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of michigan
shore to shore

your summer
adventure
begins...

@ **Girl Scout
Camp**



2012 Summer Camp Guide

Girl Scout Family & Friends:

Girl Scout camping experiences are a **foundational** part of our mission - to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

In celebration of the **Girl Scout 100th Anniversary** we have created camp sessions with Legacy Badges the girls will earn or work toward earning. We have also incorporated the Girl Scout Journeys, leading girls up the path toward the next 100 years in Girl Scouting. It will be a year to remember for every camper!

If you mention camp to anyone, all sorts of traditional images come to mind like campfires; sticky and gooey s'mores; swimming; silly songs; horseback riding; night time adventures; and of course, making friends. Many of us stop there, however, and make the assumption that camp is about activities that girls do or the facilities that are provided for them. Those are definitely important aspects of camp, but camp is so much more! Girls who attend any Girl Scout camp make some of the best friends of their lives and learn what real friendship is all about. It is an exercise in self-reliance and social learning. All the activities at camp directly translate into concepts like community, confidence, self-discovery, character, and courage. It is a unique combination of fun, friendships, the power of girls together, and being in nature providing girls with a tangible self-esteem boost. Camp is a place where girls find the community that they have been searching for.

As a Girl Scout Council we are committed to giving every girl the chance to obtain these skills and experiences, which is why we provide camp scholarships (camperships) to those in need. And we offer camps for girls entering grades 2-12, so there is something for everyone. Even girls who are not registered Girl Scouts can attend camp!

Visit us online @ www.gsmists.org to register or call 866.566.7434.

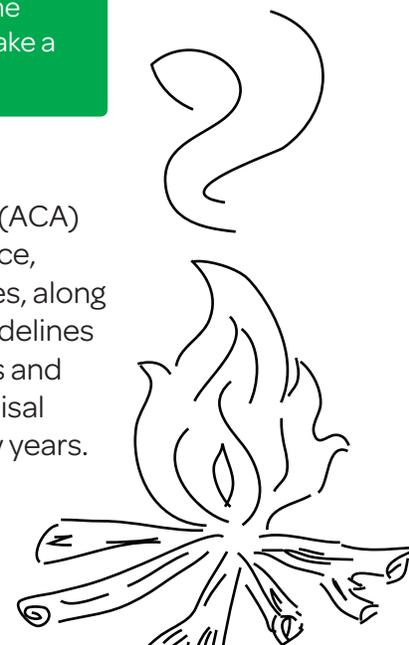
Camp Open Houses

Camp Anna Behrens:	Saturday, June 16	1-4 PM
Camp Sakakawea:	Sunday, June 17	1-4 PM

Take a tour of camp and see where you will sleep, ride horses, swim, canoe & more! Come and meet our Camp Director and Camp Counselors, enjoy getting your face painted, make a craft or play a game. We invite you to visit us at one or both of our Open Houses.

American Camp Association (ACA) Accreditation

Camp Anna Behrens is proud to be accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA) and meet their high standards for program design and activities, site and food service, transportation, health and wellness, operational management and human resources, along with screening and training of all personnel. In addition, these camps operate all guidelines recommended by GSUSA listed in Safety Activity Checkpoints and Girl Scouts Sites and Facilities. Camp Anna Behrens has voluntarily submitted to this independent appraisal conducted by camp professionals and has earned this mark of distinction for many years. For more information about ACA, visit them on the web at www.acacamps.org.



Camp Anna Behrens Sessions

SESSIONS FOR GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 2-3

SPLASH & PLAY

Splash and play while canoeing and swimming in the lake. Eat lunch in your canoe, then flip it over and invite friends to swim to your cave. Play Mermaid May I, Seahorse Says and then make up your own water game to share with others. To celebrate your water day achievements there will be a candle ceremony on the lake with a paper canoe that you make. Dry off for a comfy night's sleep in a cabin. **Girls will earn the Fair Play Badge.**

DATE: July 1-3

LOCATION: Camp Anna Behrens

FEE: \$150

C.H.A.N.G.E.S.

