Swamp Camping & Paddle

with the Outdoor Adventure Interest Group

Event Date: November 1-3, 2024
Registration Deadline Date: October 25, 2024

Outdoor Adventure Interest Group (OAIG) is for Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts of GSNETX.

Where: Friday - Caddo Lake State Park, 245 Park Rd 2, Karnack TX 75661
Saturday - Starr Ranch at Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), 15600 Hwy 134, Karnack TX 75661

When: Friday, November 1 through Sunday, November 3, 2024
Arrive Friday night beginning at 6 PM; night paddle 8:00 PM
Leave/pick-up on Sunday by 10 AM

What: Tent camping at Caddo Lake (Mill Pond sites 049, 050, 051), night paddle at Caddo Lake State Park Friday evening around 8:00 PM.
Day paddle on paddling trails on flat water, starting at Mossy Brake Camp, going down the Cathedral Trail, to Turtle Shell, to Old Folks Playground trails, and ending at our campsite at Starr Ranch. Camping equipment will be moved for the paddlers by adult volunteers. This will be 4-5 miles of paddling, with additional paddling available depending on the group.

*Possible additional activity-stop during Saturday day paddle at Shady Glade to learn about what is being done to fight an invasive species, giant salvinia, and take a tour of a weevil greenhouse. If this is done, we would earn the Eco badges.

Skills: tent camping, paddling, outdoor cooking

Who: All C/S/A Girl Scouts that are comfortable paddling and exploring on the water.

Minimum: 2 Girl Scout paddling participants; **Maximum:** 20 paddlers and 2 instructors;
Open to Families: No

Camping Maximum: 24 campers combination of adult and girl attendees. Non-paddling adults will be responsible for moving gear for the group on Saturday.

*Max weight for single kayak is 250 lbs with equipment, combined max weight for canoe is 650 lbs with equipment

Accommodations: Tent camping. BYO Tent. Bathroom facilities and showers will be within walking distance of the campsite Friday night. Campsites have water but no electricity. At Starr Ranch Saturday, there is a single bathroom, water spigot but no electricity.

Meals: Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner and snack, Sunday breakfast

Cost: $86 for paddling Girl Scout and Adults; $33 non-paddling adult (will be expected to

move group gear on Saturday to new campsite)

Discount- $25 discount will be given to paddlers that bring their own kayak or canoe and paddles. **No blow up boats are allowed.**

Transportation: parent provided, possible car pools

Forms and Waivers: Girl Scout event permission form for high adventure activities, attached

Equipment: Tent, personal sleeping gear, personal clothing and toiletries. For paddling, quick dry clothing (no cotton), shoes that WILL get wet, dry bag to hold personal gear and lunch while paddling.

Those that will arrive in time for the night paddle need a headlamp, a flashlight to connect to the front of the boat and preferably a red light for the back of the boat.

Equipment provided: Kayak or canoe, paddles, life vest

Questions: Contact Paula Tefteller, 903-841-1577, itspaula@gmail.com

OAIG Swamp Camping & Paddle

OAIG Registration Process

Registration Deadline: 10/25/2024

1. Must be a registered member of OAIG for the 2024-2025 year
    - Complete membership form here https://forms.gle/7C8dvpX5swpTkRLp7

2. Submit online registration https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gsnetx-swamp-camping-paddle-at-caddo-lake-nov-1-3-2024-with-oaig-registration-989694632287

3. Submit payment. Payment can be made via Eventbrite when registering. You can also use Eventbrite Promo Code PAYOFFLINE and then send payment via PayPal Friends and Family to outdooradventureinterestgroup@gmail.com or Venmo to @laura-williams-273

4. Email the following to the event coordinator at itspaula@gmail.com:
    - GSNETX Event Permission Form

5. If not previously turned in for the 2024-2025 year, email the following to outdooradventureinterestgroup@gmail.com:

    - Any relevant adult training certifications (CPR/First Aid, TR302 Camping, etc.)
    - A screen shot of MyGS to show all attendees current registration status
    - Health History & Permission Forms
        - https://www.gsnetx.org/content/dam/gsnetx-redesign/documents/new-documents/forms/2023_safety_HealthHistory_Girl.pdf
        - https://www.gsnetx.org/content/dam/gsnetx-redesign/documents/new-documents/forms/safety_HealthHistory_Adult.pdf
        - https://www.gsnetx.org/content/dam/gsnetx-redesign/documents/new-documents/forms/FORMS_mem_GSNETXEventPermissionSlip.pdf

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Girl Scout Event Permission Slip

This form can be used in addition to the Girl Scout Troop Annual Permission Form whenever an activity is considered high adventure, will last more than 24 hours, or involves a sensitive issue. It can also be used by service units or event coordinators for collecting permission for specific activities.

