

Jockey Hollow & Lake Rickabear Day Camps



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Parent/Guardian Guide

GSNNJ Summer Camp

Summer 2026

Welcome to Summer Camp!

We're thrilled that you'll be joining us at one of our camps this season, whether at Jockey Hollow or Lake Rickabear! Our camps are designed to offer unforgettable experiences that connect you with nature and help you grow your outdoor and social skills. From hiking and athletics to nature exploration and team-building activities, each day is packed with opportunities to learn, play, and grow.

You'll also get to take part in **camper-planned activities**, which are a great way to build leadership skills and foster independence in a fun, supportive environment.

This guide contains everything you need to prepare for your camp sessions. Please read it carefully and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. We ask that you and your family follow the guidelines outlined here to help us keep camp safe, healthy, and enjoyable for everyone.

We can't wait to share all the exciting adventures that await—and we hope this summer inspires you to come back year after year!

Sincerely,

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CAMP CONTACT INFORMATION:

Jockey Hollow Camp office: 973-543-4449 or 973-543-4441
Phones staffed 8:30 a.m.- 6:00 p.m., Monday - Friday, June 29 - August 14

Lake Rickabear Camp office: 973-917-3343
Phones staffed 8:30 a.m.– 6:00 p.m., Monday - Friday, June 29 - August 14

Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey Main office: 973-248-8200
Phones staffed 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m., Monday – Thursday
9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. Fridays, June 1 – September 1

2026 Important Dates

June 2, 2026	Final Payments Due
June 2, 2026	Health & other camper forms due
June 2, 2026	Cancellation deadline, no refunds given after this date
June 29 - 2, 2026	Camp Session 1 (no camp July 3)
July 6 - 10, 2026	Camp Session 2
July 13 - 17, 2026	Camp Session 3
July 20 - 24, 2026	Camp Session 4
July 27 - 31, 2026	Camp Session 5
August 3 – 7, 2026	Camp Session 6
August 10 - 14, 2026	Camp Session 7

Changes to Registration

An additional fee of \$20 per request for any changes will be applied after June 2, 2026. Any changes to a day camp order must be emailed to customercare@gsnnj.org.

Payment Schedule

A deposit of \$100 is required for each session and each camper at the time of registration. You may choose to pay in full at the time of registration or select the Auto-pay option which will withdraw your final payment on June 2, 2026. Final payment reminders will be sent prior to June 2, 2025. To pay any remaining balances not on auto-pay, please log into the [Parent Dashboard on CampSite](#) and submit your final payment. All registrations submitted after June 2, 2026, must be paid in full at the time of registration.

Adding Additional Sessions

During camp, we often hear that campers would like to return for additional sessions. Pending availability, girls are welcome to add a session. If you are adding a session that is less than two weeks from that session, please contact customercare@gsnnj.org or call 973-248-8200 for availability. If you are adding a session more than two weeks from that session, you can register in your [camper's portal in CampSite](#) if there is availability.

Cancellation Policy

Camp fees will be refunded, minus the \$100 deposit per session, ONLY if an email request is received at customercare@gsnnj.org no later than June 2, 2026. This includes fees for PM care as well as Twilight Camp Time and Overnight fees. Requests received after June 2, 2026, cannot be refunded.

In the case of an accident, illness (verification from a doctor is required), or death of an immediate family member, a camper will be offered the next available session, or a refund will be considered on an individual basis.

GSNNJ reserves the right to cancel programs or services that do not meet our minimum enrollment requirements. All fees will be refunded if the camper is not placed in another program. There is no refund if a camper is asked to leave camp due to behavioral problems or disobeys camp policies.

What to Bring to Camp

**PLEASE BE SURE THAT ALL CLOTHING, WATER BOTTLES, AND PERSONAL ITEMS ARE LABELED
WITH YOUR CAMPER'S NAME**

The following items should be brought or worn every day. A backpack is ideal for packing and carrying needed items:

- A water bottle – labeled, reusable is preferred over a disposable one.
- Sweatshirt or sweater for cool mornings.
- Raincoat or poncho (to keep in day pack in case of rain). No umbrellas, please.
- Bagged lunch OR take part in the optional Lunch Program (see information under Lunch).
- Insect repellent.
- Sunscreen.
- A plastic bag for wet bathing suits, towels, and clothing.
- Beach towel (bathing cap provided by camp that will stay in your camper's backpack throughout the week).
- Clothes to change into after swimming. Please be sure to include underwear.
- Water shoes (crocs, old sneakers, or boots) – *only* used for Stream Exploration, pool deck (Jockey Hollow) or lake, beach and/or picnic area (at Lake Rickabear).

Optional Items:

- Sit-upon or something waterproof to sit on the ground.
- White or light-colored tie-dye item (e.g., t-shirt, pillowcase, socks) - for the day unit does tie-dyeing.