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DATE: July 8-13

LOCATION: Camp Anna Behrens

FEE: \$280

FOREST FAIRIES!

Did you know the trees of Camp Anna Behrens have been hiding FOREST FAIRIES? You and your friends will spend the week exploring the magical world of art through the eyes of a fairy. Begin by making your wings and a journal to record your art

exploration. Search for fairies, build your very own fairy fort, have a picnic lunch by the lake, and listen to fairy tales being told around the campfire. All fairies will be housed in a fairy hut.

Girls will earn the Painting Badge.

DATE: July 15-20

LOCATION: Camp Anna Behrens

FEE: \$265

GLITTER BUGS

It's a bug's life! Explore bugs in action. Where do they live? What do they eat and do all day? Come see! Buzz to the art room to create a glitter bug and its home. Watch for fireflies by the campfire. There will be time to swim and play like bugs. Glittering stars will shine over your cabin at night. **Girls will earn the Bugs Badge.**

DATE: July 22-24

LOCATION: Camp Anna Behrens

FEE: \$150

PONYTAILS - Beginner

Trot over to Camp Anna Behrens for three days of pony adventures. Spend time at the stables learning to comb and braid your pony's mane and tail before mounting up for a riding lesson. Lend a hoof making treats both of you can eat and painting horses for the closing mounted flag ceremony. There will be plenty of time to gallop and play around camp. **Girls will earn the Snacks Badge.**

DATE: July 25-27

LOCATION: Camp Anna Behrens

FEE: \$180

SESSIONS FOR GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 4-5

SPLISH SPLASH

Do you love water sports and looking for a splashing good time? Sample canoeing, kayaking, fishing and swimming. Learn basic swim strokes, how to synchronize swim, snorkel, dive for rings, and play with friends. Kayak or canoe to Hilltop for an overnight campout. Dry off to make a craft, hike and cook s'mores. **Girls will complete steps toward earning the Practice with a Purpose Badge.**

DATE: July 1-6

LOCATION: Camp Anna Behrens

FEE: \$265

GOURMET CAFÉ

Cook with color, cook for flavor, cook for fun! Girls will cook over a campfire, in a solar oven, and even in the camp kitchen! Campers will whip up some of their own smokin' recipes and learn new ones. Girls will learn to use nifty cooking tools, then plan and prepare a festive meal with some amazing desserts! **Girls will earn the Simple Meals Badge.**

DATE: July 1-6

LOCATION: Camp Anna Behrens

FEE: \$265

HORSE LOVERS - Beginner & Intermediate

If you love horses, then this camp is for you! Take daily trips to the stables for riding lessons, exercising and practicing drills on a horse and ground school. With the guidance of the equestrian staff you will have the opportunity to decide what new riding skills you want to learn or increase your ability. This program

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focuses on horses after you've left the stables with art, increasing endurance and building your strength necessary to increase your riding skills. Saddle Club is included; learn to bridle and saddle a horse. Mosey over to the watering hole for a swim. **Girls will complete some of the steps for the Practice with a Purpose Badge**

DATE: July 1-6

LOCATION: Camp Anna Behrens

FEE: \$360

-- OR --

DATE: July 22-27

LOCATION: Camp Anna Behrens

FEE: \$360

GET WILD WITH HORSES - Beginner

Not sure you're ready for a week of camp, but really want to learn to ride a horse? This four day horse program will be perfect for you. Go to the stables for two riding lessons. Round up this adventure with crafts, songs and swimming. **Girls will complete Journeys GET MOVING Get Wild About Energy.**

DATE: July 3-6

LOCATION: Camp Anna Behrens

FEE: \$255

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the campfire at the end of the day. Life is Good!