Name of Girl Scout | Girl Scout Troop # | Name of Parent/Caregiver

Description of Activity: Swamp Camping & Paddle

Activity Cost: $86/paddler

Activity Date(s): Nov 1-3, 2024 Activity Location: Caddo Lake State Park, Starr Ranch in NWR

Departure Time and Location: Arrive after 6 PM Friday Return Time and Location: Depart 10 AM Sunday

Additional Information: See event flyer for full details

Yes	No	
○	○	**Permission for Trips & Activities:** I give permission for my child to participate in the activity or activities that I have listed and indicated above.
○	○	**Illness Acknowledgment:** I understand that my child may not participate in an in-person activity if they appear to be ill or have been ill within the past 3 days, including a fever of 99.6°F or greater. I further understand that if my child appears to be ill when they arrive at an activity or become ill during the activity, I may be asked to pick up my child early from the activity. I understand that in-person Girl Scout activities may be impacted by the illness. I also understand that no list of restrictions, guidelines, or practices will 100% remove the risk of exposure to communicable illness and agree that my Girl Scout will comply with any and all protocols set by GSNETX or the in-person activity location to limit risk as much as possible.
○	○	**Behavior Acknowledgment:** I understand that all Girl Scouts are expected to follow the Girl Scout Promise & Law during activities. I understand that volunteers and Girl Scouts should work together to set age-appropriate and activity-specific behavior expectations and I will help to reinforce these with my Girl Scout. I understand that if my Girl Scout is unable or unwilling to follow these expectations, additional steps to ensure their safety and participation in the future may be required, such as a parent/caregiver or family attending Girl Scout activities.
○	○	**Permission to Use Photographs:** I consent that photographs, videos, and/or audio recordings of my Girl Scout may be used and shared for public relations and publicity purposes, including GSNETX publications, social media, and various forms of media. I understand that last name or other identifying information will not be used for publicity purposes.
○	○	**Permission for Emergency Medical Treatment: I** understand that in the event of an emergency, every effort will be made to contact a parent/caregiver or emergency contact. If no contact can be made, I hereby give authorization to Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas to seek treatment for my child and/or dependent minor by a licensed physician. I know of no reason(s) why my child may not participate in prescribed activities except as noted on the Health History Form. If permission for emergency medical treatment is not given, please prepare a signed statement providing the reason and alternate instructions and return it to troop leadership with this form.
○	○	**Permission for Medication:** I understand that I must provide written permission for a First-Aider to administer any medication, supplement, or vitamin that my child may need. I understand that this written permission must include the name of the medication, supplement, or vitamin, the dosage, times and dates to be administered, and the reason it is needed. I understand that I must sign and date this written permission and give it to the First-Aider, along with the medication, supplement, or vitamin, which must be in the original container.
○	○	**For High Adventure Activities Only:** I understand that during high adventure activities, my child will be exposed to an above normal risk of injury. I understand that I am responsible for communicating to the leader and adult-in-charge about any needs that my child may have in regards to these activities. I sustain to the best of my knowledge that my child has the maturity, required skills, and physical ability to participate in these activities. I acknowledge that I can review high adventure guidelines in the GSNETX Safety Activity Checkpoints.
○	○	**For Sensitive Issue Activities Only:** I understand that during sensitive issues activities, my child will be exposed to issues and discussions that are, or could be, considered to be of a sensitive or controversial nature. I understand that I am responsible for communicating to the leader and adult-in-charge about any needs that my child may have in regards to these activities. I am confident of my child's maturity and ability to participate.

Signature of Parent/Caregiver | Date