

Girl Scouts of Central Indiana Camp Na Wa Kwa

Camp Na Wa Kwa , which means under the trees, is located in Clay County on 259 acres near Poland, Indiana. The camp is located approximately 50 miles southwest of the Girl Scouts of Central Indiana Indianapolis Metro Office and approximately 30 miles east of the Terre Haute Service Center.

The council employs a site manager at NaWaKwa who lives in the house onsite. The onsite manager is there to maintain the facilities and to aid groups while using them. A person is on call 24 hours/seven days a week except published holidays.

Council Emergency: 317.924.6800 or toll free 877-474-2248;
Camp Phone Numbers: 812.986.2701 (House & Maintenance Barn)
812.986-2705 (Lodge & Program Center)
Onsite manager Cell: 765.720.4554

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.

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

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

Description of Facilities

The Hise-Clark Program Center (sleeps total of 35-36): Has two dorms that sleep 10 each (five bunk beds each). Both dorms have restrooms and showers. Dorm room #1 includes a handicapped accessible toilet/stall. The building also includes a large gathering room which can seat 50-75 people w/tables and chairs. This building also includes a kitchen with sink, dishwasher, electric stove/oven, fridge, microwave, cabinets and counter. *(Some pots, pans & dishes are also provided. If additional pots & pans are needed, they are available from Conley Lodge.)* There is an infirmary that has four individual rooms (two beds in each) and its own bathroom with shower/tub. There is also an office and supervisor sleeping arrangements (for 3-4 persons) and an extra bedroom that sleeps four in this building.

The Conley Lodge Dining Hall (sleeps up to 40) seats approximately 100-120 persons at tables and chairs with a full industrial kitchen (microwave, sinks, gas stove/grill, and walk-in cooler). There two gas grills located outside the building. The building may be used for sleeping (up to 40 persons on mattresses on the floor; troops/groups must provide their own mattresses). *Please give notice if mattresses need to be moved there.* There are two restrooms are connected to the building, but you have to walk outside to access them. Each restroom have one toilet and one sink. The building overlooks the lake and is open year round, with heat for the winter and air conditioning for the summer. (No restrooms, December 1 –February 28).

Deerpath campsite* (sleeps total of 32) has eight cabins that sleeps four each (cots with mattresses) (Ramps to the cabins provide easy handicap access)

Americana campsite* (sleeps total of 32) has eight platform tents (six tents, two cabins) that sleep four each (cots with mattresses).

Trailblazer campsite* (sleeps total of 32) has eight platform tents (that sleeps four each (cots with mattresses.) Fresh water source is located behind unit down a short path.

Voyager campsite* (sleeps total of 28) has two platform tents (sleep four each on cots/mattresses), two yurts (sleeps 10 each on bunk beds with mattresses). There is also a 30 ft. x 30 ft. empty platform.

Pioneer campsite* (sleeps total of 32) has eight platform tents (that sleeps four each (cots w/mattresses)

**The campsites above include the following: camp fire rings with sitting logs, latrines for four persons, hand washing stations (all city water), small cook sets, brooms, shovels and rakes, kitchen shelter:two cabinets with a counter across the top, four picnic tables, fire extinguisher, fire bucket, supply kit with paper towels, toilet paper, GermX. Soap, spray cleaner. battery powered lanterns and Dutch ovens are available from the ranger on site. No electricity.*

Primitive site: Available year-round. Can accommodate 10-15 tents, includes water and fire ring. No electricity.

Equipment available: Coffee pots are provided in Hise Clark Program Center and Conley Lodge as well as five big, orange drink coolers (5 gallon) at Conley Lodge. Pie Irons, hotdog/roasting sticks are located in Towhee storage. Camp also has four 2-way radios (each with a weather channel.)

The Towhee Nature Nook/Arts & Crafts Center is available to complete crafts or use the nature exhibits for educational purposes. This facility includes a program room/craft area with tables and chairs and electricity.

Amphitheater: A beautiful, outdoor amphitheater seats approximately 300 and has a large stage area, lighting and two dressing rooms.

ACTIVITIES ON SITE:

Swimming Pool: A 120,000 gallon in-ground pool with diving board and shower room are open seasonally. The shower room includes seven showers, three sinks, four restrooms and a large changing area. (**Please note: the air temperature must reach 70 degrees or higher in order for the pool to open*). Troops/groups using the pool need to request and pay for in advance, and also arrange for a certified lifeguard, per Safety Wise.

Utana Unit Climbing Wall & 300' zip line: (Girls must be at least 9 years of age to do the climbing wall and at least 10 years of age to do the zip line). Has three different challenge activities and is available for advance reservation and rental. Troops/groups are responsible for contacting and securing facilitators from list provided by the Council.

Canoeing: A lake on site is also available for canoeing (nine canoes). Groups/troops planning to canoe should request and pay for in advance. Groups also need to arrange for a certified small craft person for this activity in advance.

Archery Equipment: (Girls must be age nine and above) Archery equipment is available at Na Wa Kwa for troops/groups to reserve in advance and use while there. (*Please note, troops/groups must make arrangements in advance, for a certified archery instructor in order to use the equipment.*)

Ada Goonie: Small challenge/team building course located in the woods. No facilitators needed. Guidebook located in the Program Center.

Volleyball court

Basketball/activity court

HOUSEKEEPING SUPPLIES

Toilet paper and paper towels are furnished by the camp. Each group must provide 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

Firewood is normally provided, however, be prepared to gather some in the woods.

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.

A checklist of housekeeping jobs will be provided by the onsite manager. 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.

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 before the 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 or 317.924.6856 at any hour and leave a message.

GENERAL INFORMATION

SERIOUS ACCIDENTS OR EMERGENCY IN CAMP

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

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.

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