

2024-2025 Never the Same Weekend Guide

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Never the Same Weekend

Are you ready for an extraordinary camping experience tailored to your service unit’s needs? Never the Same Weekend is exactly what you’ve been looking for!

With Never the Same Weekends (NTSW), service units host a 24-hour camping experience at Trefoil Ranch. Service units can provide all their own meals and programming or contract with our Outdoor Program Team.

New for the 2025 Membership Year, you can request for council to handle registrations, even if you don’t contract with us for meals or programs.

There are lots of new things in store, and we can’t wait to share an unforgettable season with all of you!

Find and Reserve Dates

Reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis. One person from the service unit team registers for one of the dates below. Service units are welcome to register for a Fri.-Sat. and a Sat.-Sun. session the same weekend.

Registration opens April 15, 2024.

Friday-Saturday	Saturday-Sunday
September 6-7, 2024	September 7-8, 2024
September 20-21, 2024	September 21-22, 2024
October 18-19, 2024	
November 1-2, 2024	
November 15-16, 2024	
November 22-23, 2024	
January 10-11, 2025*	
January 31-February 1, 2025	
April 11-12, 2025	April 12-13, 2025
May 2-3, 2025	May 3-4, 2025
September 5-6, 2025	September 6-7, 2025
September 12-13, 2025**	September 13-14, 2025**
September 19-20, 2025	September 20-21, 2025
September 26-27, 2025	September 27-28, 2025
<i>Reservations run from 3:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.</i>	

**Great option to combine with a Cookie Rally!*

***No Program/Meal Packages available due to other outdoor programming scheduled the same weekend.*

Facilities

Lodge, Ranch House, and Bunkhouse are included in the \$250 registration fee (24-hour experience). Cabins can be reserved in May and September for an additional \$50 per cabin. *Trefoil Ranch is a multi-use facility. Other Girl Scout groups may be on-site during your NTSW.*

Program and Meal Service Options

GSU provides three levels of meal and program service options for NTSW events. For the Full Support or Basic Support packages, service units must contact the Outdoor Program team via info@gsutah.org at least eight (8) weeks prior to their event.

GSU Full Support*

The service unit contracts with GSU to provide three meals and two snacks, campfire and evening activities the first night, and four hours of programming on day two for \$60 per person. *Min. of 30 people.*

**The \$250 registration fee is waived and applied to the program fee balance when service units select the GSU Full Support option.*

Meals and Snacks

Dinner: tacos, rice, beans, salad bar, s'mores with campfire

Breakfast: French toast sticks, bacon, scrambled eggs, fruit, coffee, milk

Lunch: chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, fruit, salad bar

Snacks: 2 snacks will be provided the second day

Programming

STEM Program Option plus an Adventure Activity (optional)

OR

Art Program Option plus an Adventure Activity (optional)

Refer to the Program Details section below for more information.

The service unit's NTSW lead volunteer is strongly encouraged to connect with the outdoor program team during the planning stage of their NTSW to discuss programming in more detail.

GSU Basic Support

The service unit contracts with GSU to provide three simple meals and three hours of programming on day two for \$45 per person. *Min. of 30 people.*

Meals

Dinner: spaghetti, vegetable, canned fruit, cookies

Breakfast: muffins, hard boiled eggs, yogurt bar, cereal, coffee, milk

Lunch: deli sandwiches, chips, applesauce

Programming

STEM Program Option plus an Adventure Activity (optional)

Refer to the Program Details section below for more information.

The service unit's NTSW lead volunteer is strongly encouraged to connect with the outdoor program team during the planning stage of their NTSW to discuss programming in more detail.

Service-Unit Led

The service unit is responsible for the entire NTSW event including programming and meal service.

Service units wanting to add volunteer-facilitated archery, low ropes, and/or snowshoeing need to connect with the outdoor program team to discuss options. Additional fees apply.

Program Details

STEM Program Option

By selecting the STEM program option, participants will do a variety of activities from the two program descriptions below.

Cardboard Gliders

Have you ever wondered how planes fly? Create and decorate your own cardboard glider and learn the basic mechanics and physics of how planes and birds fly. Test your glider and see how far it can go, learn to make adjustments, and see if it flies farther!

Daisys will work on their Craft and Tinker badge, Brownies will work on their Mechanical Engineering-Fling Flyer badge, Juniors will work on their Craft and Tinker badge, and Seniors will work on their Sky badge.

Modern Figures

Have you ever wondered how astronauts got to the moon, or how it was made possible? Learn from history, about the amazing women who helped make the moon landing possible and discover current female NASA scientists who are developing innovative solutions to help get to Mars. Get inspiration to start your own career in space exploration! Receive your own modern figures journal, reenact the phases of the moon, and paint your own moon phase painting! *All levels will work towards their STEM Career Exploration badge.*

Art Program Option

By selecting the Art program option, participants will do a variety of activities from the two program descriptions below.

Insect Motel

Insects are an important part of our ecosystem, and we can help them thrive! Learn how they help us enjoy some of our favorite things, and how we can learn to live in harmony. Create and decorate your own Insect Motel for your outdoor space, home garden, or community garden. *Daisys will work on their Create and Innovate badge, Brownies will work on their Bugs badge, and Juniors will work on their Create and Innovate badge.*

Textile Arts

Tie Dye, embroidery, batik, stamping and sewing! Textile arts are part of our everyday life and can be a beautiful piece of functional art. Choose one or two mediums to create your masterpiece! Program staff will work with groups prior to arriving at camp to determine which mediums will be used; please have a group consensus on which two mediums. *Daisys and Juniors will work on their Art and Design badge, and Seniors will work on their Textile Artist badge.*

Adventure Activity Options

Service units selecting GSU Basic Support or GSU Full Support have the option of including an adventure activity with their programming. All activities are weather dependent. In the event of inclement weather, GSU will have a back-up program activity available for your service unit.

Archery

Archery is an exciting sport that takes strength, focus, good form, and practice. Get ready to challenge yourself as you build your archery skills and shoot at Trefoil Ranch's Archery Range. Brownies and above participate in traditional archery activities; Daisies will receive comparable program instruction. *Cadettes will work on some of the requirements for the Archery Badge. Offered only during non-winter months; weather dependent.*

High Ropes Course

Check back August 1 for details.

Offered only during non-winter months; weather dependent.

Low Ropes Course

Do you like participating in challenges that require you to tap into your creative side? Come on down to the Low Ropes Course! The team challenges will require brain power and strength! Discover how problem-solving and communication skills are rock-star qualities when it comes to working together and being successful! *Brownies will work on some of the requirements for the Making Friends badge and Outdoor Adventure badge.*

Offered only during non-winter months; weather dependent.

Snowshoeing

Join us for an activity that allows us to experience all of winter's beauty: snowshoeing. We will learn about some of the types of snowshoes that have been used and then strap on our own snowshoes to hike the trails. While you're on the trails be sure to look for animal tracks and other signs of wildlife. *Daisies will work on some of the requirements for the Snow or Climbing Adventure badge. Brownies will work on some of the requirements for the Outdoor Adventure badge.*

Offered only during winter months; weather dependent.

Participant Registration

Service units can do their own participant registration or have GSU set up their participant registration in UltraCamp or myGS. To request GSU support with registration, email info@gsutah.org.

If GSU Full Support or GSU Basic Support services are used, registration must close three Mondays prior to the NTSW. This allows GSU time to adjust scheduling and staffing as needed based on participant numbers, girl and adult numbers, and program levels.