What to Wear to Camp:

**PLEASE BE SURE THAT ALL CLOTHING, WATER BOTTLES AND PERSONAL ITEMS ARE LABELED
WITH YOUR CAMPER'S NAME**

- One piece bathing suit or tankini.
 - Campers are encouraged to wear their bathing suit under their clothes to camp, but it is not a requirement. They will change out of their bathing suit after swimming.
- Old clothes should be worn. Please LABEL every item your camper brings or wears to camp with their first and last name. This will give you a better chance of all items coming home at the end of camp!
- Shorts or pants, and shirt (no halters or spaghetti straps).
- Sneakers or sturdy shoes with socks (to prevent blisters). Shoes must cover the foot.
 - NO open-toe or heeled shoes.
 - NO Sandals, water shoes or Crocs allowed unless in the designated areas listed above.

What all Equestrian participants MUST wear during their time at the corral:

- Long pants or leggings
- Strong hiking type shoe with small heel
- (ASTM) F-1163-88 approved Riding Helmets (optional). The camp will supply approved riding helmets.

Campers wear pants and boots only during their riding time. Please be sure to send your camper with sneakers for when they are not participating in the Horse or Pony Programs.

What NOT to Bring to Camp:

Please ***do not*** pack or bring the following items. Camp is not responsible for these lost or stolen items:

- Electronic devices (e.g., cell phones, tablets, Apple watches, etc.) must remain off and inside campers' bags. We recommend putting them inside a zip lock bag for water safety.
- Candy or gum (we supply an afternoon snack).
- Jewelry, including earrings, necklaces, rings, and bracelets.
- Pocketknives, personal sports, or craft equipment.
- Umbrellas

Twilight Camp Time

Stay longer, after your camp day, for an evening of camp sunset activities—without the full overnight stay! You'll enjoy games, crafts, an extra swim, and dinner (all activities are weather permitting). It's the perfect introduction to overnight camp. Available on the Wednesday of Session 2 to 7 for campers from K to CIT II. Each Twilight Camp Time is an additional \$60

Optional Overnight Programs

Campers entering third grade or higher who have pre-registered for an overnight program (session 2, 4 & 6) will experience the following. Please note, all activities are weather permitting.

- Bonus Free Swim
- Fun Night Activities
- Campfire & S'mores
- Dinner & Breakfast
- Fun Night Activities
- Sleep in cabins, yurts, or tents on mattresses (*depending on the camp*)

Each camper should pack the following for overnights:

Overnight Bag:

- Sleepwear (shorts and top or PJ's)
- Sleeping Bag or blanket and sheet
- Small pillow
- Flashlight with new batteries
- Extra bathing suit & towel

The overnight bag, sleeping bag, and pillow should be tightly packed in a plastic garbage bag.

Please use masking tape on the outside of the garbage bag and label with your daughter's name, unit name and bus route number/letter.

Please pack an extra plastic garbage bag to repack your camper's belongings in Thursday morning. Sometimes the bag they arrived with does not re-tie properly

Day Camp Backpack (*add these in addition to daily items*):

- Change of clothes for Thursday
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush)

Any medications brought for the overnight must be given to the Nurse/EMT Wednesday morning when arriving at camp. All medication (prescription and over the counter) brought to camp must be in the original container, labeled with the child's name and accompanied by a physician's orders for administering the medication.

PLEASE PACK LIGHTLY AND COMPACTLY. CAMPERS MUST CARRY THEIR GEAR INTO CAMP. NO EXTRA FOOD FROM HOME, PLEASE!

The packing list for the Day & Stay program at Lake Rickabear will be sent out on June 2, 2026

Health & Safety

Safety is always our priority at both Jockey Hollow and Lake Rickabear Day Camps. We work hard to create a safe environment for your camper(s) while they are in our care. Please review our policies and procedures and feel free to contact the Camp Director to discuss any concerns.

Any serious or unusual health related issues or concerns should be discussed with the Director and Nurse/EMT prior to the camper's arrival at camp so that we can create a safe and healthy environment for your camper.

To contact the Nurse/EMT during camp hours, call Jockey Hollow at 973-543-4441 or Lake Rickabear at 973-917-3343.

We're Accredited!

We are proud to be accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA), which reviews staff qualifications and training, emergency management, program quality, health, and safety standards, and much more. Additionally, our camps comply with standards set by the New Jersey State Department of Health, CDC, American Red Cross, and Girl Scouts of the USA.



Health History Form

In accordance with American Camp Association (ACA), New Jersey Department of Health and Girl Scouts of the USA regulations, each camper must submit a completed Health History Form online. A copy of her immunization record must be uploaded along with any applicable Allergy and/or Asthma Action Plan(s).

No camper will be permitted to attend camp without a completed Health History Form. Complete the form(s) in your camper's profile through our Camper Management System, CampSite, no later than May 15, 2025.

Health Supervision & Medications

A Nurse and/or an EMT will be on site from 8:30 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. each day. In addition, all Unit Leaders and Lifeguards are certified in First Aid and CPR. Select staff are also certified in Epi-Pen administration. All medication brought to camp (prescription and over the counter) must be in the original container, labeled with the child's name, and accompanied by a physician's orders for administering the medication. All medications must be left with the Health Office except Epi-Pens and on-demand inhalers.

