

Camp Scully 41st Annual Gathering

September 10-12, 2021

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Welcome to the 41st Annual Gathering

In 2020 we were looking forward to returning to the Berkshire Outdoor Center (BOC) for the 41st Gathering, but the COVID-19 pandemic forced us to cancel. As we started planning for a Gathering in 2021, we found out that BOC would again be canceling their overnight programs for the year so we launched a fast and furious site search and found that Camp Scully would meet our needs and that the 41st annual Gathering was a go!

It's been a very busy time for Sandy, April, and the board, planning the Gathering on short notice, and maybe some things aren't as polished as in years past, but we hope you will enjoy your time at Camp Scully gathering with old friends and meeting new ones.

Please read through this packet so you are familiar with the "happenings" at the Gathering and check www.womenoutdoors.org/thegathering for the latest updates. We look forward to seeing you at Camp Scully.

Be sure to print and sign the Liability Waiver and Consent pages at the end of the packet and bring them with you to camp.

COVID-19 Precautions

As previously announced, all Gathering attendees are required to be fully vaccinated and should cancel their registration and receive a refund if they are exposed to someone with COVID during the 2-week period before camp starts, or if they become ill themselves. Please come prepared to wear a mask when you are indoors. We have reduced capacity in a couple of the cabins to make sure women can space themselves out when sleeping.

Questions?

Before September 9th send an email to gathering@womenoutdoors.org. Starting September 9th (Thursday) call or text Sandy 315-651-5645 or April 716-335-2534.

Arrival and Check-in

All attendees (including those with Saturday day passes) must check-in at the dining hall when they arrive at camp, before unloading. Please plan on wearing your mask to register. If you are unable to arrive before registration closes for the day, please contact Sandy or April as far in advance as possible.

Friday 12 pm until 9 pm

Saturday 9 am to 12 pm

Address: Camp Scully, 24 Camp Scully Way, Wynantskill, NY 12198.

For detailed directions with landmarks to help you find us, open these [directions](#).

Required Forms – Online Health Questionnaire and Paper Waiver

If you have not already done so, please fill out the [Health Questionnaire](#) and upload a copy of your CDC Vaccination card **before** September 6, 2021. Contact us if you have difficulty uploading a copy of your card. Failure to do so will result in cancelation of your registration.

Print and sign a copy of the Waiver form found at the end of this document and bring it with you. We will have a limited number of hard copies available at check-in.

Unloading Please do not drive on the grass unless you need to unload/load your personal kayak at the beach (look for signs directing you where to unload). There may be a few carts available in locations along the road to help you move your belongings into your cabin – look for them and return when you are done so others can use them.

Accommodations

You selected your lodging when you registered, and you'll be reminded of where you are located when you check-in. A centrally located bathhouse has hot showers and toilets (all bathroom facilities have flush toilets). The dining hall also has toilets, and the toilet in the Nurse's Nest (near the beach) is available to everyone during the day (10 am – 6 pm).

Beds are bunk style with mattresses. There is enough space that all attendees can have a lower bunk. Unless you like the top bunk!

There are no phones available but cell phone coverage is good to excellent in most areas of the camp.

Meals

Each meal has vegetarian and vegan options as well as options for other special diet needs. We will do our best to accommodate guests with food allergies and food sensitivities. You should have let us know about any life-threatening food allergies on the [Health Questionnaire](#), and about other dietary concerns when you registered, but please ask at each meal if food allergies are an issue. We may not be able to satisfy all requests and you may need to supplement with your own food, especially if you registered after August 15.

Most meals will be served in the dining hall and the Saturday night cookout will be in the pavilion. Masks will be required inside while you are not actually eating. Attendees may eat in the dining hall or go outside. You may want to bring your own camp chair and table to eat outside.

Mealtimes – Saturday Day Passes include Lunch and Dinner

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Friday			6:00
Saturday	8:00	12:30	6:00
Sunday	8:00	12:30	

Daytime Activities

Volunteer-led workshops are a long tradition at our Gathering, allowing women to take on leadership roles and share their skills and passions in a supportive environment.

Visit <https://www.womenoutdoors.org/GatheringActivities> to see the current draft of activities planned at the Gathering. You will receive a printout of the latest schedule at check-in.

