

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for considering Girl Scouts of Northern NJ's **Celebrate Girls Paterson Summer Program** for your daughter's summer experience. We are delighted to offer many new experiences for girls entering Kindergarten – 8th grade. Girls will gain important skills in four areas that form the foundation of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience; S.T.E.M., Outdoors, Life Skills, and Entrepreneurship. All Girl Scout Summer activities are staffed by trained, skilled and capable personnel who are screened prior to placement. **A first-aider is on duty at all times. The ratio of girls to staff is one staff to every 10 girls.** Girls must be dressed appropriately with comfortable clothes and sneakers every day. Girls are also asked to bring a backpack to camp every day and a full water bottle. **No sandals, flip flops, open-toe shoes, clogs, or platform shoes. Program T-shirts are to be worn every day including field trip Wednesdays.** You will receive one **free t-shirt with registration.** Additional T-shirts may be purchased for \$5/shirt from the Administrative Associate.

Use of cell phones or electronic equipment are prohibited during camp hours. Registration for Girl Scout Program will be accepted in order of receipt of full session payment. Membership Registration does not guarantee placement; only full payment of program session guarantees placement. Rules for acceptance and participation are the same for everyone without regard to race, sex, color, national origin, age or handicap.

Parents/Guardians may drop off girls at International High School at 8:00 a.m. to their Unit Leaders. For your child's safety, please do not leave your child unattended prior to 8:00 a.m. Girls must be picked up by 5:00 p.m. at International High School. No exceptions! **A late pick up penalty will be assessed at \$5.00 per 15-minute increment.** Girls will only be released to adults that are designated on child release form completed with registration and **health history. Breakfast, lunch and snack** will be provided every day. Session fees are non-refundable.

Trips - Bus leaves International High School promptly at 9:00 a.m. for most field trips and after morning attendance and breakfast and returns to International High School in time for 5 p.m. departure. Staff maintains a ratio of one adult to every ten girls. Spending money is always optional for trips. Please remind your daughter to follow counselors' safety instructions. Parents must make other arrangements if girls choose not to participate in field trips.

All girls must register as a member of the Girl Scouts if not already a member. **Membership Registration is \$40.00.** Session payments will be due 1 week prior to the first day of the session. Due dates are posted in the online brochure. Space is limited. If you have any questions regarding the program, you may contact me at ctaylor@gsnnj.org or 973-906-0072(cell) or 973-248-8200(office).

Looking forward to a great summer!

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