



Camp Together

Information for Volunteers

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 beginning of the Easter school 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 9 – Tuesday 12 April 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 before registration.

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

Registrations MUST CLOSE at 11.59pm on Monday 7 March 2022

Any questions? Email 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 5-7 – *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:
 - **ages 5-9**
 - **ages 7-10**
 - **ages 10-13**
 - **ages 13+**
- Outdoors in tents for Olaves (aged 18-29) attending without youth
- Outdoors in tents for adult Volunteers (including Trefoil Guild) attending without youth
- Campervans parked onsite for adults attending without youth – *limited places available*

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 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! Over lunchtime the whole camp will celebrate the achievement of our sisters in Guiding at the State Award Celebration.

Monday will be an opportunity to choose your own adventure for everyone! Girl Guides will be able to participate in two of the following activities:

- Canoeing
- Low ropes
- Challenge Valley
- Outdoor cooking
- Possum Flyer
- Robotics
- STEM activities
- Theatre Sports
- Hiking
- Circus skills
- 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!

Training opportunities for Leaders:

- [WAGGGS Leadership Mindsets](#)
- Guiding for All
- S'more Guiding Traditions
- Be the Change
- Ceremonies for All Occasions
- Wide Games
- Flying the Flag
- Keep scrolling for more details!

Transport options:

Buses will pick up Girl Guides and Volunteers from local pick-up points on Saturday 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 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>
Bedding (in a bedroll, or packed neatly in a bag):	
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)
Fitted sheet	(<i>only for those sleeping indoors</i>)
Tarp & rope	Even if not making a bedroll
Clothes & essentials (packed neatly in a bag):	
Guide uniform	
Closed toed shoes x2	NO sandals
Tops/t-shirts x4	With sleeves to stay sun smart
Pants/skirts/shorts x3	
Warm jumper	
Beanie/gloves/scarf	(optional)
Socks & underpants x5	
Old clothes & shoes	To get wet/muddy in! Long pants and long sleeves are essential if you are aged 13+ and want to go caving
Pyjamas	
Toiletries	In a snap lock bag or toiletries bag: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - toothbrush and toothpaste - hairbrush and hair ties - pull-ups and/or sanitary pads if required
Plastic bags	For wet/dirty clothes
Towel/Face washer	
Small toy/Teddy	(optional) For bedtime only; named
Small backpack containing:	
Health Form	Will be emailed after registration; must be current <i>on the day of the event</i>
Any medication	In its original packaging in a snap lock bag, labelled with full name and dosage + management plan if required
Snack to eat on the bus	
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"> - sunscreen - insect repellent - lip balm - band-aids
Sun-hat	Wide-brimmed preferred
Sit-upon	A small square of thick plastic (e.g. bag or tarp), big enough to sit on
Pocket money	(optional) To spend at the Guide Shop!
Book to read	(optional)
Camera or smart phone	(optional) You'll need this if you want to do the photography activity at camp!

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

Please note that there will be no power to charge electronics. Any electronics brought to camp will be at the Guides' own risk. No secure storage is available.

Health & First Aid

All qualified Girl Guide Leaders 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 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.

Additional Information for adults attending Camp Together

Please note: Camp Together is a drug-free, smoke-free, and alcohol-free event.

Accommodation for adult Volunteers

Girl Guide Leaders and Volunteers attending with Girl Guides from their Unit or District will be expected to sleep in a sub-camp with youth members. Where possible, Volunteers will be camping with other adults and girls from their local area. You will have the opportunity to select your preferred age-group when you register.

It is expected that the majority of adults attending Camp Together will be **sleeping outside in a tent or a swag**. If you are attending without youth members and would like to take one of our 10 campervan spots, please indicate on registration. Contact stategathering@guidesvic.org.au with any questions.

Roles at camp

To keep things running smoothly, everyone will be expected to pitch in! On registration you'll have the opportunity to indicate your preference for a role at camp.

Roles for the full event:

- **Sub-camp Leader in Charge (LIC):** must have relevant camping qualifications; will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of one of our sub-camps
- **Sub-camp First Aider:** responsible for the health and wellbeing of Girl Guides, including issuing medication when required
- **Sub-camp General Helper:** assist the LIC and First Aider as required with various sub-camp tasks, including helping Girl Guides get to and from activities

Roles for 2-4 hours per day each day:

- **Activity support:** assisting with whole camp activities
- **QM (cooking) support:** assisting the Central Quarter Master team with ensuring everyone gets fed
- **First Aid support:** assisting with health and well being tasks as required
- **Works & Service support:** assisting with the logistics of keeping a big camp going – including fetching, carrying, and cleaning
- **General support:** helping out wherever you're needed!
- **Inclusion Space support:** assisting our Inclusion & Diversity Team to make Camp Together a welcoming experience for everyone

Training

We want our Leaders to have the opportunity to be **#EverythingSheWantsToBe** as well! There will be a number of training activities for you to choose from while at Camp Together, including sessions to grow your leadership skills for both Girl Guiding and beyond. *More information about the training available is on the next page!*

Training Opportunities

1	Guiding for All!
	What makes your Unit, District, or Region a happy place? A place where girls feel welcome and safe; a place where girls can grow. The place they want to be and feel free to be themselves. This workshop will help you to create a Guiding atmosphere that is inclusive to all. Make Girl Guides the highlight of their week – and yours!
2	S'more Guiding Traditions
	What are they? Are they evolving? Which ones will continue into the future? Including Guiding Traditions in your everyday Guide Program will ensure that today's Guides will share in the magic of the past, and will connect with their sisters of today from around Victoria, Australia, or the world.
3	Be the Change (Advocacy)
	A fun and engaging workshop to help you learn how to join with millions of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world who are creating social change through community action. This session will offer practical suggestions to help girls amplify their voice and influence change for a better world.
4	Ceremonies for All Occasions
	Girl Guides (and their Leaders and Managers) do love their ceremonies! Promise Ceremonies, 'Going Up Ceremonies', badge presentations, peak achievement Award Ceremonies for Girl Guides, and Award Presentations for Leaders. Learn how to make these special occasions extra 'special' and memorable.
5	Wide Games
	Girl Guides of all ages love to participate in a Wide Game. Discover themes and elements to incorporate and learn how to give your Wide Games the WOW factor. From a Unit activity to a Region day, Leaders and Managers attending this workshop will learn how to plan their next Wide Game.
6	Flying the Flag
	Are you comfortable that you are following the correct protocols when using flags at Guide meetings or other Guiding events? Would you like to introduce your Guides to colour ceremonies or a variety of horseshoe formations? Come along to this workshop to learn all you need to know.
7	WAGGGS Leadership Mindsets
	This interactive workshop will introduce you to the six WAGGGS Leadership Mindsets and how to apply them to further develop your leadership in Guiding as well as other aspects of life.