

Girl Scout Glossary and Schermanisms

- A & C** Arts & Crafts. Refers to both the building and the activity.
- ACTIVITY CENTER STAFF** Girl Scout troop program leaders. Potential part-time job during the year who run program out of the various program centers in OC.
- A.P.** A break taken after the girls have gone to bed, ending at midnight. Can be taken twice a session. Scheduled with Staff Supervisor.
- APPRENTICE** Training program for girls entering the 12th grade interested in becoming counselors.
- A.T.** Azalea Trails. Our "sister" camp across the mountain. Operated by San Geronio Girl Scouts.
- ADOETTE** Big Trees: horse unit.
- ALL-CAMP DAY** Held once (most) every large session. Always the fourth (but sometimes the third or fifth) day of the session. A wide variety of games and activities that Camper Council plans. Girls sign up to and rotate through the events.
- ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** Support group of GSOC that brings together women and men who have had a positive experience in Girl Scouting.
- AMBASSADORS** Older girls, in 11-12th grade still actively participating in Girl Scouts with a troop
- ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN** Friends of Girl Scouts financial support program for GSOC.
- THE ARK** The Staff House. Named for the more famous Ark that Noah built, because right after it was finished there was a flood at the camp and it nearly floated away.
- AUTHORIZATION TO TREAT A MINOR** On the bottom of the health form. Required paperwork for all campers and Program Aides. Gives permission for medical aid as necessary.
- AWARENESS AIDES** High school girls who volunteer to assist campers with special needs while they are at camp.
- AWARENESS STAFF** Staff who are designated by training and experience to assist campers with special needs while they successfully participate in camp
- BADGES** Recognition for Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts.
- BIFFY** Bathroom in the forest for you. Can use as adjective, noun or verb.
- BLUES** Staff uniform. The dark blue shorts and designated shirt (with a collar) worn on change days and to dinner in the Dining Hall. Laundered at Kitchen Laundry Room daily (In by 9:30 a.m.; ready by 4:00 p.m.)
- BOMB** Big Old Maintenance Building. Once housed maintenance equipment; and campers. Now is the A&C program area.
- BREEZEWAY** Area between the kitchen walk through and large dining room.

BROWNIE GIRL SCOUT Girl Scouts in 2nd -3rd grade.

BUDDY A friend, old or new. Constant companion. Don't go anywhere without one!

BUDDY CHECK Used to make sure all kids have at least one buddy. Used primarily at the pool. Staff will check after two whistles to make sure everybody has a buddy. Should be done every time you leave a program area.

CADETTE GIRL SCOUT Girl Scouts in 6th-8th grade

CAHUILLA The Indian tribe that originally occupied the valley surrounding Camp Scherman.

CAMPER COUNCIL A group made up of two campers from each unit that meets during lunch on the second day of each session. Plans theme dinners and All-Camp Day.

CAMPERSHIP FUND A fund designed to give families relief from camp fees. Campers are eligible for one campership per year.

CAROL CONE Senior Girl Scout who was studying to be a librarian. Library housed in basement of the Dining Hall was established in her memory by her Senior troops.

CAROL THOMPSON Past Director of Program Services. Responsible for the "magic" part of the camp. Dedicated her life to the camp and its campers. Amphitheater is dedicated in her memory. Main road in camp is named after her.

CHANGE DAY Any day when buses come to camp. See also DOUBLE CHANGE DAY.

CHATTER Camp Mascot, Raccoon. Very friendly loves kids and camp! Great for cuddles.

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING A training leadership program for girls entering 10th- 12th grades.

CIVILIZATION "Down the hill," the "real world," home, the place where TV, most cell phones, real food, regular and fast internet and facebook are a way of life.

CONE PEAK A challenging day hike for 6th graders (occasional 4th grader if they are able) and up; jeans are a must. Bring lots of water. This can also be an overnight starting at the Upper 80.

COOKIE SALE The major, once-a-year fundraiser for all Girl Scouts. The only time you can get your favorite cookie! The way Camp Scherman was funded.

CORE CAMPS Weekend campouts held at Scherman during the school year for troops and their leaders. Can take place in Upper Camp and Ranch House Cabins.

COOKOUTS Like a BBQ party only twice as fun! Those fun-filled adventures when the girls cook their own meals in the unit.

COUNCIL Girl Scouts of Orange County. Used to refer to the office in Irvine. Where your paychecks come from.

