

GIRLFest 2027 FAQs▼

Have questions about GIRLFest 2027? Review these FAQs to find an answer!

1. What are the check-in and check-out times for GIRLFest?

The 2027 GIRLFest is to occur 6/20/27 – 6/25/27. Check-in will be staggered from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday and check-out will occur from 6 to 10 a.m. on Friday.

2. Where will GIRL Fest take place?

GIRLFest 2027 will take place at ACE Adventure Resort, located in the heart of the New River Gorge in Southern WV (about 19 miles north of Beckley, WV off U.S. Route 19.) The address for the resort is 1 Concho Road, Oak Hill, WV 25901.

Find more information about ACE Adventure Resort [here](#).

3. What is the process for receiving the tax exemption status for this event?

To remove the WV Sales Tax from your reservation with ACE Adventure Resort, you will need to submit a “Streamlined Sales Tax Agreement, Certificate of Exemption”. You will receive that form from ACE as part of the reservation process.

4. What are the Package options available for the event?

There are 3 proposed registration options:

- Troop/Group Registration: Girls attend with their adult chaperones in proper girl-to-adult safety ratio. Minimum age is rising fifth grade Juniors through twelfth grade Ambassadors. This option includes: five nights of camping and meals with three high adventure activities, plus four days waterpark access and Girl Scout program activities.
- Partial Week Registration will be available for rising third grade Brownies and older! Check-in is Sunday, June 20, 2027 and check-out is Tuesday, June 22, 2027. All registration and fees for this event will be through the Girl Scouts of Black Diamond registration portal.
- *New for 2027* GIRLFest 2.0- Choose Junior River Guide or Junior Firefighter and take a full day raft trip, experience career readiness either in the woods or in the river, and take a course on Forestry Forensics. There is one registration link process for this camp option for Seniors and Ambassadors, ages 14 years old and up. Wilderness First Aid is a pre-requisite.

5. What do you mean when you talk about being in proper Adult-to-Girl ratio?

The following listing is the recommended minimum number of adults needed to chaperone during GIRLFest per number of girls attending. If you have a multi-grade level group attending, then default to the youngest grade level ratios in attendance.

Adult Supervision.

The adult-to-girl ratio is two non-related adults, including one female, for every:

- 12 Girl Scout Brownies (partial week camp option only)
- 16 Girl Scout Juniors
- 20 Girl Scout Cadettes
- 24 Girl Scout Seniors
- 24 Girl Scout Ambassadors

There should be one extra adult for every additional:

- 1-6 Girl Scout Brownies (partial week camp option only)
- 1-8 Girl Scout Juniors
- 1-10 Girl Scout Cadettes
- 1-12 Girl Scout Seniors
- 1-12 Girl Scout Ambassadors

Note: Remember, you might want extra adults to be able to chaperone the girls on the adventure trips that they choose to sign up for (ACE Adventure Resort will not let the girls on a trip without adequate chaperones) and extras to provide chaperone breaks over this multi-day experience.

6. What does the Girl Scout Program fee cover that is included in the packages?

- Shuttle bus transportation for the event.
- Girl Scout opportunities:
 - Girl Scout badge workstation activities
 - Special program vendor opportunities
 - Special Girl Scout social functions scheduled in the evenings

- A small snack is provided midafternoon.
- GIRL Fest commemorative event patch
- Girl Scout Badge(s) (if they earn the requirements at the station) and/or special participant patches.

7. What is the non-refundable deposit and Payment Policy for the Multi-Day Event?

All deposits for Girl Scouts of Black Diamond programming fees are non-refundable.

Registration and deposits for the Black Diamond Council are due March 1, 2027.

After March 1, 2027, up-to 50% of event fee is available for refund if cancelled.

After April 30, 2027, no payments made toward the final balance will be refunded.

Per ACE Adventure Resort policy, ACE will not refund any activity or lodging upgrade deposits, and will not refund any payments made after April 30, 2027. However, depending on the situation, ACE will consider issuing a "raincheck" that your troop or single girl can use at a later date.

Final balances for the reservation through Ace Adventure are due April 30, 2027.

Participants may make payments toward their final bill as often as they would like to ACE Adventure Resort up until the final deadline of April 30, 2027.

8. What other costs and fees are added to the reservation package?

The New River Gorge National River and Gauley River Recreational Area are permitted recreation areas by the National Park Service and regulated by the Department of Natural Resources. A \$5/person, per activity Resource Use Fee is applied to each reservation.

Guide gratuities are not included in the reservation pricing. They are not required, but always appreciated.

