary:**

Sleeps 7. This cabin is located just feet from the waters edge, quietly tucked away at the edge of the property. It is handicap accessible and has three rooms with beds. The bathroom was renovated in 2025



### **Lake View:**

Sleeps 10. This historic cabin has a great view Lake Clear's water front and sits directly in front of the huge fire pit with log seating. Two rooms, and a full bath. Main room has fireplace and fridge.



### **Mountain View:**

Sleeps 6. This cabin has a great view of the lake with a small screened-in porch. There are two single beds in one room and 4 sleeping spots in bunk beds in the other room.



### **Sandbox:**

Sleeps 14. This cabin is located next to the infirmmary and is a good choice for a larger group. It has bunk beds in three separate rooms.



### **Turner Lodge:**

Sleeps 24, this is a great hall to have those sleepover events where everyone just lays out their sleeping bag on the mattresses provided and tells stories by the fireplace. Groups use the shower house next door for restrooms and showering

**Weld House :**

Sleeps 8. This was the original camp owners house, and is located in the upper part of the camp. There are two bedrooms upstairs with 2 beds in each room and one bedroom downstairs with 2 beds in it. There are 2 other mattresses that can be used on the floor. Living room, dining room and small kitchen with mini fridge and microwave. Nice screened in back porch overlooking lower camp.

**Main Camp Bath House:**

Located next to the dining hall , This bath house was renovated in 2017 and has two separate rooms. There are a total of 5 showers and 4 toilets.

# Lean-to Units

**Lean -to Units**

Are a little way away from the main camp. There's a bathhouse, picnic tables, fields for activities, and water spigots. There is a bathhouse nearby with showers and toilets. There is a fire circle and charcoal grills available as well. All Lean-tos are screened in and have cots with mattresses for sleeping.

**Food:**

In outdoor units, food should be cleared away immediately after meals and stored in airtight containers, out of the reach of animals (preferably in a car). Toothpaste and perfumed toiletries should also be stored in airtight containers. There should be no food left in tents or lean-tos.

**Seven Dwarves:**

Sleeps 28

**Gingsberg:**

Sleeps 24

**White Oak:**

Sleeps 16



# Other Areas of Camp



## **Playfield:**

Located near the camp entrance and is great for group activities.



## **Fire Circle:**

Located in front of Lakeview Lodge with lots of log seating. This is a shared space for everyone to enjoy. Please do not exclude anyone from enjoying this special place.



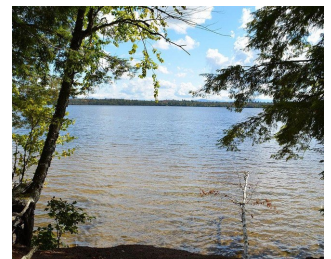
## **Waterfront:**

Located in front of Lakeview Lodge and on the other side of the fire pit.

The waterfront is closed for swimming at all times unless a lifeguard is present. Lifejackets are provided and are required for all watercraft. You are also welcome to bring your own life jackets.

## **Hiking Trails:**

There is a trail along the waterfront that connects the Turner Lodge area with the main camp. Feel free to bush whack and explore the property, GSNENY owns the entire peninsula in the lake. See if you can find the hidden unit!





# Waterfront Procedures



**Ratios: \*All swimming activities are contingent on council staff being on property.**

## Swimming

- 1-25: 1 adult Lifeguard + 2 watchers
- 25-35: 1 adult Lifeguard + 1 lifeguard + 3 watchers
- 35-60: 1 Adult Lifeguard + 1 Lifeguard + 4 watchers

## Boating

- 1-12 people can boat at one time with 1 Small Craft Safety instructor
- Certified Lifeguard must be present following same guidelines regarding numbers as under swimming

## Lifeguards:

Adult lifeguards certified in Waterfront Lifeguarding (or Lifeguard Certification plus Waterfront Lifeguard Module) are required for all swimming activities on GSNENY property: one lifeguard for every 25 swimmers, plus two watchers. Lifeguards may only supervise boating activities if they hold Small Craft Safety Certification or the equivalent. **The waterfront area is considered closed at all times unless a lifeguard is present. Lifeguard Certifications are to be submitted to council 2 weeks prior to staying so they can be submitted to the Department of Health for approval. Send all certifications to [customercare@girlscoutsneny.org](mailto:customercare@girlscoutsneny.org). All Lifeguard certifications must follow NYDOH camp recommendations that Lifeguarding and CPR Certifications are valid within the last 12 months. More information on NYDOH requirements can be found here: [Aquatic Certifications Fact Sheet](#) & [CPR Certification Fact Sheet](#)**

## Watchers:

Watchers are adults helping to supervise swimming activities. Watchers must assist the lifeguards with swimmer surveillance and assist in emergency situations as instructed by the lifeguards. American RedCross Basic Water Rescue Training is recommended for all watchers.

