



# Camp Together

## Information for parents and Girl Guides

*Please read carefully before registering to attend Camp Together*

It's been a long time since we have all been able to camp together... so let's make it happen at Camp Together at the end of the summer holidays!

There will be plenty of activities for Girl Guides to choose from to be **#EverythingSheWantsToBe**; opportunities for adults to grow their leadership skills; and the State Award Ceremony on Sunday afternoon. Day visitors will be invited to the Award Ceremony if unable to attend the full event.

**What:** State Camp and Award Ceremony for all Girl Guides in Victoria – an opportunity to come together and celebrate.

**Who:** All Girl Guides from Victoria aged 5–105

**When:** **Saturday 22 January – Tuesday 25 January 2022**

**Where:** Britannia Park Guide Campsite, Wesburn

### **Cost:**

#### *Youth members*

- \$250 for first Guide in family
- \$200 for any additional Guides in family

#### *Adult members:*

- \$150 for adults
- \$100 for Volunteers whose daughter is attending as a youth member

*To apply for a discount please email [stategathering@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:stategathering@guidesvic.org.au) before registration.*

**Register NOW:** <http://bit.ly/camptogether2021>

**Registrations MUST CLOSE at 11.59pm on Monday 6 December**

Any questions? Email [stategathering@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:stategathering@guidesvic.org.au) and a member of the team will be happy to assist.

Emergency contact during camp: Leader in Charge Dani Smith on 0428 592 320

## Sub-Camps:

- Indoor beds will be available for Girl Guides aged 5–6 and their Leaders – *limited places available*
- Outdoors in tents for Girl Guides & their Leaders. Girl Guides will be placed in sub-camps with their local Units and friends in the following age groups:
  - **aged 5–7**
  - **aged 7–10**
  - **aged 10–13**
  - **aged 13+**
- Outdoors in tents for adult Volunteers (including Trefoil Guild) attending without youth

## Available activities:

**Saturday** will be a fun day of getting settled into camp, followed by a round-robin of activities based on the Olympics and Survival Skills.

**Sunday** will be an opportunity to choose your own adventure for everyone! Once they get on the bus to camp, Girl Guides will select two activities out of:

- Canoeing
- Low ropes
- Challenge Valley
- Outdoor cooking
- Possum Flyer
- Robotics
- STEM activities
- Theatre Sports
- Hiking
- Pioneering
- Craft
- Photography
- Orienteering
- [WAGGGS Leadership Mindsets \(13+\)](#)
- Caving (13+)
- Plus lots more!

**Evening** activities will include an Opening Ceremony, whole-camp games, movie nights, catching up with friends... and LOTS of opportunities to sing campfire songs!

**Monday** morning will see Girl Guides exploring activities provided by our Regions, moving around these activities at their own pace. Activities will include pond dipping, making paracord bracelets, armpit fudge, a rope bridge... plus some surprises! Sunday afternoon will see the whole camp celebrating the achievement of our sisters in Guiding at the State Award Celebration.

## Transport options:

Buses will pick up Girl Guides and Volunteers from local pick-up points on Friday morning, and will drop back to the same location on Tuesday morning. Region buses will be supervised by Girl Guide Leaders, and additional information about times and locations will be provided closer to the event. Please note that you may have to drive to your bus departure hub.

Adult members who wish to drive can email [stategathering@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:stategathering@guidesvic.org.au) to request a car park. Please note that not all requests can be accommodated, as car parking is limited.

## Kit List

<i>Required</i>	<i>Description or notes</i>
<b>Bedding (in a bedroll, or packed neatly in a bag):</b>	
Sleeping mat	Foam or self-inflatable - NO 'lilos' or stretchers ( <i>not required if indoors</i> )
Sleeping bag	Quality, temperature rated sleeping bag
Small pillow	
Blanket	(optional) Wool is preferred
Inner sheet	(optional)
Tarp & rope	Even if not making a bedroll
<b>Clothes &amp; essentials (packed neatly in a bag):</b>	
Guide uniform	
Tops/t-shirts x4	With sleeves to stay sun smart
Pants/skirts/shorts x3	
Warm jumper x2	
Beanie/gloves/scarf	
Socks & underpants x5	
Old clothes & shoes	To get wet/muddy in!
Pyjamas	Warm
Toiletries	In a snap lock bag or toiletries bag: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- toothbrush and toothpaste</li> <li>- hairbrush and hair ties</li> <li>- pull-ups and/or sanitary pads if required</li> </ul>
Plastic bags	For wet/dirty clothes
Towel	
Small toy/Teddy	(optional) For bedtime only; named
<b>Small backpack containing:</b>	
Health Form	Will be emailed after registration; must be current <i>on the day of the event</i>
Any medication	In a snap lock bag, labelled with full name and dosage + management plan if required
Drink bottle	Minimum 600 mL
Waterproof jacket	With a hood, and recommended to be long enough to sit on!
Torch + spare batteries	
Personal First Aid Kit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- sunscreen</li> <li>- insect repellent</li> <li>- lip balm</li> <li>- band-aids</li> </ul>
Sun-hat	Wide-brimmed preferred
Sit-upon	A small square of thick plastic (e.g. bag or tarp), big enough to sit on
Book to read	(optional)

**Make sure everything is named and can be carried by yourself!**

## Health & First Aid

All qualified Girl Guide Leaders must have current First Aid and CPR. Each sub-camp will have a designated First Aider, overseen by the camp First Aider – Bella Fry-McBean. A Mental Health First Aider, Lilly Fry-McBean, will also be onsite to assist as required.

Girl Guides Victoria Volunteers rely on the information on a Girl Guide's profile on our database regarding medical, behavioural, emotional, and developmental support needs to plan staff ratios at events. Please ensure this information is up-to-date. The First Aid team will phone parents/guardians to discuss health or other needs prior to camp as needed.

### **All personal medication (except asthma puffers and Epipens) must be:**

- Handed in to your sub-camp First Aider (this includes pain killers like paracetamol and ibuprofen)
- In its original packaging in a snap-lock bag clearly labelled with: Guide's full name and dosage instructions
- Listed of the Health Form

### **Girl Guides Victoria Volunteers are not permitted to issue any medication to Girl Guides without the consent of their parent/guardian.**

If you have any questions or concerns about health & first aid at camp, including if you are worried about sleeping in a tent, please contact [stategathering@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:stategathering@guidesvic.org.au) as soon as possible to discuss. We will be happy to help!

## Mobile Phones and Other Devices

If phones or other devices are brought to camp, we recommend the following:

- When participating in activities, phones and devices are put away.
- Permission is always sought before photos are taken.
- All social media posts are made with respect to our Girl Guide Promise to "respect myself and others."

Please note that Girl Guides Victorian cannot take responsibility for the safekeeping of phones or other devices.

## Cancellation Policy

Please refer to the Girl Guides Victoria website and the event registration page for our cancellation policy.

We will monitor all rules and regulations issued by the Victorian Government regarding **COVID-19**. Please note that this may mean amending of cancelling Camp Together at very short notice. Significant changes to Camp Together, including event cancellation, will be communicated via email and phone, and circulated via social media. If the event is cancelled due to COVID-19, all participants will be issued a full refund.