DATE: July 8-13

LOCATION: Camp Anna Behrens

FEE: \$280

REACH FOR THE STARS

Have you ever wondered how many stars are in the sky at night? Do you know the names of the stars and constellations? The night sky is the biggest book you'll ever read; there are so many legends to be told. Look through the telescope and listen for the animals that come out at night. Explore with your flashlight. Join your friends as you enjoy all the twinkling wonders of the night. During the day shine as a Girl Scout, swim and create crafts. **Girls will earn the Girl Scout Ways Badge.**

DATE: July 15-17

LOCATION: Camp Anna Behrens

FEE: \$150

MAIDENS OF SHERWOOD FOREST

Scale castle walls, aim to win at the archery games, dance around a Maypole, laugh with the jesters and enjoy a feast while watching a jousting match. Spend the night in Sherwood Forest. Explore the adventures of Robin Hood through the eyes of the maidens during the medieval period. Enjoy outdoor cooking, arts, singing and campfires. **Girls will complete steps toward earning the Practice with a Purpose Badge.**

DATE: July 15-20

LOCATION: Camp Anna Behrens

FEE: \$265

FLOWER POWER

Dig into the world of flowers! Pink, purple and blue everywhere. Imagine all the art you will create using flowers. Explore the color wheel as you learn how to mix and match colors to use on your own unique art projects! Cool off at the lake, cook out and shout a flower power cheer during the closing campfire.

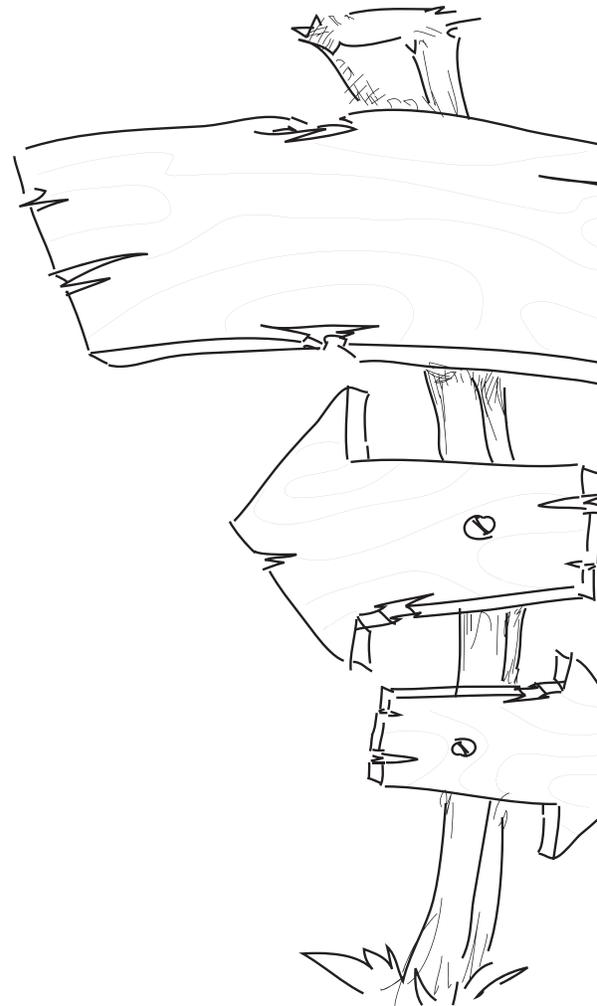
Girls will earn the Flower Badge.

DATE: July 22-27

LOCATION: Camp Anna Behrens

FEE: \$265

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SESSIONS FOR GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 6-8

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DATE: July 8-13

LOCATION: Camp Anna Behrens

FEE: \$280

LOST

You are on a plane going to South America when it crashes. No one knows where you are! There are trees everywhere, much wildlife, but no civilization. How do you help the people who are hurt? Where will you sleep? What will you eat and drink? Will search and rescue find you? Stay calm and do what you must to survive, for you are LOST and strange things are happening. Learn and experience all the skills you will need to know to survive. Take time to relax at the beach, practice archery on the new field archery range and cook around the fire with your friends. **Girls will earn the Trees Badge.**