## Boating Supervisors:

Adults certified in Small Craft Safety, or with documented experience supervising boating activities, are required for boating on GSNENY property: one supervisor is needed for every 12 people on the water in boats. Boating Supervisors do not need to be certified in lifeguarding, and must not supervise any swimming activities nor conduct swim tests.

## Boaters:

Youth and adults who wish to boat should be comfortable in the water and must practice boating skills on land prior to entering the water. Swim tests are not required, though boaters should be confident in the water. It is always best for the adult in charge to know the swimming abilities of all boaters. All boaters, youth, and adults must wear a life jacket at all times on the water regardless of swimming ability. One adult, who is a deep-water swimmer and who is experienced in handling a boat, must be in the boat with non-swimmers or novice swimmers. When the weather permits and a lifeguard is available, participants should practice putting on a life jacket, entering the water, righting themselves, and coming to the surface; as well as practice floating with a life jacket on.

Troops and Service Units are able to find qualified volunteers to run these activities for them, or are able to request certified individuals from [rentals@girlscoutsneny.org](mailto:rentals@girlscoutsneny.org) but is not guaranteed. Copies of the appropriate certifications must be on file with Council for a volunteer to be eligible to supervise waterfront activities on GSNENY properties.

Regardless of whether some individual volunteers their time or receives a fee, all individuals supervising waterfront activities on a GSNENY property must be or become registered members of the Girl Scout movement.



Swimming and boating equipment are expensive to maintain in good condition. Everyone can help by:

- Not sitting or hanging on the swimming area ropes.
- Using dock ladders rather than pulling themselves up onto the docks.
- Returning all boats/canoes to the small craft area after each use and properly tying or racking them.
- Returning all oars, paddles, and life preservers to where you found them and storing them carefully.

# **Lake Clear Camp Fire Safety Plan**

## 1. In the event of a fire or other emergency please dial 911.

The address at Lake Clear Camp is:

**6883 State Route 30  
Lake Clear, NY  
12983**

For all non-emergency events or to notify GSNENY that 911 has been called please contact:

GSNENY office: (518) 489-8110 (normal business hours m-f, 9-3)

Director of Facilities: (518) 796-3491 (after hours or weekend)

Alternate contact: (518) 429-7178 (after hours or weekend)

## 2. Notifying occupants

If there is an emergency at camp, please make sure to notify all occupants of the camp. Go building to building if necessary to ensure that all occupants of the camp are aware of an emergency.

If anyone is out on the water, hiking, or off property, please make sure they are notified of the situation as soon as they return.

## 3. Evacuation:

If there is a need to evacuate the camp, all occupants should leave their respective buildings and evacuate via the vehicle they came in. The nearest town is Saranac Lake, where there is a hospital and other emergency services.

If you are unable to evacuate in a vehicle, go on foot out the main road to route 30, where you will be able to meet first responders or other assistance.

If there is anyone who needs assistance with evacuation, you will likely be able to drive a vehicle to their location to assist them.

## 4. Site plan:

Please take a look at the site plan and note the locations of buildings and roads on the property. Lake Clear Camp is on a peninsula on a lake. It is surrounded on 3 sides by water with one main road out to route 30.

- a. In the event of an emergency please meet in the play field in the “upper” part of camp, away from any buildings and the lake.

- b. There are no fire hydrants on the property
  - c. Emergency vehicles can enter the property VIA the main road. In the event that the main road is not passable, the property can be entered via the old road that goes from the lean-to area up to a small clearing off the main road.
5. Floor plans for each building can be found inside of each building. Please note the locations of exits on each building. Each building has smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.
6. Hazards on the property:
- Each building has a propane tank filled with fuel to run the hot water heaters.
  - The only place that would present a hazard would be the maintenance barn, where fuel and other potentially hazardous materials would be stored.
7. The property staff is responsible for the general maintenance of the property and for contracting the appropriate vendors to service any equipment that needs specific expertise.
- If there is a maintenance issue, or any issues related to equipment or fire safety please contact the main office or the Director of Facilities using the contact information above.



