

girl scouts
of western ohio



Camp Whip Poor Will



Camp Champ Patch Program

Camp Whip Poor Will Extension

How to Earn the Extension:

- Earn the Camp Champ main patch. Requirements can be found at gsw.org/camp
- Option 1 “Stay at Camp” is mandatory to earn the extension. Reserve your campsite at gsw.org
- Complete two additional options of your choosing
- Once complete, patches and the extensions can be purchased at any GSWO Shop
- Try to earn all 6 extensions!

1. **Stay the Night** - Plan an overnight at Whip Poor Will. Pick a unit based on your group’s comfort and experience.

Beginner: Choose to stay in one of Camp Whip Poor Will’s lodges: Evergreen, Towhee, Cookie House, or Troop House. Lodges are indoor buildings with all the comforts of home.

Intermediate: Choose to stay in one of the Cabin units: Beechwood, Fernwood, Treehouses or Cedar Trails. Cabin units have individual sleeping cabins with latrines, a pavilion, and a fire circle nearby.

Advanced: Choose to stay in a Platform Tent Unit: Aspen, Knoll, Sassafras or Sherwood. Platform Tent Units consist of platform tents that sleep four and have a latrine, pavilion, and fire circle nearby.

2. **Hike a trail** - Explore the backwoods of Camp Whip Poor Will and discover all the natural wonder of camp. (Trail list included on back)

Beginner: Hike 1 trail, Intermediate: Hike 2 trails, Advanced: Hike 3 trails

3. **Outdoor & Education Program Opportunities** - Sign up for archery, backpacking, badge workshops and many other sessions at Camp Whip Poor Will. Sessions are hosted in the fall and spring of each year and cost varies by program. Check out gsw.org for opportunities and availability.

4. **Visit the Pond** - Go fishing, paddling or exploring at the pond. Learn more about what organisms might be in and around the pond.

5. **Service Project** - As Girl Scouts, we always leave a place better than we found it. Doing a service project at camp can be as easy as:

- Maintaining the camp trails by picking up brush and removing invasive species
- Collecting firewood for each of the fire circles
- Pick up trash in the fields
- For other service project ideas contact the Camp Ranger



Camp Whip Poor Will Hiking Trails

Camp Whip Poor Will has several hiking trails that can be enjoyed around camp. Trails vary in difficulty and are listed below from least to most difficult.

Please use the descriptions to select the right one for your troop.

Girl Scouts of Western Ohio encourages campers and hikers to Leave No Trace: Take all trash with you, leave what you find, stay on the main trail.

Nature Trail

One part of this loop is trail and the other is a gravel road. Trail leads to the creek and exploration station activities.

Harper's Run Trail

Start at the Tree Houses and descend to the creek. Turning right, follow the winding trail along the creek. Sometimes walking through more washout than trail, keep going until the trail turns to head back up to camp. Trail exits onto road between Cedar Trails and Fernwood.

South Camp Trail

Follow the nature trail down across the creek, and up the road to where the trail cuts into the woods on the right. Follow the ridge, eventually working your way down to the creek. Just before the main creek, cross a side creek and head back up hill to continue hiking. Eventually descend back down to the creek a second time in a different location. This time cross over and head up the trail, exiting at Sassafras Unit.

If you enjoy hiking and want to earn medallions from each camp, check out the Hiker Challenge patch program for details found at gsw.org.

