

STRONG, SMART, AND BOLD

# Summer Camp 2021

Starts: June 14th

Ends: August 20th

10 Week  
All Girls  
Camp  
Program!

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**REGISTRATION BEGINS**

March 8th, 2021

Care4Kids  
Accepted!



Financial Aid  
Available for  
Qualifying  
Families

**girls  
inc.**

**of Meriden**



# Message from Executive Director

Due to the continued Covid-19 pandemic, we continue to make adjustments in our lives to remain as vigilant as possible in the potential spread of this virus. Girls Inc. as an organization is no exception to adapting to change in the face of this pandemic. With the direction of the State of CT, our Local Health Department and the Office of Early Childhood, we as an organization are dedicated to do everything we can within our control to take measures to help mitigate potential COVID-19 Spread. Between now and the beginning of summer 2021 the rules and regulations we must follow may change a number of times. We can't thank the Girls Inc. Community enough for your patience and understanding as we approach our programming, and mitigating practices that are in compliance with all the regulators we work with.

As we approach the summer experience this season we will continue to practice increased cleaning practices, staggered program times, mask wearing, social distance practices, decreased program sizes, changed protocols for entry and exiting the building and basic hygiene practices. The overall goal is to keep all of the staff and the girls we serve within our power as safe as possible. We will be providing families with a Parent Handbook that goes into detail more about the protocols that will be in place moving forward during the era of COVID. At this point in time, below are a few regulations that are still in place that we must adhere too. As we all know however, this situation is very fluid and can change rapidly and we want our families to know we have a structured plan and follow all regulations in place.

- 1.** All staff and campers, at this point in time, are required at all times to wear face masks indoors and outdoors. We will conduct structured and safe mask break opportunities throughout the day.
- 2.** Units/Groups of campers will follow cohort guidelines that minimize the number of children and staff exposed to each other. Campers will be provided outdoor and indoor space that is just for them. Rule of thumb is that a minimum of 80% of the time each day will be outdoors for ventilation purposes. All outdoor spaces will have canopy's for shade and seating.
- 3.** Specialties will take place in their cohort areas daily. (THE POOL WILL BE OPEN THIS SUMMER)
- 4.** All campers will have their own supply kits with all the basic needs for projects and access to many outdoor supplies designated just for their group that will be disinfected after each use by staff.
- 5.** Cleaning/disinfecting will take place throughout the day and each night the entire building and outdoor surfaces used will be sprayed with EPA approved chemicals that are recommended for the use for the virus.
- 6.** We will be limiting the number of campers again this year increasing our capacity higher than last but less than our normal 100+ campers per week so we ensure we can accommodate all of the social distancing requirements in the building. We will have both am and pm care available this summer.

Girls Inc. can't thank our community enough for the outpouring of support and confidence you have in us to impact the life of your loved one. Those are just a few of the main rules in place at this time. We will communicate with everyone if there are changes in procedures, rules etc. as they become available to remain transparent. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we have all had to make so many sacrifices and there is so much that is out of all of our control. One thing is certain during this trying time, we are all Strong, Smart, and Bold with all we have been faced with this past year. We will all get through this together and are so lucky to have such a wonderful Girls Inc. network. I also want to make sure each of our families know that if you are experiencing any hardships from this crisis don't hesitate to reach out for support. We may have access to community connections to assist you with your needs, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,  
Michelle

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## Girls Summer Camp 2021

# Weekly Camp Themes

**Week 1: Hawaiian Hullabaloo Week June 14 - June 18**

Get ready to say Aloha to summer as we kick off our camp season with a trip to Hawaii! Girls will enjoy fun in the sun as they learn about Hawaiian culture and all things summer! We will end the week with a Luau that is sure to get us all in the summer spirit!

**Week 2: It's a Jungle Out There Week June 21 - June 25**

Calling all animal lovers and explorers- this jungle themed week is for you! Girls will learn about different jungle animals each day through fun games, crafts, and activities. At the end of the week, we will have a jungle party that is sure to bring out the spots and stripes in all of them!

**\* Week 3: Celebration Week June 28 - July 2**

After the year we've had, we all deserve some time to celebrate all we might have missed out on! This week we will celebrate Halloween, St. Patrick's Day, Christmas, everyone's birthday, and the 4th of July! **We will be ending the week with our first camp-wide show of the season filled with songs all about celebrating and having a good time!**

**Week 4: SMART Girls Week July 5 - July 9**

Here at Girls Inc. we believe in the importance of STEM learning for our girls and this week they will have a blast bringing out the inner scientist in all of them! The week will be jam packed with many fun and hands on activities, games, experiments, and crafts- all STEM themed. We will end the week with a virtual science fair for the girls to show off all of the fun and exciting things they created to their friends in the other units!

