



Family/Scouts BSA 2019 Summer Camp FAQ

WELCOME EVERYONE TO 2019 GEC SUMMER CAMPS!

Arguably the most iconic feature of the Scouting program is annual Summer Camp. GEC prides itself on running outstanding programs for Cubs at Camp Lassen, and for Scouts BSA at both Camp Lassen and Camp Winton. All camps are well staffed, full of great activities and built on decades of tradition.

As you probably know, last year families were able choose to sign up their sons and daughters for Cub Scouts, in Kindergarten through 5th grade. GEC chartered partner organizations can choose to have a Pack that is either all boy, all girl, or a family pack where there are boy dens and girl dens. Cub Scout dens are single gender — all boys or all girls.

And, as of February 2019, the Boy Scout program name officially changed to Scouts BSA. Scouts BSA is single gender – all girl troops or all boy troops. GEC chartered organizations may choose to have an all boy troop and all girl troop “linked” with a common adult volunteer troop committee. This unique approach allows the organization to maintain the integrity of the single-gender model while also meeting the needs of today’s families.

So, with the full implementation of the Family Program this year, your sons *and* daughters can attend GEC Summer Camps! You probably have a lot of questions, but the good news is that there really isn’t too much change – other than we hope to be serving more youth this summer. Here are some Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: CAN CUB SCOUT AND SCOUT BSA GIRLS PARTICIPATE IN GEC SUMMER CAMPS THIS SUMMER?

Yes, all GEC Camps are open to both boys and girls – the sessions at both Lassen and Winton will be open to all.

Q: WHICH CAMPS WILL HAVE PROGRAM FOR GIRLS?

All GEC camps will have program for both girls and boys; the same program areas will be available to all Scouts.

Q: WILL SCOUTS BSA FEMALES BE ABLE TO WORK TOWARD EAGLE RANK AT CAMP?

Yes, Scouts BSA girls can participate in all merit badge programs putting them on the road to Eagle Scout rank.





Q: ARE THERE ANY PROGRAMS AT CAMP LASSEN OR CAMP WINTON THAT GIRLS CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN?

No, both Scouts BSA and Cub Scout girls can participate in ALL programs. If there are any age restrictions for a program, the same age restriction applies to both females and males.

Q: CAN “LINKED” UNITS JUST REGISTER AS ONE BIG UNIT FOR CAMP?

No. Although linked and possibly sharing leadership, boy and girl Scouts BSA units are separate units. Separate registrations will need to be set up for each unit and both will need to pay the registration deposit.

Q: OUR PACK IS STILL ALL BOYS. WILL THERE BE A SEPARATE WEEK AT CAMP FOR BOYS ONLY?

GEC is not scheduling a separate Cub Camp session for boys only. Packs that attend Camp will be there with both boys and girls from Packs all over the Council. We have always welcomed siblings at Cub Camp so we have had both genders at camp together for some time.

Q: WILL SCOUTS BSA FEMALES CAMP IN THE SAME CAMPSITES AS SCOUTS BSA BOYS?

Linked units will be able to share a campsite if they wish assuming there is enough space in the site.

Q: IF A CAMPSITE IS SHARED BY SCOUT BSA GIRLS AND BOYS, WILL THEY ALSO SHARE TENTS OR ADIRONDACKS?

No. It will be the responsibility of unit leadership to ensure youth protection guidelines are enforced within the campsite and behavior is monitored. Scout BSA girls and boys will sleep in separate accommodations. Each troop has the flexibility to arrange their camp as they see fit, however it is recommended that sleeping quarters be arranged so boys and girls sleep on separate ends of a campsite.

Q: WILL THERE BE CHANGES TO THE SHOWERS, LATRINES AND CHANGING AREAS AT THE CAMPS TO ACCOMMODATE GIRL CUB SCOUTS AND SCOUTS BSA FEMALES?

Basically, few changes are needed – remember, women leaders, female staffers and Venturers have been coming to our camps for decades, and the facilities are in place to support everyone.