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Before Breakfast		7 AM Bird Walk	7 AM Bird Walk
<i>8 am Breakfast</i>			
Morning	Ad Hoc Activities	Morning Activities	Morning Activities
<i>12:30 pm Lunch</i>			
After Lunch	Afternoon Activities	Afternoon Activities	Afternoon Activities
5:00 PM	Outdoor Games	Keynote - Life Stages of A Hiker	
<i>6 pm Dinner</i>			
Evening	Social and Campfire	Annual Mtg and Campfire	

Scheduled Activities

There will be a variety of volunteer-led hikes, biking, and workshops offered at the Gathering. Sign-up sheets will be posted at the dining hall for you to plan your weekend. You can also schedule an activity once you arrive at the Gathering by filling out and posting an activity sheet on the Activity Board.

All workshops will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Ad Hoc Unscheduled Activities

Walking the Camp Scully nature trail, kayaking, chatting with friends, or just sitting at the lake relaxing are available throughout the weekend. You can “schedule” an ad hoc activity by filling out an activity sheet at camp and posting it to the board at the dining hall.

Hiking and Biking Trails – Off Campus

Some suggested off-campus hiking and biking opportunities can be viewed on our website at <https://www.womenoutdoors.org/GatheringActivities>. We will have a limited number of printed maps available, so please print and download your own copy if possible.

On the Water – Bring Your Own or Use a Shared Boat

Shared Boats: Camp Scully has several sit-on top kayaks and canoes with paddles and PFDs available for use by anyone throughout the weekend. Some women may choose to share their personal equipment, and it will be in a specially marked area. Please return all gear to its original location when done.

Bring your own: Make sure that you mark all of your gear with your name if you haven't already done so. There will be a special section for private paddling gear and another if you'd like to allow other attendees to borrow it. To share, move your kayak/canoe and paddle to the "Available to Borrow" section. You may want to leave a note when you want it back for your own use.

Take a Class: The kayaks from Bonna are reserved for use in the workshops that she will be leading on the water. Sign-up at the activity board when you arrive at camp.

Evening Activities

We will have social time, music, and a campfire Friday and Saturday evening, weather permitting.

Women Outdoors Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting and election of the board is required by our bylaws and is your chance to participate on the national level in Women Outdoors. Come hear about activities in other chapters and plans at the national level. Day and time to be announced.

Help Wanted

Women Outdoors is seeking women who care about our future. Be part of the change, be part of the team that makes decisions for the organization because Women Outdoors needs you!! If you would like to be part of the Board of Directors contact Lisa at president@womenoutdoors.org

Packing List and What to Bring

- If you previously downloaded a copy of the packing list from the web site, note that we have made some additions.
 - Pen(s) and note paper
 - Travel mugs - there are not enough mugs for everyone! This is a kid's camp.
 - Label as many of your items as you can in case they are lost or left behind.
- Please download the updated Packing list from the Gathering Resources page, or from this [direct link](#).

Camp Policies and Rules

- **Use of vehicles is restricted to roads and parking areas only.** Driving/parking in the tenting area or near your residence is prohibited! Exception: you are allowed to drive your car from the end of the road to the beach to unload/load your personal kayak.
- **Pets are not allowed.** You may wish to find a kennel in the Albany area.
- **Smoking is not allowed in any building, including the pavilion.** Smoking outdoors is allowed only next to the dumpster. Please dispose of your cigarette butts in an appropriate container.
- **Campfires are allowed in designated areas only.**
- **No open flames inside** – no candles, lanterns, or other open flames within any building.
- **Alcohol is permitted** – if you choose to imbibe, please do so responsibly and be considerate of your fellow attendees.
- **Refrain from affixing** any item to camp property by nails, screws, or staples.
- **PFDS required when paddling** PFDS must be worn and fastened at all times when using canoes or kayaks.
- **Swimming is allowed only** in the designated area and is at your own risk. There is no lifeguard.
- **Do not disturb markers or signs** around the camp.
- **Help keep Camp Scully green** – please pick up any litter that you see within camp.
- **Quiet hours are from 10pm to 7am** – please be respectful of your fellow attendees.
- **Prior to departure sweep and clean your cabin** and move all furniture back to its original place.