**\* Week 5: No Business Like Show Business Week July 12 - July 16**

Broadway and the theater may have been dark for over a year, but this week the stage lights are on and shining bright! Girls will spend the week doing skits, arts and crafts, games and so much more all centered on the theater. **Then to end the week, we will have our second camp-wide show where girls will perform to their favorite musical number.** Break a leg ladies!

**Week 6: Back To The Future Week July 19 - July 23**

It's time to jump in the Girls Inc. delorean and visit both the future and the past! Girls will be going back to visit the 70's, 80's, 90's and 00's. Then we will be jumping ahead to the future on Friday where we will celebrate with a futuristic party in their units!

**\* Week 7: Strong, Smart, and Bold Week July 26 - July 30**

We believe that every girl deserves to feel empowered, confident, strong, smart, and bold. This week will do just that for all our campers! Girls will learn about female empowerment, hear about positive role models, self-esteem, self-care, and ways to pamper themselves. **We will end the week with our third camp-wide show to show everyone that girls truly do run the world!**

**Week 8: Friendship Week August 2 - August 6**

With Sunday being National Friendship Day, what better theme to have this week than friends! This week we will be celebrating all the wonderful friendships we have developed all summer long, both new and old. We will play tons of games, crafts, and activities that are all designed for campers to get to know each other better- even in a time when we have to be distanced. We will end the week with a friendship party that is sure to make us all become the best of friends!

**Week 9: Happily Every After Week August 9 - August 13**

Once upon a time, there was an enchanted week of camp filled with all your favorite fairy tale favorites! Everything campers do this week will be princess and fairy themed. Then on Friday, all campers are cordially invited to our annual all-camp socially distanced princess ball where everyone wears their prettiest dresses, dances the day away, and lives happily ever after!

**Week 10: Under The Sea Week August 16 - August 20**

Join us for our last week of camp where we've got no troubles and life is the bubbles- for Under The Sea Week! This week is about all things water and we guarantee the campers will be getting wet and soaking up the last few rays of their summer vacation!

**\* Indicates that there is a camp show which is not open to the public due to current COVID-19 restrictions. \***

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### Camp Fees

Camp Weekly Fee:

**\$130.00**

Morning Extended Weekly Fee:

**\$20.00**

Afternoon Extended Weekly Fee:

**\$35.00**



### Hours of Operation

Camp:

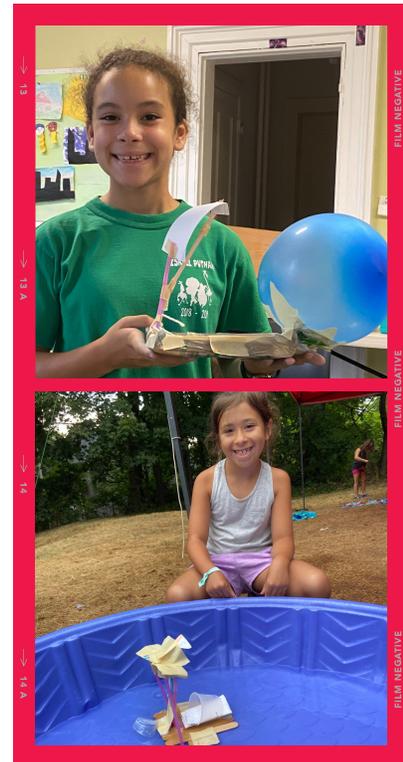
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Morning Extended :

Monday-Friday  
7:30AM - 9:00AM

Afternoon Extended:

Monday-Friday  
3:00PM - 5:30PM

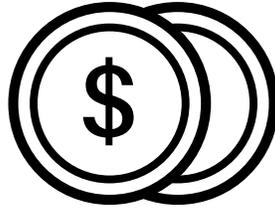


-  Girls Inc. provides unlimited spring water for all of our campers to stay hydrated all summer long.
-  PM extended campers will also get a pre-packaged snack late in the day.