DATE: July 15-20

LOCATION: Camp Anna Behrens

FEE: \$265

RODEO GIRLS - Beginner & Intermediate

Spend the week in the arena practicing halter classes, barrel

racing, pole bending and of course, the rodeo queen wave. There is so much more to a rodeo than competing. A Showdeo will be judged on horse events, speeches and sportsmanship. You'll be up before the sun to feed and saddle horses then back in camp for swimming, glitter crafts and photo shoots. End the week with a crackling fire and roast marshmallows. **Girls will earn steps toward the Good Sportsmanship Badge during this session and Journey aMAZE Let Peace Begin with You.**

DATE: July 15-20

LOCATION: Camp Anna Behrens

FEE: \$360

SUPER SITTERS

Feel confident and prepared for the amazing job of babysitting. Earning an American Red Cross Babysitter's Certification during this camp session will put you a notch above others. Parents will feel more at ease knowing you have been trained to take care of their children. Learn ways to interact with children and infants and then apply them with a baby doll. **Girls will earn the First Aid Badge during this session.**

DATE: July 17-20

LOCATION: Camp Anna Behrens

FEE: \$200

GUARD START

Have you ever wanted to be a lifeguard? This is the ideal session to get a taste of a lifeguard's duties. Much of your time will be spent at the lake with Camp Anna Behrens Lifeguards. You will learn or improve swim strokes necessary for water rescues. Dive into learning the basic uses of equipment for water rescues. Take a break with friends to kayak,

swim and experience other camp activities! **Girls will earn the First Aid Badge.**

DATE: July 22-27

LOCATION: Camp Anna Behrens

FEE: \$265

SESSIONS FOR GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 9-10

PEDALERS & PADDLERS

Ready, set, pedal! Feel the wind blow in your face as you fine tune safe cycling skills in preparation for a day trip on Myers Trail. Paddle around an obstacle course, play soccer and canoe capture the flag on Lake Lester in preparation for your next adventure on the Flat River. Girls need to provide their own operational bicycle (at least 10 speeds) and a helmet. **Girls will complete some of the steps on the Cross Training Badge during this session.**

DATE: July 1-6

LOCATION: Camp Anna Behrens

FEE: \$275

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LOCATION: Camp Anna Behrens

FEE: \$280

SESSIONS FOR GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 9-12

RANGE RIDERS - Beginner to Advanced

Are you interested in horses and learning what it takes to be an equestrian counselor at camp? Pack your bags and head to Camp Anna Behrens for this two-week horse camp. Most of your time at camp will be spent at the stables. You'll receive riding lessons, shadow staff at the stables, gain a broader knowledge of horse care, complete a first aid course, practice horse training techniques, and how to prepare and pack for an overnight ride. Depending on your level of skill you will either participate in a trail ride or an overnight ride. There will also be time to get off your saddle and join in on traditional camp activities. **Seniors will earn the First Aid Badge during this session. Ambassadors will work toward the Coaching Badge.**

DATE: July 15-27

LOCATION: Camp Anna Behrens

FEE: \$475

SESSIONS FOR GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 11-12

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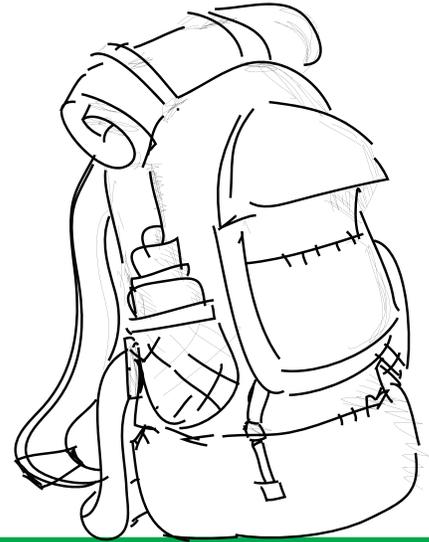
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DATE: July 8-13

LOCATION: Camp Anna Behrens

FEE: \$280



Equestrian Program Guidelines

The newly designed progressive riding programs at Camp Anna Behrens follow the nationally recognized agency Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) standards. Safety with horses is first, building confidence and skills comes next. A certified CHA instructor is on staff at camp. For more information about CHA visit cha-ahse.org.