Epi-Pens and "On Demand" Inhalers

Epi-Pens and "on demand" inhalers are kept by an adult supervising the camper after being presented to the Nurse/EMT. Campers with Epi-Pens are encouraged to bring two Epi-Pens to camp. One will be with the adult supervising the camper and the other will be kept in the health care office.

Food Allergies

Any campers' food allergies, including peanut and tree nut allergies, should be documented on their Health History Form. An Emergency Action Plan must be uploaded to the medical section of the

camper's profile in CampSite. Safety is our first concern, and every effort is made to maintain a safe environment for your camper while at camp. Feel free to contact the camp Nurse/EMT during camp hours, call Jockey Hollow at 973-543-4441 or Lake Rickabear at 973-917-3343.

COVID FAQs

Is there anything I need to do before camp starts, in relation to COVID protocols?

With everyone's help, we can keep our campers and staff healthy, and have a fun, and safe summer. We ask that you monitor your camper's symptoms. If you notice that your camper is developing signs of COVID (fever, chills, fatigue, body aches, unusual headaches, loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath) we ask that you please keep your camper home and follow the CDC guidance regarding testing and quarantining. We also ask that if your camper has been in close- contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID, that they complete the required quarantine as directed by the CDC (www.cdc.gov).

What are you doing to keep our campers and staff healthy at camp?

Hand washing will take place before and after meals, and extra washing/sanitizing stations will be available around the camp property. Busses will be sanitized with a 30-day application by the bus company 2 times throughout the summer. Bathrooms and buildings on camp property are cleaned and disinfected at least once daily.

What if my camper develops COVID-like symptoms while at camp?

Using guidance from the Health Department and CDC, our camp nurse and/or EMT will determine whether your camper can attend camp that day or camp session. Their determination is final. If your camper is sent home with COVID-like symptoms, please follow CDC guidelines in regards to testing and quarantining (www.cdc.gov).

Communications

Absent from Camp

If a camper is unable to attend camp any day you must call the camp. Call Jockey Hollow at 973-543-4449 or Lake Rickabear at 973-917-3343 between 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. It is essential that the camp be notified to ensure the safety of all campers.

Ill or Injured Camper

In the event a camper is injured or becomes ill while at camp, the Camp Director or Nurse/EMT will notify the parent by phone. If the parent/guardian is not available, the emergency contact will be notified. **Using guidance from the NJ Health Department and CDC, our Nurse/EMT and Camp Director will determine whether your camper can stay at camp or should be picked up that day or camp session.** Their determination is final.

If your camper is sent home with COVID-like symptoms, please refer to the CDC for quarantining and testing guidelines (www.cdc.gov).

Camper Communication

We strongly discourage campers from making phone calls home except for illness or injury. Homesickness is kept at a minimum by keeping the campers busy all day. Cell phones for campers are not permitted.

Camp Today

Please be sure to opt into the Camp Today option in your CampSite Parent Dashboard. Information will be posted in Camp Today regarding Trading Post, dress up days, overnights and more.

Check Us Out on Social Media

We know you would love to be a fly on the wall while your camper is having fun at camp! “Like” Jockey Hollow Camp and/or Lake Rickabear on Facebook to get updates and see photos of the campers enjoying the summer!

Follow us on Instagram at [@jockeyhollowcamp](https://www.instagram.com/jockeyhollowcamp) and or [@lakerickabearcamp](https://www.instagram.com/lakerickabearcamp). A Facebook and Instagram account is not necessary to view our photos.

Please note, pictures posted are taken at random and individual pictures of campers are not guaranteed except for inclusion in the unit photo.

Parent/Guardian Questions or Concerns

Should you have questions or concerns relating to camp, feel free to contact the camp office at Jockey Hollow at 973-543-4441 or Lake Rickabear at 973-917-3343 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. during the camp season (June 30 – August 15, 2025). Before or after the camp season contact the Director of Jockey Hollow at 973-294-2016 or the Director of Lake Rickabear at 862-294-2012.

Lost and Found

Lost and Found items are shown to campers each day. Any items not claimed and in good condition will be kept at the camp in a Lost and Found container until the end of each session. Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey is not responsible for lost items.

Please label all your daughter's items so they may be returned if lost.

Camp Life

Typical Schedule

Each unit's schedule is different every day. Rarely, weather or staff absences may prevent campers from participating in these activities.

Unit time are those activities that your camper's counselors come up with and vary from camp to camp. Examples of unit time at both camps are badge work, tie-dying, hiking, Gaga ball, hikes, and environmental activities.

At Jockey Hollow your camper will also participate in weekly Special Interest Days on Wednesdays, stream exploration, music, and end their week with a themed Friday Fest.

At Lake Rickabear your camper will also participate in beach volleyball, Free-Choice Wednesdays and end their week with a themed Friday Fest.

Each of our sessions at Jockey Hollow and Lake Rickabear have a unique theme. This summer, our themes are:

Session 1 - Passport to the Planet
Session 2 - Trailblazers & Treasure Maps
Session 3 - Galactic Girls
Session 4 - Mythical Quests & Magical Lands
Session 5 - Time Travelers' Trek
Session 6 - Wildlife Wanderer
Session 7 - Adventure Awaits

Arrival

Buses arrive at camp between 8:45 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. Each day begins at 9:00 a.m. with singing and an opening flag ceremony. Girls are greeted by their unit staff and depart as a unit for their day's activities immediately after the flag is raised.

