

Girl Scouts of Central Indiana Camp Dellwood

Camp Dellwood consists of 141 acres in western Marion County (Wayne Township) and is located approximately 10 miles west of downtown Indianapolis. It is readily accessible from Interstate 465.

The council employs an on-site ranger at Dellwood. The rangers are there to maintain the facilities and to aid groups while using them. A staff ranger, not always the on-site person, is on call at camp 24 hours/seven days a week except published holidays.

Council emergency: 317.924.6800 or toll free 877.474.2248, Camp Phone Number: 317.244.3770, Ranger cell phones: 317.281.6053 OR 317.281.6052.

Arrival and departure

Check in and checks out times are as follows for all camps.

Check in: 4 p.m. or after
Check out: 2 p.m. or before

Any change in these times needs to be requested at the time of reservation. Adding additional hours before or after check in/check out time will require paying for an extra day.

Pets: Pets are not permitted in the camp with the exception of service dogs. Please make us aware if someone has a service dog.

Alcohol, drugs and smoking are strictly prohibited on all Girl Scout properties.

Cancellations

The full fee for use of the facility is due in the office one month before the reservation. **If payment is not received in the office one month prior to reserved date, the reservation will be cancelled.**

The funds will be transferred to another date if:

- A cancellation is received three weeks prior to the event.
- Weather conditions causing travel to be hazardous or camp to close.

If it is necessary to cancel, please call the council office as soon as possible so that another group might be considered. Our staff and volunteers are on site and prepared to welcome your group; please notify the office even if at the last minute if you plan not to attend. You may call 317.924.6827 during business hours or the site manager, after hours, at 765.506.6666.

Description of facilities

CABIN UNITS (Chalet, Mender, Program Center)

These winterized buildings are available for year-round use at Dellwood. They have fully equipped kitchens, gas furnaces, electricity, and indoor washrooms with modern toilet and shower facilities.

CHALET has two main activity rooms equipped with 36 mattresses (no cots), tables, benches and a fireplace. Kitchen: Gas range/oven, triple sink with hot/cold running water, a worktable, refrigerator/ freezer, microwave and storage cabinets.

Sanitary Facility: Two modern toilets and two showers. A fire bowl with grate is located nearby.

MENDER has an activity room with 10 cots and mattresses, a small bedroom with two cots and mattresses, tables and benches and a fireplace.

Kitchen: Gas range/oven, microwave, refrigerator with freezer, triple sink with hot/cold running water and storage cabinets.

Sanitary Facility: Single shower/modern toilet. A fire bowl with grate is located behind the cabin.

PROGRAM CENTER has two troop rooms each with 10 bunk beds w/mattresses, tables & chairs, electric range with oven, microwave, refrigerator/freezer, double sink with hot/cold running water, cabinets, and small counter area.

Sanitary Facility: each wing has a washroom with shower and modern toilet (Troop room #1 washroom includes a handicapped accessible toilet). A fire bowl is located outside each troop room of the building. In addition to the two troop rooms the Program Center also has a large activity room with tables and chairs, and fireplace. Adjacent to the activity room is the main kitchen, which includes gas range/oven, microwave, refrigerator, freezer, and triple sink with hot/cold running water and counter area.

PLATFORM TENT UNITS (Pinewood, Romany, Woodland, Sleepy Hollow, Rotherwood, Innisfree)

These tent units are available April 1-November 1. **They have no electricity.** Each unit has nine raised wooden platforms with canvas tents; (Rotherwood has only six platform tents) each tent contains four cots with mattresses). A shelter house completely screened and equipped with a fireplace, tables, benches, a two burner propane stove, and a patrol box is located in each tent unit area. A fire bowl and large grate is located with each unit. Washing facilities are cold running water and basin. Sanitary facility is an enclosed partitioned pit latrine.

Troop Camp Equipment List

(Provided in Program Center kitchens, Chalet & Mender kitchens, platform tent unit shelter house boxes and patrol boxes for primitive camping)

1 skillet	2 large stock pots	2 plastic mixing bowls
2 pancake turners	1 ladle	1 rubber scraper
1 can opener	2 long handled forks	1 potato peeler
3 paring knives	2 long handled spoons	1 pair tongs
1 butcher knife	1 broom	1 rake
1 shovel	4 foot tubs (wash buckets)	3 fire buckets

PRIMITIVE CAMPSITES – Pinelot & Outpost: A fire bowl, grate and water are provided at each site. Sanitary facilities are partitioned pit latrines or port-a-pots. Tents and camping equipment are available for reservation through the Girl Scout Service Center or groups may provide their own camping equipment.