Note: Food staff gratuities for the meals offered at the Girl Scout Mountain Top West tent area are included in the fees.

9. My independent Girl Scout/Juliette would like to plan to attend. I do not see an "I-Girl" option this year.

Girl Scouts who are not registered as part of a troop have several options for participating in GIRLFest 2027.

These Girl Scouts can

- Find a troop near them that is attending and ask to tag-a-long! This is a great way to make new friends and possibly find a new troop to join.
- I-Girls can camp with their special adult. If the special adult would like to register as a camper, they can be considered the chaperone for this event, and participate in all the activities alongside our friends. All adults attending must be a current registered Girl Scout adult member with a successful criminal background check at the time of their event registration, and also at the time of the event.

10. Only my daughter and one other girl from the troop are interested in attending. Would we be allowed to register for GIRL Fest, since we are not in the proper minimum recommended girl/adult safety ratios?

Participants are strongly encouraged to attend as part of a larger troop or group with at least the minimum number of adults to girl ratio as specified in the Safety Activity Checkpoints. That way, you all can best determine which adults will be attending certain trips that girls have signed up for. In addition, the adults can be able to take turns being on chaperone duty during GIRLFest.

10. When is the final payment due?

Once you have made your required deposit, final payments are due in full to Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council by March 1, 2027. Any reservations made on or around March 1, 2027 will need to be paid in full with Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council.

11. What if I am not able to attend the event, but I have made a reservation?

ALL DEPOSITS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. This applies to any deposits that were paid to either Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council or ACE Adventure Resort. Cancellations made prior to March 1, 2027 will receive a full refund minus the non-refundable deposits and 10% administrative fee on payments made to Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council.

Cancellations made after April 30, 2027 will not receive a refund of any fees paid to ACE Adventure Resort. Rather, ACE Adventure Resort may provide a

"raincheck" for the reserved activities not including the deposit. This is up to the discretion of the agents with ACE Adventure Resort.

No transfers, trades or swaps for registration will be permitted.

11. Is ACE open to the public during GIRLFest 2027?

ACE will remain open to the public during the event for their general activities. However, Girl Scout camping and event spaces are separate from the general public.

Generally, the public will not be allowed to attend half-day and rafting activities that contain Girl Scout members.

ACE has security personnel at the waterpark from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and 24/7 throughout the resort. There are a limited number of cameras monitoring the main parking lot at the resort.

All activities will have a certified guide who have received criminal background checks.

The waterpark will remain open to the public during the event. However, the waterpark is gated, and no one can enter without a wristband and signing a waiver/liability form with ACE.

Prior to entering the lake, each person receives a personal flotation device (PFD). No one can enter the lake without going through the PFD station. No one can exit the gate without turning in their PFD.

Troops/groups must remain in proper adult-to-girl ratio when they are not at their scheduled activities.

Anyone under the age of 18, and Girl Scout members who are 18 but still in their final Girl Scout membership year, must have an adult with them during ACE guided trip/activities.

12. What grade-level/grade does my Girl Scout have to be to participate?

Current Girl Scouts who are Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors (Girl Scouts in 4-12 grades) from any council in the USA for the 2026-2027 Girl Scout membership year or school year may attend. However, girls should also have the maturity to handle being away from home and being in an outdoor environment.

Note: Third grade Brownies “flying up” to Junior Girl Scouts are not permitted to attend the full week camp option but may participate in the partial week camp.

13. Our Troop has a male leader/assistant leader. Can they attend?

We value and appreciate our male volunteers. However, according to Girl Scout policies, male volunteers will have a separate camping area outside of the Girl Scout camping area.

Troops traveling with a registered male adult member will still need to maintain proper chaperone ratio in the camping areas.

14. What about a participant’s physical ability?

There is a lot of physical activity required at the GIRL Fest due to the nature of the high adventure offered.

All participants, both individually registered girls and those attending as a troop/group, should be made aware of this aspect of the event.

Please select registered volunteers that can participate alongside their Girl Scouts in the fun-filled world of high adventure. This also helps to shape shared memories for you and your troop.

Discuss all half-day activities with your troop to determine what are the best opportunities and the best adult member chaperone to attend those opportunities.

You can find **videos of ACE’s activities** by searching for those created by ACE Adventure Resort.

15. Will we be served meals at GIRLFest 2027?

ACE will be providing breakfast and dinner for the event. Beginning in 2027, we will be removing lunch from the meal plan so that troops can choose lunch options that are most convenient for them in terms of budget and time.