Camp Photos and T-Shirts

Every camper will receive one free camp T-shirt on the first Monday that your camper attends at Jockey Hollow and on the first Tuesday that your camper attends at Lake Rickabear.

You requested a T-shirt size at the time of registration, and we will do our best to give your camper her desired size. A free unit photo will be available on Camp Today in CampSite at the end of each session.

Swimming

Lifeguards will conduct a swim assessment for each camper on her first day of camp. She will be assigned to a swim level according to her ability to demonstrate strokes. Use of the American Red Cross system sometimes means a strong swimmer is placed in an intermediate group because she is not proficient in one or more strokes that are required for that level. Campers are moved to a higher level as they progress. If you would like your camper to be re-tested, please send a note with her to camp.

Campers will receive a swim cap that designates their swimming level. Each camper will receive a swim cap that must be kept in her backpack for the entire session. Each session that the camper returns to camp, she will receive a new cap.

If you would like your camper to be excused from swimming, please send a note to the camp office. Girls who do not participate in swimming lessons will not be permitted to participate in free swim.

Boating (*Lake Rickabear only*)

Campers going into grades 1-9, and not part of the CIT program, will participate in boating lessons. Older girls will learn canoe, kayak, and stand-up paddleboard skills while younger girls will use a rowboat or peddle boat.

Girl Scout Badges

Girls will work on Girl Scout badges with their units during each session. A badge sheet will go home at the end of each session indicating the badge components that have been completed. If the

sheet indicates the entire badge was completed, it can be brought to any GSNNJ council shop, and the badge can be purchased. Girls are welcome to complete any additional requirements on their own.

Special Interest Day & Friday Fest Program

As a girl-driven organization, we encourage girl participation throughout the day camp experience. Special Interest Day, held each Wednesday, allows the girls to select an activity that interests them from a list of activities provided. It is a time at camp when they can interact with other campers outside of those in their unit. Some of the activities have limited space. If space is not available in her first choice, she is offered another choice.

Our Friday Fest Program is held each Friday as a fun way to end the session. It gives the units a chance to participate in a program together. The activities are usually selected in connection with the session's theme.

Lunch

Campers bring a bagged lunch each day. Only pack foods that DO NOT require refrigeration as there is none available for lunches. Campers can bring fruit drinks or water (in non-glass containers) if desired. DO NOT send soda. Special eating procedures are in place for girls with food allergies.

A lunch program is available from Simply Gourmet, an independent food service company offering hot or cold, "kid-friendly," nutritious, nut-free meals delivered daily, and individually packaged with the camper's name. Participate by going to www.simplygourmetlunches.com. Menus and prices will be available for ordering by mid-June 2025.

Simply Gourmet is an outside vendor, please contact them directly with any issues.

Departure

At Jockey Hollow Day Camp:

- Campers board their buses at 3:30 p.m. and depart for home at approximately 3:45 p.m.
- Those being picked up by private vehicle should be picked up in the camp parking lot for Jockey Hollow at 3:35 p.m.

At Lake Rickabear Day Camp:

- Campers board their buses at 3:45 p.m. and depart for home at approximately 4:00 p.m.
- Those being picked up by private vehicle should be picked up at the flagpole at Lake Rickabear by 4:00 p.m.

Trading Post & Camp Bucks

Trading Post

Your camper will have an opportunity to shop in the Trading Post (camp store) during the week. Cash or checks made payable to GSNNJ will be accepted. Please send money in a sealed envelope or Ziploc bag labeled with your daughter's name and marked "Trading Post" on the outside. Items sold include camp apparel, sit-upons, stuffed animals, bandanas, sunglasses, patches, and other novelty mementos. A complete price list will come home with your daughter on the first day of camp (price list does not include tax).

Camp Bucks

Make summer camp purchases easier to manage. Give your camper money to buy snacks, camp merchandise, patches, and more in the form of Camp Bucks for use at our Jockey Hollow Camp and Lake Rickabear Camp Trading Posts.

Camp Bucks can be purchased in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100 for the Summer during the registration process (listed under Extras). **Camp Bucks can be purchased until 8 days prior to the session opening.** They can be used at either camp during sessions when your camper is in attendance. Any funds left in your Camp Bucks account at the end of a camp session can be used towards purchases in our Council Shops through Sept. 30, 2025. Unused monies after that date will be considered a donation to Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey.