Equestrian Program Levels

Girls who register for any of our equestrian programs will spend a total of 8 hours per week at the stables, unless otherwise noted. Lessons include riding instruction, stable maintenance (mucking stalls), and ground school.

Campers in any equestrian program will be grouped according to experience level, and lessons will be geared toward the least experienced rider. For the safety of our riders and health of our horses, CAB is able to accommodate riders up to 250 pounds.

Beginner - Lessons may include: lead, walk, jog, mount, dismount, turn, stop, rein position, groom, and basic horse care.

Intermediate - Girls must be able to lead a horse comfortably, be able to control a horse for a walk or jog, ride without stirrups at a walk, and demonstrate correct reining position. Lessons may include: saddle club, lead, walk, jog, lope, arena drills, mount, dismount, turn, stop, trail, groom, and basic horse care.

Advanced - Girls must be able to mount and dismount without assistance, turn, stop, demonstrate ability to walk, jog, and lope a horse with control, ride without stirrups at a walk and jog, and demonstrate a secure balanced position. Lessons may include: saddle club, walk, jog, lope, arena drills, barrels and pole bending at a lope, low level jumping, trail, pack trip, showdeo, and horse care.

Leadership Camp Sessions

Colleges, businesses, schools, and industries are looking for leaders - people who can take initiative, guide others, and incorporate change. **GSMISTS Leadership Camp Sessions** are designed to give you leadership skills that are transferable to any situation such as school, sports, work, community or volunteer opportunities. Counselor-In-Training (CIT) helps girls develop leadership skills specific to leading children. This training helps prepare participants to be camp counselors and instructors at any camp. It also prepares you to work with children in many other settings. Participation in the CIT program does not automatically guarantee employment at GSMISTS camps in the future; however, it is very helpful.

This program is for people who are highly motivated, ready to work and play hard, and who demonstrate additional responsibility in accepting the challenges of leadership. Participants are selected on the basis of experience, references, and personal interview. Applications and reference forms will be sent to you when your camp registration is received.

Application deadline: May 11, 2012

Interview dates: May 21-24

LEADERSHIP SESSIONS FOR GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 10-12

CIT 1 Counselor-in-Training 1 2 Week Program

Take your leadership skills and experiences and put them into practice at camp. Gain techniques and strategies for working with and teaching children. Learn counseling skills like program planning, behavior management, and conflict resolution. With members of your CIT team, you'll have opportunities to work with and teach younger campers in the campsites. Continue to expand your own knowledge and skills about the outdoors and camp.

Prerequisite: Must be at least 15 years old by June 24, 2012.

DATE: July 1-13

LOCATION: Camp Anna Behrens

FEE: \$275

GRADES: 10-12

CIT 2 Counselor-in-Training 2 3 Week Program

Build on the skills you learned in CIT 1 as you expand your interests and skills surrounding camp counseling. Increase your ability to manage and teach children. Learn about risk management and resolving difficult situations. Spend your first week at Camp Anna Behrens creating and running programs for girls with support from counselors. The last two weeks you will be transported to Camp Sakakawea and placed with a group of campers to get the full experience of being a counselor. This training will provide you with more specific skills necessary for managing the waterfront, archery and arts programs. **Prerequisite:** Must be at least 16 years old by July 22, 2012.

