



## Summer Camp at Camp Cedar Point FAQs

### Why have Camp Cedar Point summer camp sessions been eliminated?

Our council relies on proceeds from Girl Scout Cookie Program to provide council programs and services to girls across our 59 counties. In spite of the enthusiasm and efforts of our girls, our Cookie Sales are unfortunately down this year.

As we pledge to maintain the quality and availability of the Girl Scout Leadership Program for our girls we must streamline and reduce council expenses. Therefore, we are inviting our Camp Cedar Point girls to check out Kamp Kiwani and Camp Tik-a-Witha this summer so that we can reduce the expenses of operating a third summer camp.

### Why Camp Cedar Point?

With only 7 days of summer camp being offered at Camp Cedar Point this summer, it was decided that eliminating those two summer camp sessions would be the least disruptive to the summer camp schedule.

### Are you closing Camp Cedar Point?

No. We are not closing Camp Cedar Point. Due to the decline in council income we are not offering summer camp sessions at Camp Cedar Point this year.

Camp Cedar Point will be available to troops, groups and service units for camping this summer. You can contact Suzanne Forsythe, Outdoor Program Specialist, 800.624.4185 or [suzanne.forsythe@girlscoutshs.org](mailto:suzanne.forsythe@girlscoutshs.org) for reservations.

We will continue to offer council programs at Cedar Point in the spring and fall just as we always have.

In addition, we are partnering with another youth serving organization to rent out Camp Cedar Point during the month of July.

### Where will my daughter go to camp?

If you or your troop were planning on registering at Camp Cedar Point, please contact Myra Collins, Director of Outdoor Leadership Experience at 800.624.4185, [myra.collins@girlscoutshs.org](mailto:myra.collins@girlscoutshs.org) and she will be able to help you select another summer camp session at Camp Tik-A-Witha or Kamp Kiwani.

Between Camp Tik-A-Witha and Kamp Kiwani, there are 11 summer camp sessions, offering 68 fun filled programs. From hiking, crafting, singing, swimming and everything in between we are confident your daughter will have a great experience at one of these two camps.

Camp registration opens on Monday, March 14 and you can register online this year!  
<http://www.girlscoutshs.org/camps>

### **Doesn't the council care about camp?**

We are very committed to serving every girl in the Heart of the South jurisdiction. We are also very committed to our outdoor programming and this is why we are working diligently to add programs to Camp Tik-A-Witha and Kamp Kiwani to provide a *"Summer Better than Others"*.

### **How big of a decline in Cookies?**

The council's overall income is projected to be down 25 %, with product sales constituting nearly 19% of this overall decrease.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program provides significant revenue support for council programming, so we are forced to evaluate and eliminate some programming due to this decrease.

We are continuing to fundraise and reach out to community partners to narrow this gap, but 19% will be difficult to overcome.

### **I thought Cookie Sales were going well this year.**

As we shared previously, we had a significant decline in overall pre-sales and many troops across the council have been reporting slower than usual sales.

To combat slow sales we increased our media presence, reached out to community partners, service unit managers and troop leaders asking for their help.

The decline in sales is also why we offered the option to extended cookie sales by one week.

### **We worked so hard selling cookies.**

Thank you, your parents, and especially the girls for doing such a great job this year. Your time and work are greatly and sincerely appreciated. With your continued support, we will work through this together and have a stronger council for girls.