COUNSELOR Able to leap tall buildings with a single bound. Part-time parent, shoe tie-er, knot untie-er. Perfect hero of infinite wisdom. **YOU!!**

CRITTERS Any bug, animal or crawlie thing.

DAISY GIRL SCOUT Girl Scouts in Kindergarten -1st grade.

DASH FOR TRASH A fun-filled activity! A friendly competition between units to see who can pick up the most trash in a certain amount of time.

D.H. Initials for Dining Hall.

DOUBLE CHANGE DAY The day when one group of campers goes home and a new group arrives.

DOWN THE HILL Hemet, Temecula or Palm Springs, or home. That place where you feel instantly dirty upon arrival. The place that you so looked forward to being and now want to go back to camp.

DRIVES Campers who come to and/or leave from camp with a parent/guardian in a car.

DRY DEER Public picnic/camping area beyond our fence line. Go past Ribbonwood, out the gate, and up the road. Nice place for a short lunch hike. Flat area for running games. Also known as Geoff Flats. Need prior permission.

EMERGENCY CONTACT An adult designated as the person to call regarding any emergency or concerns about the camper during her stay at camp.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES Specific guidelines to be followed in the event of an emergency while at camp.

EMERGENCY VEHICLES Vehicles that are designated for use in an emergency to drive campers to upper camp.

FLAGGERS Unit doing The flag ceremony for the day.

FIRE GEAR Hat, jacket, pants, and shoes, socks, towel, and flashlight too! Everyone in camp keeps these things at the foot of her bed so they can be easily located in an emergency.

GEOFF FLATS See DRY DEER.

GS BIRTHDAY March 12th.

GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD The highest award earned by Senior Girl Scouts.

GIRL SCOUT MOTTO Be prepared.

GIRL SCOUT SLOGAN Do a good turn daily.

GIRL SCOUTS' OWN A girl planned ceremony in which a group is given time to help camp reflect by reflecting on their own experiences at camp. Quiet ceremony, inspirational.

GIRL SCOUT WEEK The week during which the March 12th Girl Scout birthday falls.

Girl Scouts OC Girl Scouts of Orange County, office located in Irvine. Where your paycheck comes from.

GSUSA Girl Scouts of the United States of America, our national organization.

HELIPORT

Cleared area beyond Honor Lake; past the Archery range. Used as a parking lot during Open House.

HOLLY TREE Kitchen Staff's living quarters, originally the staff house.

HOLLYWOOD & VINE the intersection of Morris Ranch Road and Thompson Road.

HONOR LAKE The smaller lake, used for canoeing. Named for Honor E. Haynes, a Girl Scout volunteer who was instrumental in purchasing the land in the early 1960's.

HOPPER A Dining Hall kaper. Sets tables and brings food to them. Goes for seconds as necessary. Hopping staff leads grace and songs during traffic.

HURKEY CREEK Closest public camp site to Scherman.

IDYLLWILD (IDY) Nearby mountain resort. Not quite "civilization." Has small movie theater, shops, dining.

"IN" DOOR The door in the Dining Hall that everyone goes in to the kitchen through.

INTEREST GROUPS Campers in extended sessions choose to participate in 2 or 3 1-hour sessions of their choice. Groups are led by staff who have fun and exciting skills to share. Be creative: the girls enjoy any talents!

INTEREST PROJECT PATCHES Recognition for Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts.

INTERNATIONAL STAFF Those staff members who were hired through Camp America from another country for the entire camp season. Have not been used at camp in recent years.

INVESTITURE A ceremony in which girls are welcomed (back) to Girl Scouting. Usually held at the beginning of the year and at the start of the summer camp season after pre camp.

IRVINE HALL The Dining Hall. Built with funds from the Irvine Foundation. Dedicated in 1970.

JERRY SHEPARD A Senior Girl Scout who often attended Scherman. After she died of leukemia, the girls in her troop made a trail in her memory

JIM WELLMAN Original owner of the 101 Ranch which is now part of our camp Passed away in 1979 and donated many hunting trophies which are hanging in the museum.

JOE SCHERMAN State forest ranger. Was instrumental in arranging for the Girl Scouts of Orange County to purchase the camp property from this friend, Jim Wellman.

JOURNEYS New GSUSA program to take the place of badges and Try It's

JULIETTE LOW Founder of Girl Scouts.

JULIETTE LOW'S BIRTHDAY October 31st.

JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT Girl Scouts in 4th-6th grades.

KAMAKAZI Watermelon bug or June bug.

KAPER Task, job, or duty. Can be within patrol, unit, or the entire camp; always with staff members involved.