Program Offerings

Core Summer Camp Programs

Grade K-1 Jockey Hollow Summer Explorers

Rising Kindergarteners must be 5 years old by June 29, 2026

- Arts & Crafts: including painting, friendship bracelets & session themed projects
- American Red Cross swim lessons and open swim time in the pool (Jockey Hollow) or lake (Lake Rickabear)
- Athletics
- New for 2026 – Music! (Jockey Hollow only)
- Low-ropes Challenge Course
- Intro to Archery (with foam or suction cup arrows)
- Stream Exploration: including hiking, dip netting (Jockey Hollow only)
- Nature Exploration
- Fishing (Lake Rickabear only)
- Boating: peddle boats (Lake Rickabear only)
- Scooter Track (Lake Rickabear only)

- Pickleball & Beginner Tennis (Lake Rickabear only)
- Traditions: camp songs, s'mores
- Friday Fest & Special Interest Day
- Twilight Camp Time (Optional add-on)

Grade 2-3 Jockey Hollow Summer Discoverer

- Arts & Crafts: including nature painting, friendship bracelets & session themed projects
- American Red Cross swim lessons and open swim time in the pool (Jockey Hollow) or lake (Lake Rickabear)
- Athletics
- New for 2026 – Music! (Jockey Hollow only)
- Low-ropes Challenge Course
- Archery
- Hikes to Jockey Hollow – Morristown National Historical Park (Jockey Hollow only)
- Stream Exploration: including hiking, dip netting (Jockey Hollow only)
- Nature Exploration
- Boating: peddle boats (Lake Rickabear only)
- Scooter Track (Lake Rickabear only)
- Pickleball & Beginner Tennis (Lake Rickabear only)
- Traditions: camp songs, s'mores
- Friday Fest & Special Interest Day
- Optional Overnights (Optional add-on for campers in 3rd grade & older)
- Twilight Camp Time (Optional add-on)

Grade 4-9 Summer Adventurer

- Arts & Crafts: including nature painting, friendship bracelets & session themed projects
- American Red Cross swim lessons and open swim time in the pool (Jockey Hollow) or lake (Lake Rickabear)
- Athletics
- New for 2026 – Music! (Jockey Hollow only)
- Low-ropes Challenge Course
- Archery
- Ziplining
- Hikes to Jockey Hollow – Morristown National Historical Park (Jockey Hollow only)
- Stream Exploration: including hiking, dip netting (Jockey Hollow only)
- Sling shot target practice (Lake Rickabear only)
- Boating: peddle boats, canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding (Lake Rickabear only)
- Pickleball & Beginner Tennis (Lake Rickabear only)
- Traditions: camp songs, s'mores
- Campfire cooking (Jockey Hollow only)

- Friday Fest & Special Interest Day
- Optional Overnights (Optional add-on)
- Twilight Camp Time (Optional add-on)

Counselor-in-Training Program Level 1 (CIT I)

Ready to take the first step toward becoming a camp counselor? Join our two-week Counselor-in-Training Program Level 1 (CIT I) for girls entering Grades 9 and 10 (must be age 14 by June 30, 2026). Our CIT I program is designed to build your leadership, mentoring, and communication skills in a fun and supportive camp environment.

During Week 1, you will participate in interactive workshops and hands-on activities focused on: understanding child development and camper needs, practicing effective communication and conflict resolution, learning how to lead games, songs, and group activities, and building confidence and teamwork.

In Week 2, you will apply your new skills by working directly with camper units under the guidance of experienced camp counselors—gaining real-world experience and valuable feedback. Upon successful completion, you'll earn your CIT I pin, receive an exclusive CIT shirt to tie dye, and be given the opportunity to volunteer for additional weeks during the camp season.

Counselor-in-Training Program Level 2 (CIT II)

Once you've successfully completed the Counselor-in-Training Program Level 1 (CIT I), you're ready to take the next step in your leadership journey with Level 2 (CIT II)—a two-week experience designed to deepen your understanding of what it takes to be an effective camp counselor.

During Week 1, you'll go behind the scenes to learn how camp operations run safely and smoothly. Through hands-on workshops and team-based activities, you'll build advanced skills in conflict management and resolution, leadership and decision-making, unit planning and program design, and camper engagement and behavior support.

In Week 2, you'll put your skills into action by working directly with camper units under the mentorship of experienced counselors—gaining practical experience and valuable feedback to help you grow.

Upon successful completion, you'll earn your CIT II pin, receive an exclusive CIT shirt to tie dye, and you'll be given the option to volunteer for additional weeks during the camp season. This program is ideal for teens who are serious about developing leadership, communication, and youth mentoring skills in a fun and supportive camp environment.

Additional Camp Programs

All About Horses – grade 1 to 3

Giddy up and spend part of your camp day at the horse corral, where you'll learn the basics of horsemanship in a safe, supportive environment led by trained professionals from Seaton Hackney Stables. From Tuesday through Friday (weather permitting), you'll enjoy 1.5 hours of hands-on activities with horses each day—grooming, leading, and learning how to care for your pony. You'll even get to mount up and practice basic riding skills in the ring! The rest of your day will be filled

with Summer Explorers program activities, including American Red Cross swim lessons and open swim time (weather permitting), plus games, crafts, and outdoor adventures. Monday kicks off the week with a full day of Core Camp program fun, giving you a chance to dive into camp life before heading to the corral. Whether you're a first-time rider or just love being around horses, this program offers the perfect blend of equestrian excitement and summer camp magic!