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### Payment Options



Girls Inc. is committed to providing payment options to our families to help alleviate any financial burdens. We now *have the capability to set up recurring payments*, weekly, monthly, or bi-weekly from a credit card or bank card to help make paying for camp more manageable. Here are the payment plans that we have available:

- Option 1:** **Pay in full for the total balance due** at the time of registration. Register for all 10 weeks **and** pay in full and you will receive a **10% discount**.
- Option 2:** **Pay monthly.** Your balance will be broken down into (5) monthly payments. The first payment is due at the time of registration.
- Option 3:** **Pay bi-weekly.** Your balance will be broken down into (7) payments. The first payment is due at the time of registration.
- Option 4:** **Pay weekly.** Your balance will be broken down into (14) payments. The first payment is due at the time of registration.

- **At minimum, a deposit of one week and a new membership has to be received to reserve as many weeks as desired.**
- **A current Girls Inc. 2021-2022 membership (\$30.00 non-refundable fee) is due in full at the time of registration , in addition to the camp fees.**
- **All outstanding balances (from previous years) must be paid in full in order to register for the 2021 camp season.**
- **All camp fees need to be paid in full by the beginning of each camp week or your spot will be not be held.**
- **We accept cash, checks, and credit cards.**

### Financial Assistance

The mission of Girls Incorporated is to inspire all girls to be Strong, Smart, and Bold. We are committed to bringing the camp experience to all girls regardless of financial capabilities.

Girls Inc. does offer financial assistance with eligibility determined on a case by case basis. Families that need assistance have to schedule an appointment to meet with our Executive Director, Michelle Bourdeau at 203-235-7146.

Below is a list of documentation that would be needed for your virtual appointment:

- 2020 tax return and 4 most recent pay stubs
- If you receive Social Security benefits or Unemployment these documents would be acceptable

# Summer Lunch Program

Girls Inc. partners with the Meriden Public Schools during the summer to provide our campers with a nutritional cold lunch during the summer, at no cost to our campers. A menu is sent to families every Monday. Everyday staff will take a head count of who wants the next day's lunch to ensure a lunch will be reserved for your loved one. It is your responsibility to send in a lunch with your loved one the day(s) they do not want what is being served so we ensure all campers have lunch available for them.

Please note that the Menu of the lunches are also available on the smartphone app nutrislice that is used during the school year as well. Please communicate any food allergies or dietary needs prior to the start of the lunch program.



Girls Inc. accepts care4kids for our summer camp program.

Summer provider agreements are posted on care4kids website in May and those who have an active account should receive it in the mail.

Our office staff will be happy to provide support in filling out forms and submitting to care4kids, email

Sadrac@girlsincmeriden.com for further assistance.

For those applicants a one week deposit plus membership is due at time of registration, to reserve your loved ones spot.

Be aware that if by the time camp starts and your application has not been approved you will need to make scheduled payments until a response is received.

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### Daily Activity Schedule

Everyday at camp, campers will participate in many fun and exciting activities appropriate for their age level. All camp activities are based around the weekly camp themes. Each Unit will participate in Unit activities, swim time with lessons, physical activities & games, and specialty areas.

#### Specialty Area: Arts & Crafts

In this specialty area, girls will participate daily arts and crafts! Girls will learn how to get creative and express themselves through art!



#### Specialty Area: Strong, Smart & Bold Fun

In this specialty area, girls will be doing hands on activities that focus on STEM, economic literacy and health & wellness. Through this specialty, campers will develop enthusiasm and skills in these areas.

#### Specialty Area: Swimming

In this specialty area girls will be exposed to daily swim lessons, basic water safety and an opportunity to cool off during the hot summer days.

### What Campers should leave at home:

- Money
- Cell phones.
- Ipods, tablets, kindles, etc.
- Toys
- Jewelry
- Anything of VALUE!

***Please be advised that Girls Inc is not responsible for any lost or stolen items that are brought to camp. We encourage girls to leave their valuables at home.***

### What Campers should bring to camp daily:

- Campers must wear a face mask that fits properly.
- Campers must wear sneakers or shoes that have closed backs EVERYDAY! No sandals please. *Flip flips are only allowed when going to the pool area for swim time.*
- A brown bag lunch if they are not getting the free lunch. Please don't send in large containers or glass items, we have limited refrigeration.
- A water bottle.
- A bathing suit (1 piece preferred) and towel.
- Sunscreen labeled with campers name. We recommend that all campers wear sunscreen throughout the day and re-apply it often.
- Backpack to hold all items.
- Change of clothes.
- Please remember to label everything as we are not responsible for any lost or stolen items.





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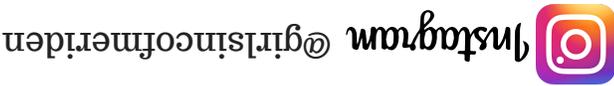
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