

Scouts BSA Girls at Summer Camp

The Atlanta Area Council is excited to welcome female Scouts at both Woodruff and Bert Adams Scout Camps. To ensure that all Scouts have the best possible experience, all female youth Scouts BSA attending summer camp must be a registered part of a female Troop attending camp with sufficient adult supervision. Thus a Scouts BSA male Troop cannot bring female Scouts with them and a female Troop cannot bring male Scouts with them.

Camp management will work with Troop leadership regarding campsite assignments to assist linked Troops who wish to share a campsite. However, each Troop must have sufficient adult supervision.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Can Scouts BSA female Troops be combined with Scouts BSA male Troops into a “camp unit”?

Answer: No. Program integrity requires single gender units. For details on unit leadership requirements, review the Barriers to Abuse.

Question: What are the unit leadership requirements?

Answer: Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth. Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age- and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided. ([Youth Protection and Barriers to Abuse FAQs](#))

All adults accompanying a Scouting unit who are present at the activity for 72 total hours or more must be registered as leaders. The 72 hours need not be consecutive.

Question: Are there guidelines for swimwear?

Answer: Appropriate attire is required for all activities. BSA’s National Aquatics Subcommittee recommends: Swimsuits should be comfortable, functional and modest. For males, swim trunks or board shorts are appropriate. Modest tankinis or one-piece swimsuits for females. Inappropriate swimwear includes swim briefs or swim bottoms short enough to allow exposure and bikinis.

Question: Can a parent bring their daughter to camp with their son’s Troop?

Answer: No. Program integrity requires single gender units.

Question: What if female Scouts BSA want to attend summer camp but insufficient adult leadership is available from the Troop?

Answer: The Atlanta Area Council encourages small Troops to merge when attending summer camp, so they can provide the adult leadership for their Scouts. Another option is the Atlanta Area Council provisional program for both male and female Scouts where individual Scouts are placed in a male or female Troop for their summer camp experience.