Tack and Trails – Grade 4 to 8

This summer, take your love of horses to the next level with our immersive equestrian program designed to develop real-world skills and confidence. From Tuesday through Friday (weather permitting), you'll spend two focused hours each day at the Camp corral, learning alongside trained professionals from Seaton Hackney Stables in a safe and encouraging environment. You'll gain hands-on experience in grooming and tacking, barn management and daily care routines, trail etiquette and safety practices, and basic riding techniques during a 20–30-minute session in the ring.

This program is perfect for campers who want to deepen their understanding of horse care and riding while building responsibility, patience, and teamwork. Outside of the corral, you'll enjoy the best of Core Summer Camp program activities—including American Red Cross swim lessons, open swim time (weather permitting), games, crafts, and outdoor adventures. Monday kicks off the week with a full day of Core Camp program fun, giving you a chance to dive into camp life before heading to the corral. Whether you're new to horses or looking to sharpen your skills, this program offers a unique opportunity to grow as a rider and caretaker—all while having a blast at camp!

Grade 4 & 5 Specialty Programs

Campers enrolled in these programs are in their own unit and follow a different schedule from our Core Summer Camp campers. They will participate in instructional and open swim but may not engage in all the same activities as our Core Summer Camp campers.

Jockey Hollow Grade 4 & 5 Specialty Programs

Session 2: Camping Skills

Session 3: Early Engineers

Session 4: Room Décor Galore

Session 5: Intro to Campfire Cooking

Session 6: Art All Around

Lake Rickabear Grade 4 & 5 Specialty Programs

Session 2: D-I-Y Oh My!

Session 4: Designing Robots

Session 6: Chefs of Lak Rickabear

Grade 6, 7 & 8 Specialty Programs

Campers enrolled in these programs are in their own unit and follow a different schedule from our Core Summer Camp campers. They will participate in instructional and open swim but may not engage in all the same activities as our Core Summer Camp campers.

Jockey Hollow Grade 6, 7 & 8 Specialty Programs

Session 2: Me, Outside the Mirror

Session 3: Off the Grid Camper Challenge

Session 4: Intro to First Aid

Session 5: Outdoor Cooking Challenge

Session 6: Designing Robots

Session 7: Jockey Hollow Games

Lake Rickabear Grade 6, 7 & 8 Specialty Programs

Session 2: Room Décor Galore

Session 3: Caring for Me!

Session 4: Daytime Detective

Session 5: Self-Defense & Safety

Session 6: Trail Trekking

Session 7: Traveling Tastebuds

Out and About - Grades 7-10

As an Out & About Camper, you'll enjoy all the Core Summer Camp activities of our camp, including swimming, archery, ziplining, crafts, field games, and more. In addition, we'll take a day trip on the Wednesday of each session. Trip and transportation fees are included in the cost of your camp session.

Session 2: Turtle Back Zoo with Tree Top Adventure Course

Session 3: Liberty Science Center

Session 4: Frog Falls Water Park

Session 5: Medieval Times

Session 6: GSNNJ'S Dream Lab

Day and Stay - Grades 8-10

New for Summer 2026! Participate in our brand-new Day & Stay Residence Camp Experience at Lake Rickabear Camp in Kinnelon. During Week 1, you'll enjoy daily participation in the Lake Rickabear Summer Explorers camp program activities. You'll also spend some time planning your meals and evening activities for your upcoming overnight stays. During Week 2, you'll experience residence camp by spending Monday through Friday, sleeping overnight in our rustic Maple Glen Cabins. You'll be chaperoned by two counselors and one administrator, who will also be staying each night

in the Tumbling Bear Cabin. Bathrooms and showers are nearby at the Beach Bathhouse. An EMT/nurse will be on property at all times in our Health Office. The Day & Stay Residence Camp Experience at Lake Rickabear Camp is a two-week program, and those registered for it **MUST** attend the two consecutive weeks. There are three Day & Stay programs being offered, during Sessions 4 & 5, and Sessions 6 & 7. During Week 1, participants will attend daily camp and travel to and from home via the camp bus, with the Wednesday overnight included. During Week 2, all meals will be provided.

Transportation, Bus Information, PM Care

Each bus has a First Aid/CPR certified counselor who will oversee the campers' travels to and from camp. To ensure a positive experience please regard the following:

- Buses cannot wait beyond the scheduled times. Arrive at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to pick up and return times.
- If you are running late, please call the camp office. We will let you know if we can accommodate you or if you will need to drive your camper to camp.
- An adult must remain with your camper in the morning until the bus arrives.
- If no one is at the stop to meet your camper, she will be kept on the bus and the camp will be notified. Parent/guardian or emergency contacts will be notified immediately. She will be brought back to camp unless other arrangements have been made.
- If your camper will be released from camp to any adult other than the parent/guardian, we ask that you add them as an authorized adult in CampSite. This includes babysitters, carpool families, and extended family.
- Buses may be delayed due to traffic or weather conditions. **Monday afternoon buses are often later than scheduled.** Each session there are many new campers, and it takes additional time to ensure all are on the correct buses before departure from camp.
- Girls are not permitted to change buses during the camp season without the written request from the parent/guardian and only if space permits.
- GSNNJ recommends campers are dropped off with parental/guardian supervision. If a camper will be walking to and/or from the bus stop, we require a signed note.