ACE has additional food for purchase in the waterpark area and Outfitter’s Store. They will plan to offer a convenient lunch time “meal deal” for GIRLFest participants in the Lost Paddle, their on-site restaurant. Local area businesses will be prepared to offer lunch options for our Girl Scouts, as well. Please reach out to our Program Manager with questions about what options are available for your troop/group’s lunch needs.

Your first meal will be dinner in the evening on Sunday. A final continental breakfast will be served on Friday morning.

A meal menu will be provided closer to the event on this website.

NUTS AND PEANUT BUTTER ARE PROHIBITED DUE TO ALLERGIES.

16. I and/or my Girl Scout have special dietary needs. How can this be accommodated?

Please let Black Diamond Council program staff know in advance if you or your Girl Scout have special dietary needs. We will do our best to accommodate you for the snacks that are provided by Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council. If you forgot to include these needs in your original registration, please email customercare@bdgsc.org.

ACE will also take this information during the reservation process for the meals that they are providing. ***However, with a highly specialized diet, such as gluten-free, keto, diabetic, vegan, or a picky-eater, we recommend bringing shelf-staple foods.*** We will do our best to provide adequate storage for those needing specialized diets.

17. How will GIRL Fest programming be organized?

The Girl Scout specific programming is generally free-flowing. Participants come and go as they wish, enjoying activities around the designated event space on the ACE property each day. However, there will be certain activities/opportunities that will appear on each day's schedule that only occur at a certain time. Some things are optional; some things are not (ie, meal times- we cannot accommodate those who choose to schedule programming during meal times).

ACE will provide you with an itinerary with your guided activities. Each troop will be scheduled for a specific time to participate in the activity they choose during the reservation process. The public will not be allowed on Girl Scout trips. Your troop must show up at the scheduled time to participate in the activity on your specific itinerary.

Those registering early will have preference over the trip time slots activity availability.

The GIRLFest committee will be aware of when the block of ACE trips/activities will occur each day for participants. A general event schedule will be created that

includes the Girl Scout and ACE opportunities. That should be available in late May.

18. What sleeping arrangements are available?

Tent site rental is included in the base package price, but lodging upgrades are available at various costs. GIRLFest attendees can contact ACE to determine the specific costs of the upgrades. Upgrades include cabins, platform tents and bunkhouses.

If tent camping, girl and adult members will need to bring tents, sleeping pads and sleeping bags. An additional fee can be added if troops need to rent tents and sleeping pads.

The event space and camping areas will be closed to the public during the event.

A suggested pack list has been provided with the GIRL Fest forms information on this website.

19. Can I park near the campground?

There will be designated parking for those attending the event. Limited spots will be available in the tent site area. Shuttle services will be available to take Girl Scouts to and from the main event and camping space. This shuttle service will only be open to girl and adult members.

20. What about bathroom/showers?

There will be limited number of showers and flush toilets available to Girl Scout members throughout the event.

21. What about internet service and cell service?

There is limited cell phone service at ACE (AT&T Cell Service works the best at ACE); however, there are Wi-Fi services located at the main buildings.)

22. What if I get injured during the event?

Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council will have a First Aid Station set up at the event to help with minor injuries, such as bug bites, sunburn or minor scraps.

In case of an emergency, local Emergency Services will be used to transport and treat Girl Scouts members attending the event.

Please remember to complete and submit all required medical and health forms (health exams must have been done within a year of the event), including the consent to treat.

Please bring any necessary medical equipment and medications. All medications must be in the original prescription bottles with the dosage amounts listed on it. Please have all the necessary paperwork completed concerning medications and medical devices prior to the event, so we can better serve you. Please remember Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council staff are not trained medical professionals, and we will have the required First Aiders as outlined in the Girl Scout Safety Activity Checkpoints.

23. What should I bring to go rafting and participate in ACE's guided activities?
You should check out the "**What to Bring**" page on ACE's website for the most detailed resource. You can also view the GIRL Fest 2025 Forms to download a checklist of items to bring.

24. How do I get to ACE Adventure Resort?

You will find directions to ACE **here**. You may lose cellphone service while traveling, so make sure you have backup directions to the resort.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Customer Care at 304-345-7722 or customercare@bdgsc.org.

25. What if I have additional questions?

If additional questions arise, please contact Customer Care at 304-345-7722 or customercare@bdgsc.org.

Please monitor this website for additional GIRLFest 2027 updates.

For additional information regarding our 2027 GIRLFest, please contact our Customer Care team at 304-345-7722 or customercare@bdgsc.org.