

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Thank you for selecting Camp Tahigwa for your Girl Scout! Camp is a great place where girls can learn independence, make new friends, and try new things. However, the prospect of spending a few days away from home can be a little scary for the first time camper. Please take a moment to read the suggestions below to help make your camper's transition to camp as fun as possible. You know your Girl Scout best, so pick and choose what is most helpful for you. When you are finished, please fill out the form on the other side of this sheet and return it to camp. This will help us get to know your camper and prepare for any special needs she may have. We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

In Girl Scouting,

Camp Tahigwa Staff



## Camp Tahigwa 2006

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\* Talk to your Girl Scout about what camp will be like. Explain that although things are different, it is sometimes fun to try new things. Try something like, "it will be like Little House on the Prairie".

\* Reassure your Girl Scout that you will miss her while she is gone. If you are planning on writing her, tell her so. If you would like to mail letters a few days before she comes up, we will hold on to them until she arrives and she will get them the first day of her session. Remind her that she will also be able to write you.

Please do not tell her you will call her or she can call you, as campers **are not** able to use the phone during their stay.



\* Please follow our suggestions about what to send to camp. For example, if your camper brings food to camp, we will have to hold onto it until the end of the session, because food attracts bugs and animals. This may cause frustration for your camper on the first day.

\* Plan on arriving during the earlier part of check-in. This will give you time to walk to your camper's unit, meet the administration, meet her staff, and share any last-minute concerns with us. This is also a good time to go over your plan for the last day so she knows exactly who is coming to pick her up, when they are coming, and when she will see you again.

\* Try to put her name on her belongings to help assure they do not get lost while she is at camp, get home with her at the end of her stay, and to assist us in returning them, should she misplace or forget them.



\* Please do not hesitate to contact us at camp with any questions or concerns. We can be reached at 1-563-546-7755 or the Service Center at 319-232-6601 or 800-772-0043. There will be someone at camp to answer your questions beginning May 1, 2006.

Complete this form and return to camp at the address below  
at least 2 WEEKS before the start of your session:



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Camp Tahigwa  
318 Tahigwa Drive  
Dorchester, IA 52140  
563-546-7755



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SESSION ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_ DATES ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

1. Does your camper have any allergies? (food, insects, animals, plants) If yes, please explain symptoms and treatment.
  
2. Does she have any dietary restrictions? If yes, please explain the reason (allergy, religious, medical, etc.) and type of food involved.
  
3. Any physical limitations? Please explain.
  
4. Is your child prone to homesickness? If so, what suggestions (other than calling home) do you have that might help?
  
5. Does your child have any special fears?
  
6. Does your child sleepwalk, wet the bed, or have trouble sleeping?
  
7. Will your camper be celebrating a birthday while at camp? If so, what day?
  
8. Please list any additional comments that you feel would help us get to know your child.