DATE: July 22 - Aug. 12

LOCATION: Camp Anna Behrens & Camp Sakakawea

FEE: \$325

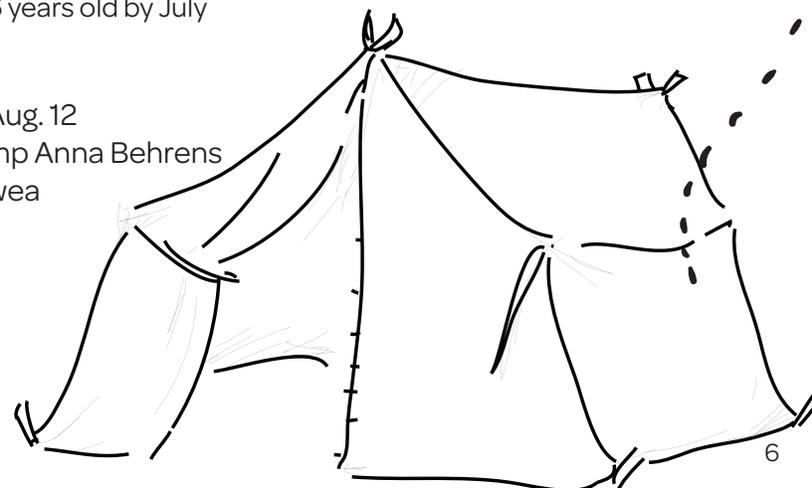
GRADES: 11-12

Cookie Dough

Every Girl Scout who sells 90 boxes of cookies or more earns Cookie Dough. This is an earned award, added value to the Girl Scout family, and is to be used only for Girl Scouts.

Cookie Dough can be used for Troop Camp and Resident Camp as well as in the Trading Post.

Cookie Dough expires December 2012.



Camp Sakakawea Sessions

SESSIONS FOR GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 2-3

TEDDY BEAR DELIGHT

Calling all teddy bears and Girl Scout Daisies & Brownies. There's a special spot just for you to spend three days and two nights at Camp Sakakawea. You and your favorite teddy bear (or other favorite stuffed buddy) will meet other friends for a special tea party. There's so much more for you and Teddy to do: explore nature, play games, swim and roast marshmallows. Enjoy the twinkling stars, then head off to the cabin to cuddle with your teddy for a comfy night's sleep. ***Girls will complete Journeys Wonders of Water "Green" Tea for a Blue Planet.***

DATE: Aug. 5-7

LOCATION: Camp Sakakawea

FEE: \$150

MINNOWS

Splash and play all day! Splash your canoe paddles and play minnow tag in the lake. Come on shore to water paint and fish. Minnows love water, so choose a project to help conserve water at Camp Sakakawea. Then float away dreaming of your fun day in the comfort of a bunkhouse. This is the best school of friends you'll ever meet. ***Girls will complete Journeys Wonders of Water Teaming Up as Advocates to SAVE Water.***

DATE: Aug. 8-10

LOCATION: Camp Sakakawea

FEE: \$150

SESSIONS FOR GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 4-5

FROGS AND FEATHERS

Hop into the lake for a swim and a lily pad race. Find that special frog for the Camp Sakakawea frog hopping contest. Soar to the archery range and grab a feathered arrow for a shot at the bull's-eye. Discover a new talent you have learned at camp. Make a treat for your feathered friends and tweet by the campfire.

Girls will complete Journeys Agent of Change Discovering my Power.

DATE: Aug. 5-7

LOCATION: Camp Sakakawea

FEE: \$150

AMAZING STAGING

Be amazed and amused at what you can accomplish with the new friends you meet on stage. Every stage needs a prop box. Develop all your talents: acting, music, dance and making costumes. With your group, write, produce, and put on an end of the week show at camp. Slide down to the waterfront to go swimming and kayaking. Take a hike, cookout, go to an all camp party and other fun camp activities. ***Girls will complete Journeys aMUSE Casting Call.***

DATE: Aug. 5-10

LOCATION: Camp Sakakawea

FEE: \$265

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in and out of the lake. Experience ways to help the environment at camp. Sing around the campfire at the end of the day. Life is Good!