# LEGEND

- A- Land's End
- B- Chalet
- C- Trading Post
- D- Welcome Center
- E- Weld House (Property Manager)
- F- Nature Center
- G- Eagle's Nest
- H- Maintenance Shed
- I- Flammables Shed
- J- Wood Shed
- K- Infirmary
- L- Sandbox
- M- Birches
- N- Forest Elves (arts & crafts)
- O- Lakeview
- P- Chuckwagon (dining hall)
- Q- Storage barn
- R- Laundry/Storage
- S- Bunkhouse
- T- Fireside
- U- Mountain View
- V- Ash Grove
- W- Turner Lodge
- X- Wash House
- Y- Parking Area
- Z- Ropes Course

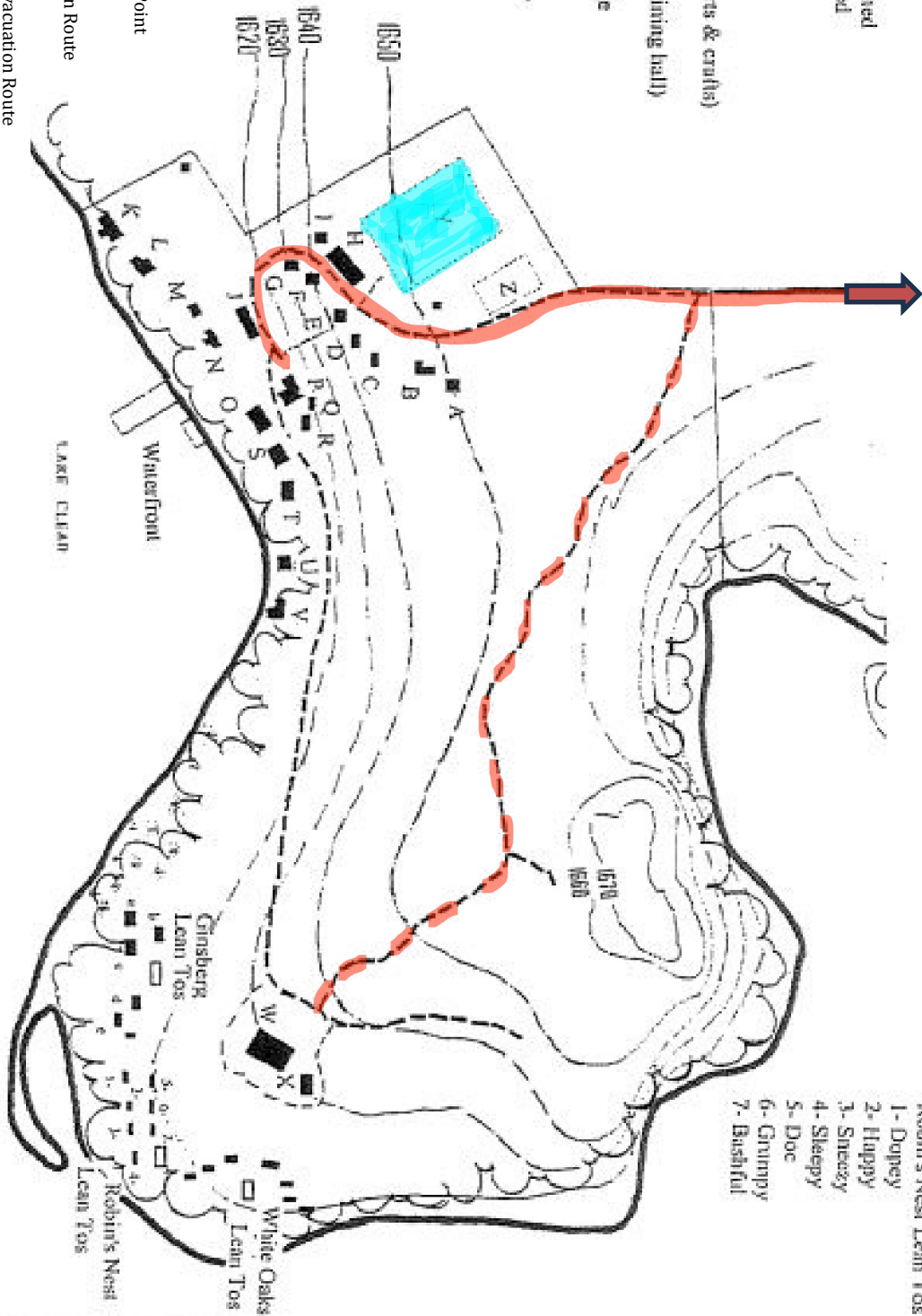
Assembly Point

Evacuation Route

Alternate Evacuation Route

## LAKE CLEAR CAMP

Route 30 To Saranac Lake —————>



- Grinsberg Lean Tos
- a- kirkal
- b- milky way
- c- sneezy bungalow
- d- starburst
- e- crunch

- Robin's Nest Lean Tos
- 1- Dopey
- 2- Happy
- 3- Sneezzy
- 4- Sleepy
- 5- Doc
- 6- Grumpy
- 7- Bashful