Bus Delay Notification

When a bus is experiencing a delay of *more than 15 minutes*, parents/guardians will be notified via text through our CampSite messaging system. You will be able to opt into this system at the time of registration.

To ensure your camper's safety on the bus, please discuss these rules with her:

- Always remain seated. NO walking or standing in the aisle or in the seats.
- Seat belts must be worn at all times.
- No excessive noise or shouting.
- No leaning out or putting arms out of the windows.
- No eating on the bus. Water bottles only.

Arriving and Departing by Car at Jockey Hollow Day Camp

Campers transported to Jockey Hollow Day Camp by a parent/guardian should arrive between 8:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. and should be picked up between 3:35 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Upon arrival, pull up to the designated drop off area in the main parking lot and a staff member will greet you at your car. For the safety of campers and staff, please follow the established traffic pattern and do not exceed 10 mph.

There is no Parent Pick-up between 2:45 p.m. and our regular dismissal time at 3:35 p.m.

When picking your camper up at camp at 3:35 p.m., parents/guardians should remain in their vehicle. We will walk your camper to your car. Photo ID must be provided.

Extended PM Aftercare

Campers enrolled in the Extended PM Care program will remain at camp, be supervised by camp staff, and receive a snack. Only campers who are pre-registered can participate.

Campers must be picked up at the Pavilion no later than 6:00 p.m. Parents/guardians must call the camp if an emergency arises, and they will be late. **A fee of \$10 per every 10 minutes after 6:00 p.m. will be charged to the parent/guardian.**

Arriving and Departing by Car at Lake Rickabear Day Camp

Campers transported to Lake Rickabear Day Camp by a parent/guardian should arrive between 8:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and should be picked up at 4:00 p.m. Upon arrival, pull up to the designated drop off area at the flagpole and a staff member will greet you at your car. For the safety of campers and staff, please follow the established traffic pattern and do not exceed 10 mph.

There is no Parent Pick-up between 3:00 p.m. and our regular dismissal time at 4:00 p.m.

When picking your camper up at camp at 4:00 p.m., parents/guardians should remain in their vehicle. We will walk your camper to your car. Photo ID must be provided.

Extended PM Care at Lake Rickabear Day Camp

Campers enrolled in the Extended PM Care program will remain at camp, be supervised by camp staff, and receive a snack. Only campers who are pre-registered can participate.

Campers must be picked up at the Beach Lodge no later than 6:00 p.m. Parents/guardians must call the camp if an emergency arises, and they will be late. **A fee of \$10 per every 10 minutes after 6:00 p.m. will be charged to the parent/guardian.**

Camper Pick Up

Early Release of Camper at Jockey Hollow Day Camp

The camp office must be notified either by phone at 973-543-4441 if your child will be leaving camp before the end of the camp day. All changes are requested as early in the day as possible, preferably by 12:00 p.m.

Early Pick up (before 2:30 p.m.)

1. Call the camp office to let us know you will be picking up your camper early and what time you will be arriving
2. When you arrive, please park by the Green & White tent in the main parking lot and call Old Cabin
3. Once you speak with the Old Cabin staff, your camper will be brought to the parking lot

Early Release of Camper at Lake Rickabear Day Camp

The camp office must be notified either by phone at 973-917-3343 if your child will be leaving camp before the end of the camp day. All changes are requested as early in the day as possible, preferably by 12:00 p.m.

Early Pick up (before 3 p.m.)

4. Call the camp office to let us know you will be picking up your camper early and what time you will be arriving
5. When you arrive, drive to the Beach Lodge

6. Come into the camp office to sign your camper out, the office staff will retrieve your camper from their unit

Release of Camper to Others

If your camper is going to be picked up by any adult other than the parent/guardian, we ask that you add them as an authorized adult in CampSite. This includes babysitters, carpool families, and extended family.

If a non-custodial parent is denied access to a child by a court order, a copy of that documentation must be provided to the camp. In the absence of a court order, the camp will honor the requests of the person who registered the camper.

Driving Directions for Jockey Hollow & Lake Rickabear

Driving directions will be attached to your camp registration welcome email and are posted on our website: <https://www.gsnnj.org/en/members/for-girl-scouts/camp-and-outdoors/transportation.html>.