DATE: Aug. 5-10

LOCATION: Camp Sakakawea

FEE: \$265

HANDS ON ARTIST

Bring a white t-shirt to hand paint a fun memory of camp friends. Learn new drawing techniques, finger paint or paint a flower on your fingernails. Cool off your artistic hands with a swim in the lake. Try your hand at pantomiming by the campfire, hiking and playing camp games. ***Girls will complete steps toward the Drawing Badge.***

DATE: Aug. 8-10

LOCATION: Camp Sakakawea

FEE: \$150

SESSIONS FOR GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 6-8

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DATE: Aug. 5-10

LOCATION: Camp Sakakawea

FEE: \$265

Camp Sakakawea Sessions

WATER OTTERS

Splash and dive through the water like an otter! Play water games and sun on the beach. Listen to the ripple of the water as you kayak to an island for lunch. Listen to the sounds of nature. Glide your way around the lake in a canoe. Catch your dinner on a fishing trip. Then come on shore to enjoy cookouts, crafts and so much more! **Girls will complete Journeys BREATHE Blare in the Air.**

DATE: Aug. 5-10

LOCATION: Camp Sakakawea

FEE: \$265

SESSIONS FOR GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 9-10

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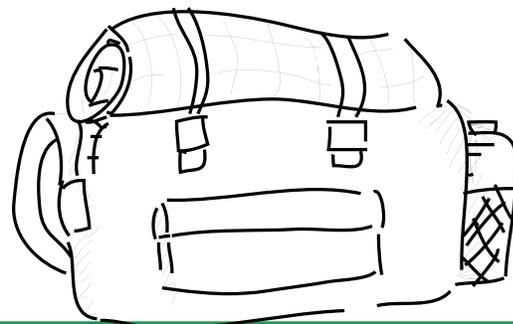
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DATE: Aug. 5-10

LOCATION: Camp Sakakawea

FEE: \$265



About Our Camps

Camp Anna Behrens is nestled on 468 acres of beautiful woodlands near Greenville. Enjoy swimming, boating and fishing on beautiful Lake Lester. Horses can be seen grazing in the pasture, working in the arena and walking the trails. Take aim at the new field archery range added this year. Campers will be comfortable with an incredible lodge for dining, eight campsites with cabins and tents, two shower houses with flush toilets and hot showers. Come experience the abundant nature Camp Anna Behrens has to offer.

Camp Sakakawea is tucked away on 565 wooded acres on Bass Lake, just outside of Traverse City. Enter into a world of abundant nature and wildlife. Enjoy swimming, boating and fishing on the picturesque waterfront. Hike through the forest to the archery range. Sleep in the safety and comfort of bunkhouses, cabins or platform tents; complete with a shower house, flush toilets and hot showers. Catch a glimpse of the historical tradition leading to the ceremonial amphitheater.



Camp Sessions Quick Glance

Camp Anna Behrens

GRADES	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SESSION 1-A June 24-26 SESSION 1-B June 28-30	June 24-26 TROOP CAMPING June 28-30 TROOP CAMPING TROOP CAMPING SESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR GIRLS GOING INTO GRADES 1-12 IN THE FALL										
SESSION 2 July 1-6	Splash & Play July 1-3		Get Wild with Horses July 3-6 Horse Lovers Gourmet Café Splish Splash					Pedalers & Paddlers			
SESSION 3 July 8-13	CHANGES		CHANGES		CHANGES			CHANGES		CIT 1 Week 1	
SESSION 4 July 15-20	Forest Fairies		Reach for the Stars July 15-17 Maidens of Sherwood Forest		Super Sitters July 17-20 Rodeo Girls Lost					CHANGES CIT 1 Week 2	
SESSION 5 July 22-27	Glitter Bugs July 22-24 Ponytails July 25-27		Horse Lover Flower Power		Guard Start					CIT 2 Week 1	
										Range Riders Week 2	