LODGE: Large barn-like building containing an institutional kitchen with cafeteria serving area and contains tables and benches for eating (seating for 150 persons). There is outside lighting on pole between the lodge and Mender, which lights up grassy parking area. The building is *not winterized* but has a large, stone fireplace. Recommended uses include: square dances, service unit programs, indoor group programs.

AMPHITHEATER: An outdoor arena (no electricity or water) located at the camp. Troops and service units may use this theater for large group productions, campfires, meetings and recognition events. (Seating for up to 200 persons)

HIKING TRAIL: The Historic Wildflower Trail at Dellwood is a self-interpretive trail that travels approximately 1.5 miles through Camp Dellwood. The purpose of the trail is to share with you the environment aspects of the camp. Please allow approximately two hours to stop at all 20 stations along the self-guided trail. Self-guided pamphlets may be obtained from the camp ranger or the Girl Scout Service Center. A patch is available to all hikers who complete the trail and may be purchased at the Girl Scout Showcase.

ARCHERY: (Girls must be age 9 and older to use the archery equipment) Open April 1-October 31 (excluding mid-late May through early August). An archery range with equipment is available for troops and groups to reserve, prior to use, at Dellwood. *Please note: Troops/Groups must supply their own certified archery instructor in order to use the range & equipment.*

SWIMMING POOL: An in-ground swimming pool and shower house are available, weather permitting, on Saturdays in August. Troops wanting to use the pool must submit a reservation through the council, prior to the date of use, for a 2.5 hour time period (10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 1-3:30 p.m.) The Council will arrange for lifeguards, based on troop requests received.

NATURE CENTER: This self-interpretive nature center was developed to enrich the girl's awareness of nature while they are camping at Dellwood. The center is located east of the lodge in the small wooden cabin. The nature center is open April 1-November 1 for troop use.

MATH and SCIENCE CENTER: Programs are available at the Math and Science Center. For questions, please contact the Math and Science Center program manager by phone at 317.924.6809 or 317.924.6800, ext. 6809 or toll free 1.877.474.2248, ext. 6809 or email: kwahlstrom@girlscoutsindiana.org. Check out the events section on the website (www.girlscoutsindiana.org) for workshops and more information.

HOUSEKEEPING

The rangers do not perform cleaning services. It is the responsibility of everyone using the camp property to leave it in better condition than they found it. The facilities ultimately belong to each Girl Scout and will reflect the care she gives them.

- Please check on site what to recycle and where to locate the containers.
- Please condense and place all other trash/garbage in lined containers provided at each site. Please make sure each container is secure to discourage wildlife.
- Please replace all trash can liners.
- Please do not burn trash.

There is a checklist of housekeeping jobs enclosed in each confirmation packet. It is a reminder of the things that will welcome the next group. Please fill out this form and leave it in the unit kitchen. Make sure that any repairs that are needed or damage that may have occurred has been noted.

Housekeeping Supplies

Each group must provide their own plates, cups, eating utensils, detergents and all other cleaning supplies. It is important that all paper products be removed from the latrines, tents, and units at the end of your stay. Brooms, mops, rakes, and shovels are available in each unit.

Wood/Fuel

Minimal Impact camping/Leave No Trace suggests that you gather sticks from the ground no bigger than an adult wrist. Please do not snap branches off live, dead, or downed trees. Limiting the need or size of a wood fire will help to keep our woods healthy. To reduce the need to burn wood, consider the use of alternative fuels (i.e. charcoal or propane). Propane fuel stoves, cookers, and lanterns are available upon request for use at each site.

GENERAL INFORMATION

MAJOR EMERGENCY

In case of a major emergency:

1. Secure appropriate emergency personnel (police, fire, rescue, other)
2. Keep a responsible adult at the scene of the accident. Make no statements to reporters.
3. Notify parent/legal guardian.
4. Contact the Girl Scout Service Center 24-hour major emergency phone number:
317.924.6800 or toll free 877.474.2248

OTHER ACCIDENTS

1. Take care of injured person.
2. Notify parents/legal guardian.

See Volunteer Resource for Girl Scout Basic Accident Insurance Information.

Please report to the camp ranger immediately. Follow the emergency information provided. Camp Dellwood is covered by 911.