2026 Jockey Hollow Bus Information

BUS	TOWN	STOP	LOCATION	AM	PM
BUS 1	OAKLAND	1A	Shoprite, 14 Post Rd.	7:40	5:00
	RIVERDALE	1B	GSNNJ Riverdale Service Center, 95 Newark Pompton	7:55	4:45
	TOWACO	1C	Train Station, 632 Main Rd.	8:15	4:30
	BOONTON	1D	Boonton High School, Front Lot, 306 Lathrop Ave.	8:25	4:15
BUS 2	MORRISTOWN	2A	Normandy Park School, 19 A Normandy Pkwy	8:00	4:40
	MADISON	2B	Madison High School, 170 Ridgedale Ave	8:15	4:25
	MADISON	2C	Hartley Dodge Memorial Bldg. Parking Lot, Maple Ave.	8:25	4:15
BUS 3	WAYNE	3A	Ramapo Plaza, Valley Health Medical, 759 Hamburg Tpke.	7:55	4:45
	PARSIPPANY	3B	St. Peter's Church, 179 Baldwin Rd.	8:15	4:25
	MORRISTOWN	3C	Thomas Jefferson School, 120 James St.	8:35	4:00
BUS 4	ROCKAWAY	4A	St. Clement Church, 154 Mt. Pleasant Ave.	7:45	5:00
	SUCCASUNNA	4B	Horseshoe Lake, Imagination Parking Lot, 72 Eyland Ave.	8:10	4:35
	FLANDERS	4C	Tinc Road School, 24 Tinc Rd.	8:30	4:15
	CHESTER	4D	Municipal Parking Lot, Collis Lane	8:45	4:00
BUS 5	CHATHAM	5A	Chatham High School, 255 Lafayette Ave.	8:00	4:30
	CHATHAM	5B	Chatham Twp. Municipal Bldg., Senior Lot, 58 Meyersville Rd.	8:10	4:15
	STIRLING	5C	Central School, 90 Central Ave.	8:30	4:05
BUS 6	MOUNTAIN LAKES	6A	St Catherine's Church, 10 N Pocono Rd	7:45	5:00
	PARSIPPANY	6B	St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Rd.	8:00	4:45
	WHIPPANY	6C	Abundant Life Whippany, 43 S Jefferson Rd.	8:15	4:30
	MORRIS PLAINS	6D	Simons Memorial Park, Mountain Way/Hillview Ave.	8:30	4:15
BUS 7	HACKETTSTOWN	7A	Target, 68 Rt. 46	7:45	5:00
	NETCONG	7B	Shoprite of Netcong, 75 US-46	8:10	4:45
	RANDOLPH	7C	Randolph High School, 511 Millbrook Ave.	8:30	4:15
	MENDHAM	7D	West Morris Mendham High School, 65 East Main St.	8:50	3:55

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Bus A	A1	Hackensack	Stop and Shop, 380 W. Pleasantview Ave.	7:25	5:30
	A2	Rutherford	Felician University, Montross parking lot	7:40	5:15
	A3	Clifton	Richfield Shopping Center, Dunkin', 1372 Clifton Ave.	7:55	5:05
	A4	Clifton	St. Philip the Apostle Church, 797 Valley Rd	8:10	4:55
	A5	Totowa	American Legion, 180 Union Blvd.	8:25	4:40
Bus B	B1	Mahwah	Ramapo Reformed Church, 100 Island Rd.	7:50	5:00
	B2	Ramsey	Interstate Shopping Center, TD Bank, 1 Interstate Shop Center	8:00	4:50
	B3	Wyckoff	Boulder Run Shopping Center, Bach to Rock, 327 Franklin Ave	8:15	4:35
	B4	Midland Park	Midland Park Christian Reform Church, 183 Godwin Ave.	8:30	4:20
Bus C	C1	Elmwood Park	St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church, 324 Market St.	7:30	5:20
	C2	Fair Lawn	American Legion, 17-08 River Rd.	7:40	5:10
	C3	Hawthorne	Rea Mansion, Former Boys' and Girls' Club, 675 Goffle Rd.	7:50	5:00
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	C5	Glen Rock	Wilde Memorial Park, 683 Maple Ave.	8:25	4:30
Bus D	D1	Vernon	Vernon Municipal Building, 21 Church St.	7:10	5:50
	D2	West Milford	ShopRite, 23 Marshall Hill Rd.	7:35	5:20
	D3	Wanaque	Passaic County Community College, 500 Union Ave., Campus Parking Lot	8:05	4:55
	D4	Bloomingtondale	DeLazier Field, 52 Ballston St.	8:15	4:45
	D5	Denville	St. Mary's Church, 15 Meyers Ave.	8:40	4:20
Bus E	E1	Wayne	Whole Foods, 560 Valley Rd.	7:50	5:00
	E2	Wayne	Packanack Elementary School, 190 Oakwood Dr.	8:05	4:45
	E3	Pompton Plains	Pequannock Borough Hall, 530 Newark Pompton Turnpike	8:20	4:30
	E4	Riverdale	Riverdale Council Service Center, 95 Newark Pompton Turnpike	8:35	4:20
Bus F	F1	Park Ridge	Ridgemont Shopping Center, 177 Kinderkamack Rd.	7:15	5:35

	F2	Washington Twp	Westwood Regional High School, 701 Ridgewood Rd.	7:35	5:20
	F3	Emerson	Stop & Shop Shopping Center, 354 Kinderkamack Rd. (near Quick Check)	7:50	5:05
	F4	Oradell	Oradell Health Care Center, 600 Kinderkamack Rd.	8:00	4:55
	F5	Paramus	Paramus Council Service Center, 300 Forest Ave.	8:10	4:45
Bus G	G1	Fort Lee	Fort Lee High School, 3000 Lemoine Ave. (parking lot in rear)	7:15	5:35
	G2	Englewood	Veterans Memorial Field/Depot square Park, 2-10 North Van Brunt Street	7:30	5:20
	G3	Teaneck	Thomas Jefferson Middle School, 655 Teaneck Rd.	7:45	5:05
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