

# 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

**\*Please Read our Rental Policies in Full Here: [Property Rentals](#)**

### **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.

### **Lodges:**

All lodges have mattresses, and some have beds. Pails, brooms, etc. are also provided. Troops/Renters 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.

# Buildings

**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.

**Infirmary:**

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 infirmary 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 owner's 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

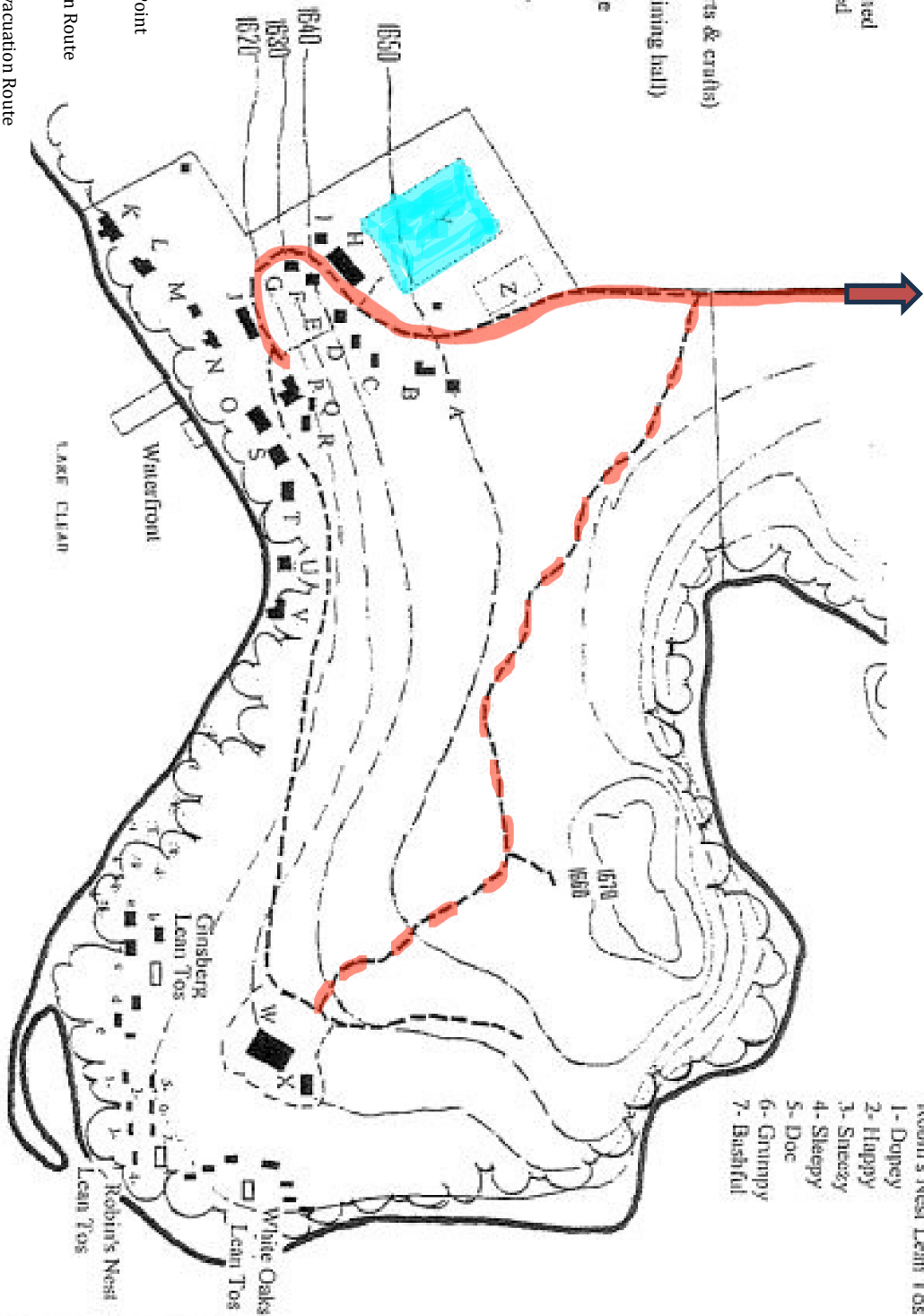


Evacuation Route

Alternate Evacuation Route

## LAKE CLEAR CAMP

Route 30 To Saranac Lake —————>



- Ginsberg Lean Tos
- a- kitchai
- b- milky way
- c- weedy bungalow
- d- starburst
- e- crunch

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