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Camp Sakakawea

GRADE	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SESSION 6 Aug 2-4	TROOP CAMPING TROOP CAMPING SESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR GIRLS GOING INTO GRADES 1-12 IN THE FALL CIT 11-12										
SESSION 7 Aug 5-10	Teddy Bear Delight Aug 5-7 Minnows Aug 8-10		Frogs and Feathers Aug 5-7 Hands on Artist Aug 8-10 Amazing Staging CHANGES		Water Otters CHANGES			CHANGES		CHANGES CIT 2	
SESSION 8 Aug 10-12	TROOP CAMPING TROOP CAMPING SESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR GIRLS GOING INTO GRADES 1-12 IN THE FALL										

Camp Registration & Guidelines

Registration

All registrations must be postmarked 3 weeks prior to the start date of that camp session. All registration forms are available at www.gsmists.org.

Health Screening

Girls and adults will go through a brief health screening upon arrival at camp. Girls and adults found to have a high temperature or contagious illness/disease will be sent home. All participants are checked for head lice during check-in at camp, and if found, the camper will be sent home for treatment and must be cleared by a doctor before being allowed back at camp. The camp health supervisor and/or camp director reserve the right to refuse admittance to any girl/adult who does not meet acceptable health condition.

Medication

The Health Supervisor will administer prescribed and over-the-counter medication. **MEDICINE MUST BE IN ORIGINAL CONTAINER** and will only be administered to the specific person to whom it is prescribed.

Partial refunds are made only if a girl becomes ill and cannot attend her camp session as scheduled. A physician's note is required and a request for the refund must be submitted in writing to GSMISTS within one week after the camp session. No refunds are given if a girl returns home during camp because of illness, injury or homesickness, inappropriate behavior, and /or any other circumstance.

Camp Employment

Do you or someone you know want to make a difference in the life of a girl this summer? Summer camp staff must be 18 years old. We are

currently hiring for all positions including: nurses, counselors, lifeguards, equestrian staff, and kitchen staff. One of the most important and critical jobs to fill at camp is the health supervisor which requires highly specialized training. We are looking for several people who would "job share" this very important paid position at camp. Camp age daughters of the health supervisor can attend camp at a reduced fee. To be eligible you need to be a registered nurse, EMT or paramedic who would consider living and working at camp for at least one full week. For information please contact Human Resources at 866.566.7434 x131.

To apply for a seasonal position at camp visit www.gsmists.org (under About Us).

Camperships

Camperships are available for those who are unable to pay for all or part of camp fees. The funds for these scholarships come from foundations, organizations and individuals. Will you consider contributing to a campership this summer and help send a girl to camp?

You can support our Campership Fund by donating online at www.gsmists.org or on your registration form. Camperships are available for one camp session to those demonstrating need. The campership application must be completed and attached to the camp registration. If applying online, there is an option to fill out and send in your application. Camperships are based on need and will be a percentage of the session cost. The \$50 non-refundable deposit must be included.

Counselors & Staff

The Camp Director hires mature qualified staff who have a desire to share their enthusiasm for the outdoors and enjoy working with children. Background checks are performed on all staff. Camp staff will participate in an intense pre-camp training, which include themes like program, First Aid/CPR, camping, human relationship skills and more.

Buddies at Resident Camp

Girl Scout camp is a wonderful way to meet new people. A camper may request ONE "buddy" on her camp registration form. Both campers must register for the same program and session, list each other on their forms and must mail registration and deposit in the same envelope. If you are registering online please note that both campers must request each other or placement will not occur. We will do our best to accommodate multiple buddies and larger groups however we cannot make any guarantees.

Expected Camper Behavior

Campers exhibiting inappropriate behavior including, but not limited to: biting, hitting, using excessive profanity, refusing to participate in a program, not following staff directions, bullying, creating a hostile and unsafe environment and/or not following camp rules, will be sent home immediately with no refund.

Weather Related Changes

GSMISTS reserves the right to alter scheduled activities due to weather conditions. Alternative options will be offered to replace an activity cancelled due to weather. Our primary concern is safety and every effort will be made to reschedule activities. No refund or adjustment in fee will be made.



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