



CAMP TALL TREES



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EXPLORER CAMP - CAMPER INFORMATION PACKET

Schedule

Campers arrive at Camp 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Friday August 9
(Security Gate will be opened at 9:15 a.m.)

Closing Ceremony 10:30 a.m. – Tuesday August 13. (Security Gate opens at 10:15 a.m.)

Directions to Camp Tall Trees

Camp Tall Trees is being held at the Wolf Creek Education Center. Please be aware that Wolf Creek Education Center is not marked on most maps. Some software, including Google Maps and most GPS systems will give you incorrect directions. We recommend that you use the following directions.

From the South:

- Drive north on U.S. 101 from the Eureka/Arcata/McKinleyville area.
- Continue on U.S. 101 approximately five miles north of the town of Orick, CA.
- Exit Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway/Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park
- Continue north, passing under U.S. 101, on the Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway for about 200 yards.
- Look for the first gravel road on the left (it is unsigned). (GPS N41 21.0661 W124 1.6549)
- Turn left onto the road. (If you miss the turn, you will see a large open prairie).
- 20 yards down the road there is a sign for Wolf Creek Education Center.
- Continue another 100 yards until you arrive at a gate.
- Drive ahead, cross over the bridge, and travel approximately one mile to the "T" intersection at the end of the road.
- At the "T," turn right and drive 100 yards to the Wolf Creek entrance.

From the North:

- Travel south on U.S. 101 from Crescent City. Cross over the Klamath River.
- Approximately four miles south of the Klamath Bridge, exit on to Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway.
- Travel south on the Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway approximately eight miles. Pass the Prairie Creek Visitor Center and campground.

- **After** passing Elk Prairie (the large open prairie to your right), travel approximately ¼ mile beyond the open prairie.
- Turn on the first gravel road on the right. *(If you miss the turn, you will come to the U.S. 101 entrance ramp) (GPS N41 21.0661 W124 1.6549)*
- 20 yards down the road there is a sign for Wolf Creek Education Center.
- Continue another 100 yards until you arrive at a gate.
- Drive ahead, cross over the bridge, and travel approximately one mile to the “T” intersection at the end of the road.
- At the “T,” turn right and drive 100 yards to the Wolf Creek entrance.

If you get lost, drive into Prairie Creek State Campground and ask a state ranger for directions to Wolf Creek Education Center.

What to expect when you arrive. When you arrive at camp, please park in the gravel parking lot. There will be a member of staff there to direct you. Leave your bags in the car and proceed to the main lodge to register. At registration, your camper will be assigned a Patrol and Cabin. You will have an opportunity to let us know of any special needs your camper may have.

After registration and cabin assignment, your camper can pick up their bags from the car and head to their cabin.

Medications - If your camper requires prescription or over-the-counter medication, please give the medications to the camp health supervisor at registration. Medications must be in their original container along with signed written instructions regarding timing and dosage. We will return any unused medication when you pick up your camper. If the nature of the medication (for example Inhaler) is such that it needs to be carried by your camper, and they have been trained in its use, please discuss this with the health supervisor.

Emergency Contact Information – Camp Tall Trees does not have cell phone service. If you need to contact us in an emergency, please contact Cheryl Kingham 707-839-3714 (home) or 707-502-8929 (mobile). Cheryl will relay the messages to us, and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Behavior – On the first day of camp, Counselors and girls will discuss behavior standards and agree on some group norms. Please discuss the following issues with your camper prior to camp.

Camp Tall Trees will use a “three strikes and you’re out” policy for girls that refuse to follow behavior standards or repeatedly break the agreed group norms.

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| 1st Incident | Girls are given a verbal warning. |
| 2nd Incident | Girls are given a second verbal warning. |
| 3rd Incident | Girls will be asked to leave the activity and will be escorted by an adult to the camp director or assistant director where the girl(s) will discuss the incident and its consequences. |

Grievous or Criminal Behavior: Repeated refusals to follow behavior standards or behavior that endangers the safety of others or involves the malicious destruction of wildlife, camp facilities or property, fellow Girl Scout’s property, and/or bodily injury may result in the immediate dismissal from camp. If your camper is dismissed from camp, you will be expected to pick them up as soon as possible.

Emergencies - In the event of an emergency, serious injury or sicknesses we will make every effort to contact you as soon as possible and seek your advice and consent for treatment of your camper. If we are unable to reach you, or the situation is urgent or life threatening, we may make necessary decisions and consent to your camper's treatment as required by the situation, until we can contact you.

Homesickness - If a camper experiences home sickness, calls to home will frequently increase their feeling of separation. Accordingly, a girl who experiences homesickness will not generally be allowed to call home. If homesickness is a serious problem, the camp director or designee will call you to discuss the situation and solicit your advice.

Money – There will be no opportunities to spend money. Please do not send cash with your camper.