- KAPER CHART** A chart showing which group has what job.
- KEEWAY** North Wind; unit by Wabanino.
- KENWORTHY** Ranger station part way down Morris Ranch Road.
- KITCHIWANI** South and west winds; unit by TC-4.
- LAKE HEMET** Closest multi-recreational zone at the disposal of "battle-fatigued" counselors. Site of closest market.
- LAKE HEMET MARKET** Nearest junk food outlet. Also where you can purchase fishing licenses for Lake Hemet.
- LION PEAK** The tallest peak in Garner Valley. Can be seen from camp South East of Pyramid Peak.
- LONE PINE** Single tree on a hill overlooking the pool and Honor Lake area. Tree is longer standing due to an infestation of beetle bug; however parts of the tree are at the museum. The Rocks at the top of the trail are a nice short hike, just past the pool before Honor. Aka Gone or No Pine.
- L.A. TIMES BUILDING** Snoqualmie/ Ribbonwood troop shelter. Built with funds from the L.A. Times in 1970.
- MARGARET** A heroine of Girl Scouts across the nation. Star of Scherman's favorite movie, "The Golden Eaglet," shown about 7,965 times during the summer. She is best known for her familiar quote, "I am just a Girl Scout!" and is the epitome of Girl Scout "all-aroundness."
- MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEER DIRECTOR** "MVD" GSOC staff member working in a partnership to build membership and volunteers.
- METATE HOLES** A hollow in a rock caused by the grinding of acorns and other seeds with a mono (smaller stone). Trail begins by the tree over the bridge near Wanish.
- MONONGAHELA** Meadow and apple orchard between the two lakes.
- MORRIS RANCH ROAD** The county road that leads to camp and divides Scherman in upper and lower camp.
- NATURE TRAIL** Trail behind Honor Lake, by black mailbox. Inside mailbox is self-explanatory guide with local flora and fauna.
- NATIONAL EQUIPMENT CATALOG** Annual GSUSA publication showing merchandise that may be purchased.
- NEWPORT DUNES** A public access bay and private resort and marina. Where Girl Scout Splish Splash Day Camp has been held. GAM is held there annually.
- NEW GAMES** Games with an emphasis on cooperation instead of competition. Not necessarily new anymore.
- NIGHT OUT** The 20-hour break each staff member must take during every 6- or 7-day session.
- "OUT" DOOR** The doorway in the Dining Hall by which everyone exits the kitchen walk through.

PB & J	Peanut butter and jelly. YUM!
PACK OUT	The official food source of your FUN cookouts and all food delivery!
PA SOLÉ	Sitters on the Hill. Unit for older girls. Also called Paso. Steepest hill in camp.
PD	Program Directors.
PERMISSION SLIP	This mandatory form must be filled out before every outing. Gives parent's permission for their daughter to participate.
PIXIE PARTY	A great evening program where you can make every girl feel special and involved. Ask for more details. Involves fun and a lot of sugar.
PLURALISM	Girls and adults from a variety of backgrounds work and play together as Girl Scouts.
POOH FOOD	Food that can be eaten in Pooh Corner (graham crackers and frosting) while telling stories. Great for Snoquer girls.
POOH CORNER	Area behind Dining Hall where Winnie the Pooh lives. Also good place to take a unit and read stories and eat Pooh Food (graham crackers and icing).
POOH PARTY	A party that centers on Pooh stories.
PRIM	Primitive camping area between Wabanino and the switchbacks. Good area for a lunch hike or an overnight. Also used as a primitive unit.
PROMISE LAKE	The 4.7-acre lake between the Museum and Adoette. Also known as the Big Lake. Home of sailboats, kayaks, canoes and windsurfing.
PYRAMID PEAK	A great day hike for 4th graders and up. Well worth the day: the view is outstanding.
RATTLESNAKE TRAIL	The trail between Whispering Winds/Wyeena and Snoqualmie/D.H.
REAL WORLD	Civilization...Home Where you can wear sandals if you want. Where you can take a shower and still be clean an hour later.
RE DEDICATION	A ceremony in which Girl Scouts renew their commitment to the Promise and Law.
RED ROCK	Large red rock behind Pa Sole. Good for climbing and sitting on to watch the sun set. Should be down before completely dark though.
REQS	(Requisitions) Forms requesting supplies, food, or maintenance repairs.
RIBBONWOOD	A type of bush with ribbon like bark, also the name of one of our tent units.
ROP	A training program for girls entering the 12 th grade, sponsored through North Orange County Regional Occupation Program.
SAFETY WISE	GSUSA publication of safety standards, principles and practices that must be used for all Girl Scout activities.

