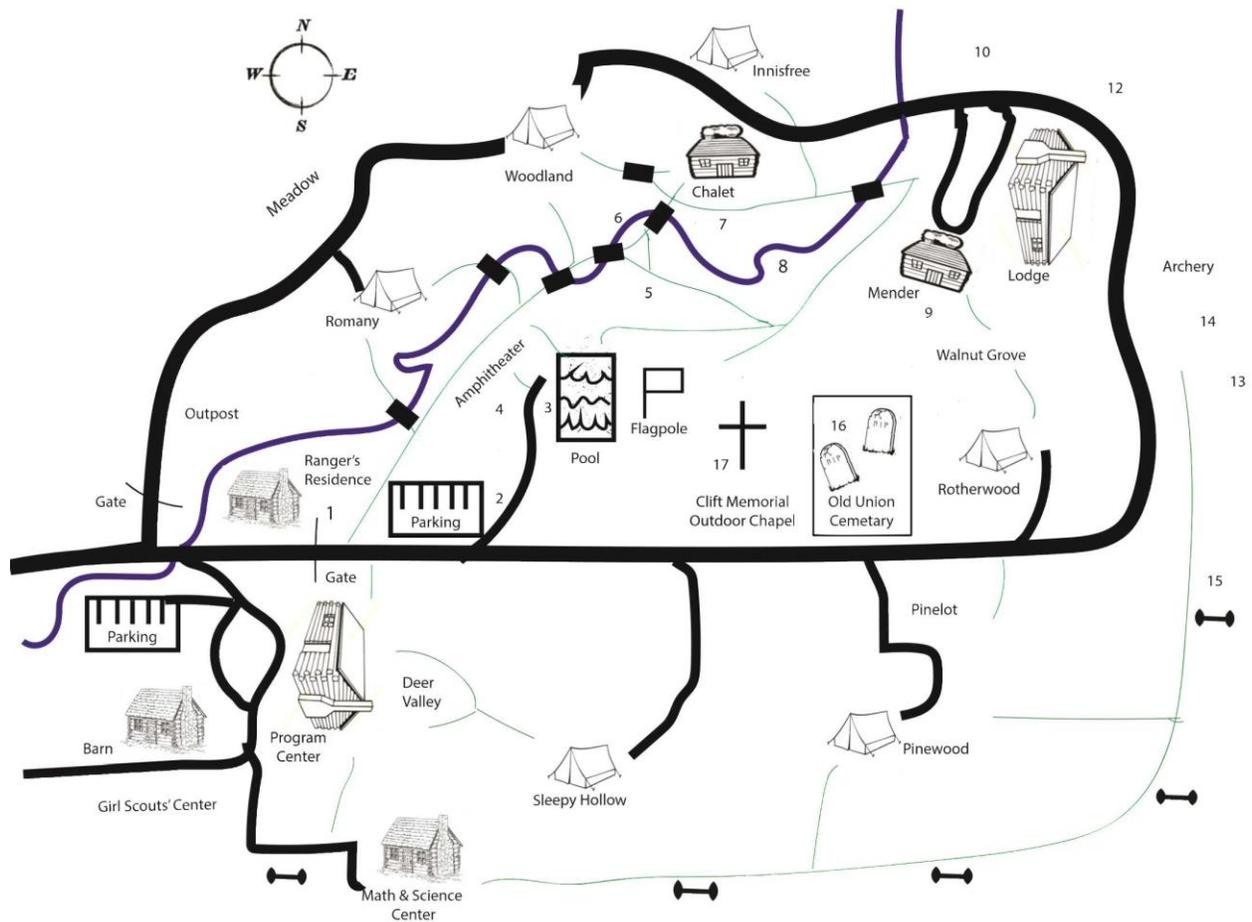




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Step 1: Find a place for your outdoor camping experience. Here's a map of Camp Dellwood. Pick a place you'd like to camp with your troop.



Where did you pick to camp? A tent? Or a building? This will determine the camping supplies needed for your camping experience! Let's get started with our virtual camping experience by camping in your own backyard. Its time to get outside and enjoy spring!



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Step 2: What skills will you need before you go camping? Will you need to build a fire for cooking? Cooking over a fire is one of the most enjoyable activities at camp. S'mores are a must when Girl Scout camping! Also, cooking a foil dinner over on the fire pit can be a tasty way to try new recipes with your family. You don't need to be as detailed when packing for your backyard camping trip as you would be if you were planning for a Girl Scout camp out. However, basic camping essentials such as a tent, sleeping bags, and a flashlight are a must!

Backyard camping checklist:

- A tent – whether you buy a tent or make a DIY tent with bed sheets, a tent is a must have for a backyard campout.
- Sleeping bags or big comfy blankets.
- Flashlights and fresh batteries
- Fire pit – a fire pit or small charcoal grill is a necessity for making s'mores and telling stories!

Step 3: Find your inner camp chef.

*Did you know? The first known recipe for “Some mores” appeared in a book called Trailing and Tramping with the Girl Scouts in 1927. The name of the delicious Girl Scout treat was shortened to “s'more” in 1971.



Dinner Picnic

Start with some camping-themed appetizers like these: use celery, peanut butter, and raisins. This is called ants on a log! For the main course, try building mini tents with grilled cheese sandwiches and use celery sticks as sleeping bags under the tents.





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When camping with your troop at the Girl Scout camp, you might get a chance to use a pie iron over the fire to make sandwiches hot.



Clean up

1. Put out the fire (at camp you remove the ashes after they're cool).
2. Extinguish the grill or camp stove if you used them for your backyard cooking.
3. Wash, sanitize, and store dishes.
4. Pack up trash and dispose of it properly to protect the environment.
5. Clean your campsite, cabin (at camp) or your backyard (in this case) to the way it was, removing all things that don't belong.



Remember part of being a responsible camper is to “LEAVE NO TRACE”. This means keeping camp clean. Your pledge as a Girl Scout is to always protect nature and leave things cleaner than you found them.



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Step 4: Try a new activity

Take a nature hike around the backyard. Use this checklist to see what you can find. What things can you find outside in the spring that are different from the summer, fall, and winter?



Challenge your family to learn different bird calls and identify the sounds you hear at night. Was the sound you heard coming from a frog? Or was it an insect?

When you know what animal or bug makes the sound, it'll help you become more comfortable with surroundings when you are outside and camping.

When you camp at home in your backyard, you can play board games with your family too. Use this time to disconnect from electronics. Take some board games to the tent for hours of disconnected fun.

Step 5: Gather around the campfire

Gather around the fire pit and pass your flashlight around as each family member tells a scary story. Sometimes scary stories may not be the best choice before bed, so telling funny stories instead can be a better alternative.

Now it's time to inspire other girls to give camp a try!