

Girls In Science Camp June 11-16, 2012



Camp Information and How to Apply

What is Girls In Science Camp?

A six-day, five-night experience for rising eighth-grade girls at the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont, in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Campers will explore habitats throughout the national park with naturalists, help scientists with outdoor research projects, and meet new friends from around Tennessee and North Carolina. Camp dates are June 11-16, 2012. **Because the camp is made possible through a grant from ALCOA Foundation, the cost for the week is only \$50!**

For more information about Girls In Science Camp, as well as other experiences for kids, teens, adults and families, please visit Tremont's website at www.gsmit.org. Thank you for applying!

Completed applications are due in our office by March 1, 2012.

Who is eligible?

Rising 8th grade girls from Tennessee and North Carolina who have submitted all application materials by the deadline. Alcoa Foundation has responded to a need in their service area of Tennessee and North Carolina to foster interest in science among girls at the 8th grade level. Because of their funding, only applications from TN and NC will be considered.

To apply, complete and send us the following:

- Contact information and parent/guardian & camper agreement form
- Student application (*This camp is open to rising 8th grade girls living in TN and NC*)
- Teacher questionnaire
- \$50 payment (Check payable to Tremont; your payment will only be processed if selected for the camp.) **see option at bottom of page 2...*

To submit:

- Mail or fax *all forms together at the same time*
- Do not staple sheets together

Mailing Address: Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont
Attn: Julie Brown/Girls in Science
9275 Tremont Road
Townsend, TN 37882
Fax: (865) 448-9250

Questions about registering? Julie Brown, Tremont registrar
Phone: (865) 448-9732 ext. 13
mail@gsmit.org

Questions about the camp? Dawn Dextraze, teacher/naturalist and Girls in Science Camp coordinator: dawn@gsmit.org

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Contact Information and Agreements



Camper's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Sign me up for Tremont's bi-weekly e-newsletter.

Race (*circle; optional*) Black/ African American Native American Asian/ Pacific Islander

White/ Caucasian

Hispanic/Latino

Bi-racial

Other

Camper Agreement:

I understand that Girls In Science Camp is an outdoor experience that involves sleeping in a platform tent and hiking on mountain trails.

I understand that Girls In Science Camp is a group experience that involves living, working, and getting along with others who may be very different from me.

I understand that Girls In Science Camp is a scientific experience that involves studying living organisms in their habitats and respecting even organisms that may not be my favorites, like insects and reptiles.

Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Agreement:

I understand that the application process is extremely competitive, so there is no guarantee my daughter will be selected for Girls In Science Camp.

Print name: _____

Signature: _____

Parent's email: _____

Please note that you will be notified of acceptance at this email address, not by mail.

Sign me up for Tremont's bi-weekly e-newsletter.

*Optional: As this camp is only partially funded, would you be willing to pay more than \$50 minimum to help us offset costs? If so, please make check out for whatever you are willing to contribute.

Thanks!

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Student Application



Please fill in the lines neatly in black ink or type your answers on another sheet.

1. Your name _____

2. Your current grade level (2011 – 2012 school year) _____

3. Your school's name & address _____

4. Have you participated in any Tremont programs before? If so, which?

5. Rate the following on a scale of 1 to 5, where: 1=none, 2=so-so, 3=medium, 4= good, 5=extremely

- a) Your interest in science _____
- b) Your interest in nature _____
- c) Your interest in a science career _____
- d) Your understanding of the scientific method _____
- e) Your ability to conduct scientific studies _____

Short answer questions: Please write or type the answers to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper, with your name at the top. There is no length requirement, but please be thorough.

- 6. Why are you interested in attending Girls In Science Camp?
- 7. Describe a favorite experience you have had in nature.
- 8. What can you contribute to the group through your presence at Girls In Science Camp?

You're almost done...

- *Ask a teacher who knows you well to fill out the Teacher Questionnaire.*
- *Send all 3 (three) forms and payment to Tremont by March 1, 2012! (Please do not staple.)*
- *The review committee will meet in March and will email all parents to let them know whether or not you were selected for camp by the end of the month.*

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Teacher Questionnaire



Teachers: Your student is applying for Girls In Science Camp, a week-long overnight experience for rising eighth-graders in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The camp will be based at the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont and will include outdoor exploration throughout the park and participation in citizen science projects, with a goal of keeping TN and NC girls excited about science as they move through their middle school years.

Thanks for supporting your student's interest in experiencing science in action!

1. Student's name _____
2. Is this student a seventh-grade girl? ____ yes ____ no
3. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest, please rate your student's:
Apparent interest in science _____
Aptitude in science _____

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

4. Thanks to a grant from ALCOA Foundation, the cost of this camp will be only \$50. To the best of your knowledge, describe your student's ability to attend Girls In Science Camp if it were at a full price of approximately \$500.
5. Describe your student's approach to interacting with peers in a group setting.
6. Why is this camp right for your student?

Teacher's Signature: _____

Name and address: _____

Date: _____

Applications are due by **March 1, 2012** and will not be considered without this questionnaire. Please help your student by returning your portion to her quickly!