



# What Parents Need to Know About Camp Jessie Bloom...

## Camp Location

Camp Jessie Bloom is held at Lost Lake camp, 58.5 miles south of Fairbanks on the Richardson Highway. The camp facilities are on a lovely campground in a spruce, aspen, and birch forest. Girls swim and canoe on the lake, hike on the trails, and observe the wildlife which include ducks, beavers, owls, red squirrels, and moose.

## Housing

Campers are divided into units according to their age. Specific sleeping accommodations are: Teddy Bear, GS Brownie Adventures, and GS Junior campers will be housed in cabins. Survivors will be housed in wall tents. A packing list will be included with a Welcome Packet mailed in May.



## Meals

The campers eat in the dining hall or in a special activity area for cookouts and campfires. The meals are planned with the girls' preferences and health in mind. Reasonable accommodations for special dietary needs can be negotiated with Program Director. Severe and/or multiple food allergies cannot be accommodated in our remote camp setting.



## Transportation

Transportation to and from camp is the responsibility of the parents. Directions will be provided once registration is completed.

## Camp Staff

Adults from various age groups are chosen as camp staff for their character, commitment to youth, love of the outdoors, and special skills. All receive training prior to the start of camp in the areas of first aid, safety, camper sensitivity, program planning with girls, teamwork, and much more. The ratio of staff to campers in a group is one counselor for every 10 campers.

## Special Needs

Camp is a remote and rugged environment. Reasonable accommodations may be made for certain medical needs. If your child has medical or emotional needs outside the scope of our ability to properly care for her, we reserve the right to send campers home at the camp director's discretion.



## Safety

Camp Jessie Bloom uses the "buddy" system 24 hours a day. Farthest North Girl Scout Council follows the guidelines established by Girl Scouts of the USA for safety of the site, in the programming, and with the campers. To ensure a safe and fun camp experience, please let the council know of any special needs or unusual circumstances such as a recent loss of a family member, medication that might alter moods, food allergies, and special diets. Please contact the Girl Scout Office to discuss them with the Camp Director and Executive Director. Our goal is to have a safe and enriching environment for all campers.

## Who can attend camp

All girls, including non-Girl Scouts, are welcome to our summer programs. 12 dollars will be added to the camp fee if the girl is not a registered Girl Scout member. This fee is the annual national membership due collected to support Girl Scouting activities. The fee will be added on the camp registration form.

## Camp Friends

Girls may want to attend camp with a special friend. Note this on the registration form. Efforts will be made to place the girls in the same cabin but this cannot be guaranteed.

## Camp Souvenirs

Fun & practical camp related items, such as stuffed animals and mess kits with dunk bags, are available at the council shop. Camp shirts will be distributed at camp. There is no camp shop so do not send money with your camper.



## **HEALTH FORM**

A health examination from a licensed physician, RN, PA, or Nurse Practitioner of your choice is **required**. A complete school or sport physical dated after August 8, 2008 may be valid. Also, if you have a physical on file from last summer it may be valid but **please call the office for confirmation**. If not, please use the included Health History and Health Exam Form. This form must be on file with the council before your daughter attends camp.

*The Tanana Valley Clinic Pediatrics Department (459-3520) will be offering Sports Physical Clinics. Look for the newspaper advertisement for times and cost. These appointments fill up quickly so make an appointment early! Interior Community Health Center (455-4567) will also offer Girl Scouts sports physicals for 40 dollars. Make an appointment early. **Please have the health history form completed prior to the exam and available for the physician.***