

GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
CAMPER INFORMATION - FOR CAMP STAFF
(To be completed by parent)

Camper's Name: _____
Last First Nickname (if any)

Unit: _____ Has your daughter been to camp before? ____ Yes ____ No

What other camps, Girl Scout or non-Girl Scout has she attended? _____

Has she expressed any concerns about attending camp? If yes, what where they? _____

What concerns, if any, do you have about sending your daughter to camp? _____

Do you feel your camper is shy? _____ Do you feel your camper is a leader or follower? _____

Do you have any special goals for her camp experience? _____

Has your campers experienced any significant changes or losses recently? If so, what are they? _____

Have you had a discussion with your camper about the menstrual cycle? ____ Yes ____ No Has she started ? ____ Yes ____ No

Does your camper have any special physical need of which the camp staff should be aware? (such as sleepwalking, bedwetting, mobility problems, retainer instructions, contact lens instructions, etc.) _____

Does your camper have any special behavior needs of which the camp staff should be aware? (such as learning problems, hyperactivity, attention problems, etc.) _____

What forms of behavior management do you find most effective with your camper? _____

How does your camper react to new situations? _____

Does your camper have any unusual eating habits? _____

Any food allergies or restrictions? _____

Describe your camper's routine at bedtime: _____

Is there anything else that you would like the camp staff to know? _____

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Butano Creek Girl Scout Camp

**A SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT
YOUR CHILD**

You will notice that our camper information form (on back side) and camper health history form contain space for personal information regarding your child. We would like to take a moment to talk with you about this important questionnaire.

Some parents hesitate to provide camp with information about personal aspects of their child's behavior or past experience. Some fear the information may be misused, while others are concerned about their child being labelled, singled out or treated differently. All parents want to see their child have a strong, fresh start at camp, unencumbered by past problems.

As seasoned camp professionals, we appreciate these concerns. We also know how *invaluable* such information can be in assisting us help your child make as smooth and happy an adjustment to camp as possible – something we know all parents want, too!

Having prior knowledge about a learning difficulty, an ADHD, or bed-wetting problem, a recent loss, a separation or divorce, or any major change in the family or child's life makes a tremendous difference in helping us be sensitive to your child's need for patience, understanding and reassurance – especially in the first few days of camp.

This is especially true for children who have an attention problem or who are nervous about new situations. Many parents fear that a camp will not accept their child if they are completely forthcoming about these situations, yet children need us to be partners with you in planning for a safe and successful summer.

Furthermore, children often use their behavior rather than their words to tell us something is bothering them. Having advance knowledge or areas that might be difficult for your child helps us understand the message in her actions. The better we understand your child, the more we can assure you of a better camp experience for her.

Our commitment is to use such information only to help your child adjust to camp. It will never be used at camp unless necessary and then only with the greatest of discretion.

Remember, when faced with challenges, we can help your child have great success if you help us. We encourage you to make us a full partner in planning for your child's summer. Please take the time to fill out the information page. Thanks for your support!