

ASHGROVE ADVENTURE 2024

Aide-in-Training Application

Secrets and Spies

WHEN: June 24 – July 3, 2024, an 8-day camp

TIME: Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Camp Crowell, Oakton VA

GRADE/AGE: Completed 7th or 8th grade in 2024

COST: \$290.00 payable when you register through GSCNC. Financial aid is available through GSCNC. Please contact the Customer Care group for guidance.

AIT Important Dates:

- June 24 - July 3, eight days of camp
- AITs participate in camp overnight on June 27th
- AITs pre-camp overnight training session June 22-23
- AITs field trip on July 2, during regular camp hours

If you are unable to attend any of these, please indicate at the end of the application. Applicants who can attend all dates, will be given priority. We understand unexpected and certain appointments may happen.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Selection as an AIT will be based on the maturity, application detail, and readiness to work with younger campers as expressed in the application, and by your references. **References cannot be a family member.**
- Answers should include specific details, not generalizations. Answers that are service oriented are expected. Answers should be completed by the applicant.
- Unit size is limited to 12.
- Completing the GSCNC Camp Aide training, having been to camp in the past, or having a parent on staff does not give you priority as an AIT applicant.

All girls should register for the Older Girl unit; the AIT unit will not be displayed in the GSCNC Camp registration as an option.

Being an AIT at Ashgrove Adventure is a privilege and a commitment that begins with the first training and ends with cleanup on the last day. ***The more you put into camp, the more you will get out of it.***

Questions? Call the Camp Directors:

(Buzzy) Suzy Miller 703-403-8835 or (Hawk) William Perry 571-402-5334

Return application form as soon as possible,

but it **MUST** be postmarked no later than **February 14, 2024.**

Notification of placement and more details will be sent by March 1, 2024.

Must Use USPS Mail To:

Suzy Miller
26117 Iverson Dr
South Riding, VA 20152

What Will Be Expected of Me as an AIT?

Attend all days at camp.
Work with campers and adults.
Be on time and prepared.
Ask for help.
Be more concerned about how the campers feel than about how you feel.
Do tasks that you don't know how to do or don't want to do.
Research games, songs and crafts to teach to campers.
Plan and participate in a flag retirement ceremony.
Help with cookouts – remember camp skills?
Participate in all training.
Be ready to change what you are doing at a moment's notice.
Lead a group of girls or boys.
Work with other AITs.
Be willing to try something new and then teach it to someone else.
Follow camp rules.

Training For Aides-in-Training

All training sessions will be held at Camp Crowell, off Justin Knoll Road, Oakton. Our training is designed to:

- Familiarize you with the way our camp operates.
- Provide you with information about the theme that you can use in planning your part of the program.
- Introduce you to skills you can use to make your experience at camp a success for you and the campers.

AITs Training and Prep:

Saturday, June 22 – Sunday, June 23, 2024

Specific times of attendance to be sent in paperwork after acceptance.

Optional Ashgrove Training:

Ashgrove Adventure New Camp Aide Training April 21, 2024, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at Firefly Lodge, Camp Crowell. Bring a drink, snack, pen & paper for note taking and wear camp appropriate clothes.

Girl Scout Award and Recognition Opportunities

The Girl Scout program gives you many ways to recognize your volunteer effort at Ashgrove Adventure. Some of your choices are listed below. Many of them require that you complete other activities on your own before coming to camp. All require that you document what you have done. Your troop leader can help you decide what is best for you. Your unit leaders are available to assist, but the choice and the responsibility for making it work are yours alone!

Cadette Community Service Bar

Cadette Service to Girl Scouting Bar

Silver Trefoil Award

In addition, your day camp work qualifies as the summer G.S. activity needed as the last requirement for the Bridge to Seniors.

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Name _____

Primary phone (____) _____ - _____ the email is mine ☐ my family's ☐

Email address _____ the address is mine ☐ my family's ☐

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Birth date ____/____/____ Current grade _____ Current school _____

Girl Scout Experience

Registered Girl Scout? Yes ____ No ____ Association/Service Unit _____

22-23 troop # _____ 23-24 troop # _____

Have you been to Ashgrove Adventure summer camp before? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, number of years as a Daisy _____ Brownie _____ Fly _____ Junior _____ Older Girl _____

Qualifications for AITs

A separate page may be included to write your answers. *Please include specific details and examples. For example, "I like to babysit" is too general. Instead, "I volunteer at my Service Unit's meetings every other month and lead planned activities for 5-7 children. I sometimes plan the crafts." is much better.*

1. What experience do you have working with groups of children?

2. What leadership skills would you like to learn?

3. Describe your special skills/knowledge (singing, playing an instrument, craft skills, camping experience, storytelling, dance, naturalist, science) that are valuable at camp.

4. What administrative skills (paperwork, presentation skills, work well with others, research skills, like to plan or organize) do you have? Please provide specific details and examples.

5. What Girl Scout camping skills do you have? How often does your troop camp?

6. Are there any physical or medical concerns that we should be aware of. This will not impact our decision.
7. Why do you want to volunteer as an Aide-in-Training at Ashgrove Adventure?
8. What do you think of this year's theme for Ashgrove Adventure?
9. What GSCNC recognitions will you have earned by June?

10. What recognition(s) would you like to earn as an AIT?

11. How can you help your AIT unit build camaraderie during camp?

Please check each box to indicate that you will be planning to attend that activity:

- ☐ The entire eight days of camp, June 24 – July 3, 2024.
- ☐ The camp overnight on June 27th.
- ☐ The pre-camp overnight training session June 22–23.
- ☐ The field trip on July 2, during regular camp hours.

By signing below, I indicate that I followed the Girl Scout Promise and Law, and all information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

References

All applicants need to list the name, email, and phone of two adult references, **one** of whom may be your troop leader and neither of whom should be related to you. If you were an Older Girl at Ashgrove, one reference should be a leader of your unit. Please alert your references to be on the lookout for an email from ashgrovedirectors@gmail.com.

Reference 1:

Name _____

Email _____ Phone (____) ____-_____

Reference 2:

Name _____

Email _____ Phone (____) ____-_____