SAILOR IN TRAINING A training program for girls entering 12th grade with an interest in becoming waterfront staff.

S.S. Staff Supervisor. Oversees the unit of campers and staff.

S.S./P.D. MEETINGS The meeting we have on change days after the girls arrive to plan out the programs for the session.

SACATAN An area outside camp property. One of the sights for rock climbing; near Ribbonwood.

SCHERMANISM Aka camp lingo. Words and phrases that we use that people in the real world won't understand.

SCHERMAN SHOVELER A group of volunteers who get camp ready for us, as well as help keep up our camp all year long. (Now I know who puts up the tents, takes them down, blazes our trails, works on our museum, etc...)

SCRAPER A Dining Hall kaper/privilege belonging solely to the camp counselor. A mentally-stimulating task requiring the highest degree of skill and strength of stomach.

SEASONAL Those staff members who were hired for the entire camp season.

SESSIONAL Those staff members who volunteer their time for a session and sponsor a child for a set amount off the camp fee.

SECRET PAL The person you aren't supposed to forget.

SENIOR GIRL SCOUTS Girl Scouts in 9th –10th grades.

SERVICE Doing something helpful for others without expecting something in return.

SHARED LEADERSHIP Several trained adults assuming the responsibility for leading a group.

SITE MANAGERS Staff who live on camp property year round and take care of maintenance throughout the camp.

SNOQUALMIE Moon People. Unit for usually for the youngest campers, Brownie Girl Scouts.

SNOQER The 2nd and 3rd graders who live in Snoqualmie. Their hats are too big, but they are ready for anything.

SOAR Scherman's Own Activity Room under dining hall: many activities to do with any size group.

SPEED LIMIT 15 miles per hour!!! But really we want you to drive less than 10!

STAFF TIE A part of our uniform. May be decorated with a variety of pins. Just be sure to always wear it when in uniform.

SWITCHBACKS The trail that goes over the mountain to Cedar Springs. So called because the trail switches back and forth in order to avoid a steep climb straight up the hill.

TAWASI	Newest unit in camp that is adjacent to Adoette
TAJAR	Something like a tiger, and something like a badger, and just a little bit like a jaguar. If you see him once, you'll forget what he looks like.
TC 4	Troop Camp Site 4 from original plan. Area where Kitchiwani, Keeway, and Wabanino are located. Parking lot where all staff cars are parked.
THEME DINNER	A fun activity-filled dinner with a theme: a time to be creative!
THOMPSON ROAD	The main road through camp leading up to the DH.
TIME OFF	The time you many not think you need but need to take anyway!
TRAFFIC	Tends to make civilization really irritating on your day off. Also a staff job in the Dining Hall. Helps the girls remember which doors to use and where the food, dishes, and trash go. Also cleans the D.H. after dinner.
TRAILS END	The settlement at the North end of Morris Ranch Road.
TRASH CABINS	Big brown cabins (bins) you put trash bags in found around camp. Remember the yellow rope!
TREFOIL	Three-leaf shape. A traditional symbol used worldwide by all members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.
TROOP	A group of similar aged Girl Scouts. Can be Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette or Senior.
UPPER 80	The area of camp at the base of the switchbacks down behind Keeway which is undeveloped and makes a <u>great</u> lunch hike or overnight.
WABANINO	East Wind; unit by Keeway.
WAGGGS	World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.
WALASEE	Sparkling Waters. Former home of platform tent unit for older girls, now a picnic area by Honor Lake. Great for cookouts.
WANISH	Stream! Waterfront unit!
WARM FUZZIES	Friendly, smiles, notes, and compliments. Little creatures who spread cheer.
WATER FALLS	The hidden falls behind Walasee. Look hard to see if you can fine one.
WATERFRONT	1. The area around the pool and lakes. 2. The staff who work in those areas.
WAVA - MA WEXET	Hands-on nature trail by Walasee.
WHISPERING WINDS	Cabin unit usually for 2nd - 6th grade girls.
WIDER OPPORTUNITY	Any opportunity beyond the troop program.

WRANGLER IN TRAINING A training program for girls entering 12th grade with an interest in becoming riding staff.

WYEENA Platform tent unit. located just down the road from Whispering Winds

6064 The trail that starts above Pa Solé and ends behind Ribbonwood. Also the highest point within camp boundaries