Electronics – Do not send Cell Phones or other electronics. There is no Wi-Fi or cell reception at camp. Staff will hold any electronics in the camp office and return them at the end of camp.

Sun Block - Please send your camper with a good sun block. Prior to the trip, please instruct them in the use and application of sun block.

Insect Repellant - We will use insect repellant that contains Deet. If you prefer to use a different type of insect repellant, please let us know and send it with your camper.

Food Allergies - If your camper has any food allergies or special dietary needs, please confirm the details and discuss with the camp health supervisor and cook at the time you check in.

Phone & Mail – Camp Tall Trees has no cell phone service and is served by a single phone line. This phone line must be kept available for any emergency communications. Accordingly, you will not be able to call your camper or receive calls from them during camp (see above for how to contact us in an emergency). If you wish your camper to receive mail during camp, you may leave it with us at the time of check in with a note indicating the day you wish it delivered.

Visits – The camp will not be open for parental visits. The main gate will be locked during camp. Visits disrupt scheduled activities. Not all parents would be able to visit and this can be very hard for those girls who are not visited.

Closing Ceremony – We plan to hold a closing ceremony so please try to arrive on time so you can be a part of the camp's conclusion. Then have your camper take you on a tour of Camp Tall Trees and share some of their experiences with you.

Stinky Stuff - The odor of toiletries can attract animals if they are stored in cabins. All "stinky stuff" like toothpaste, deodorant, and sunscreen needs to be stored in the bathroom block. Girls must pack toiletries separately in a labeled plastic Ziploc bag. After cabin assignment, you must drop off your "stinky stuff" in the bathrooms, before taking your bags to the cabin.



CAMP TALL TREES – EXPLORER CAMP PACKING LIST

Your camper will be expected to carry their own bag and will need to be responsible for their own belongings. Do not send valuable items or clothing. Clothing should be suitable for outdoor wear and you should expect it to get dirty and/or damaged. Please mark items with your camper's name.

The girls will live in cabins. The cabins are very basic and are provided with bunk beds which do not have sleeping mats. Bathrooms and showers are in a separate building. Please be sure to read and follow the instructions below for toiletries.

Camp Tall Trees is being held in a wilderness area. In order to reduce the possibility of problems with animals, **NO FOOD** is allowed in the cabins. Any food found in cabins will be confiscated, please do not allow your camper to put candy or other food items in their bag. There will be plenty of food and snacks available.

There will be no opportunities to spend money. PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CAMPER WITH CASH.

- Small backpack (The girls will make several trips out and about including rafting, and the Redwood Creek hike. They must have a small backpack to carry spare clothes and other small items).
 - Water bottle that can be carried.
 - Sun Block.
 - Hat.

- Bag or knapsack that your camper can carry their belongings in:
 - We will be at camp for five days and four nights.
 - Long Pants (2)
 - Shorts (2)
 - Long Sleeve Shirt (2)
 - Short Sleeve Shirt (2)
 - Underwear and socks (4 pairs)
 - **WINDBREAKER** /Shower proof jacket
 - Warm sweatshirt or sweater, *(It will be chilly in the morning or evening)*
 - Warm Pajamas or Sweatpants & Sleep Shirt
 - 1 Bath towel for showering.
 - **Swimsuit**
 - 1 Beach towel for rafting.
 - Small hand towel
 - Wash Cloth
 - Flashlight
 - Sleeping Bag
 - An extra blanket.
 - Pillow.
 - Hair Ties.
 - Hairbrush
 - Plastic Bag for dirty laundry.

- Comfortable Closed Toed walking shoes or tennis shoes (**NO HEELIES**)
- A pair of shoes that can be worn in the creek and that WILL get wet. Either closed toe water shoes (No sandals or flipflops) or an extra pair of athletic shoes.

(When selecting shoes remember they need to be suitable for, climbing wall, rafting, a 2 mile hike at the beach and other active outdoor activities.) **NO FLIP FLOPS or SANDALS**

- The following items MUST BE IN A ZIPLOCK BAG CLEARLY MARKED with your Camper's Name:

- Travel Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner.
- Tooth Brush & Tooth Paste.
- Other Toiletries

(The smell of these items attracts wildlife, including larger mammals. All of these items will be kept in the bathroom block and will not be allowed in the cabins. Please ensure that all items giving off odors are placed in this bag.)

- Optional Items

- Small cuddly night companion
- Camera *(This will be your camper's responsibility so please don't send a valuable camera or consider using a disposable camera)*
- Journal and pen/pencil.
- A book that is not valuable.

DO NOT send ELECTRONICS. There will be plenty to do. Camp is intended to be a wilderness experience without the distractions of everyday life. Cellphones and similar items should not be sent. If your camper does bring any electronics (other than a camera) it will be held in the camp office while they are at camp and returned to you when you pick them up.

Please remember **DO NOT** send **candy or snack food**, there will be plenty to eat, and it attracts all sorts of unwelcome animal visitors.