Emergency Contacts and Procedures at Camp Scully

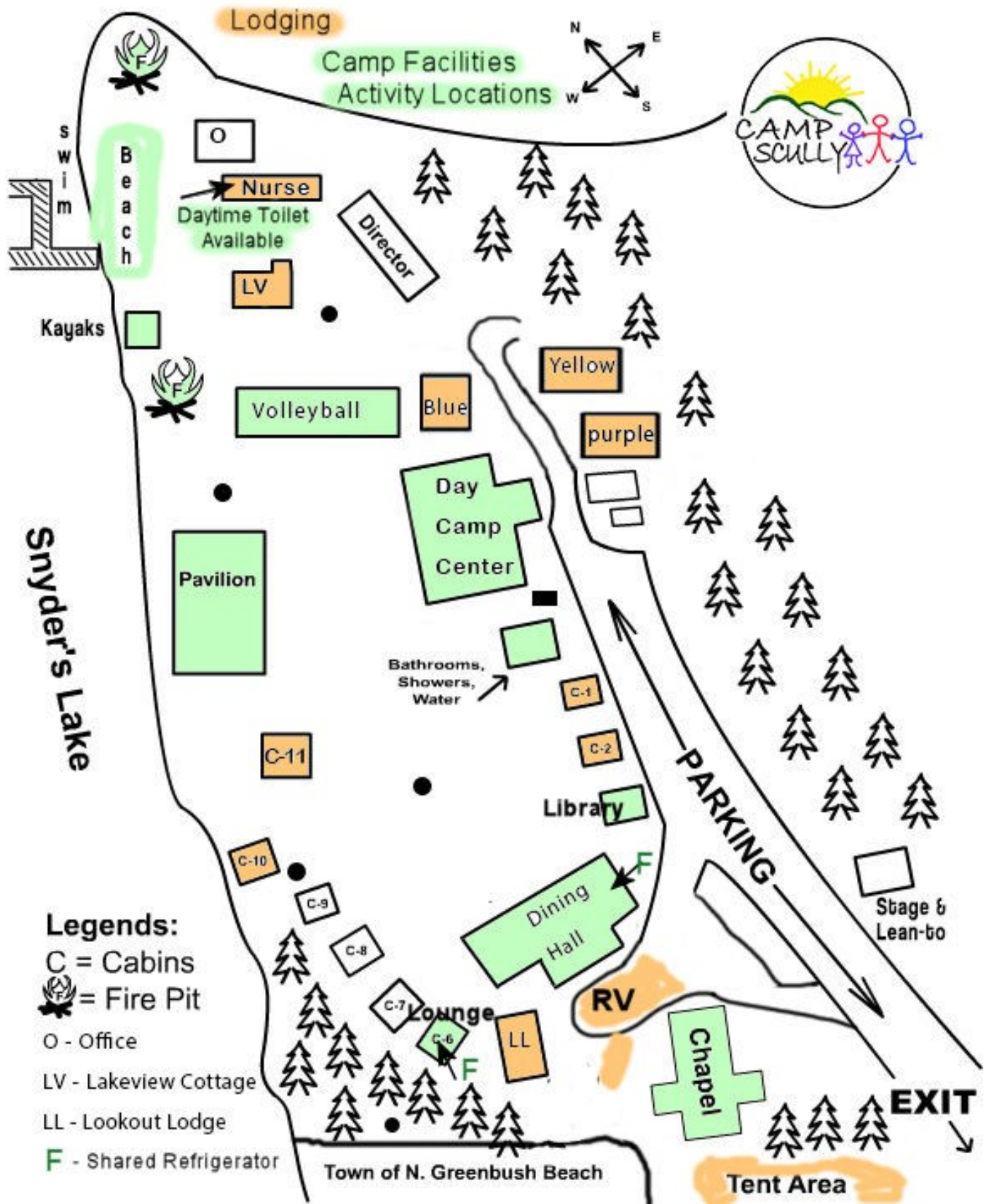
In the unlikely event that an emergency arises while at camp contact 911 to request help. Let the operator know that you are at Camp Scully, on Snyder Lake, near the town of Greenbush beach. Send someone to go to the camp entrance to direct emergency personnel to the appropriate location. Notify Sandy or April as soon as possible, but do not wait for them if it is a true emergency.

For non-life-threatening medical issues there is a WellNow Urgent Care center a few miles away on 573 N Greenbush Rd, Rensselaer, NY 12144, (518) 268-2345.

Liability Waiver and Consent Forms

- Print Liability Waiver and Consent documents (below after the campus map).
- Read them carefully before signing and dating.
- Bring these with you – they are required during the registration process.

Campus Map



- Legends:**
 C = Cabins
 F = Fire Pit
 O = Office
 LV = Lakeview Cottage
 LL = Lookout Lodge
 F = Shared Refrigerator



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Gathering Liability Waiver and Consent

Participant Program Agreement – READ BEFORE SIGNING

I am aware and understand that participating in any Women Outdoors, Inc. programs involve a potential risk of physical injury; I understand that the programs are physically demanding and potentially dangerous. I agree and hereby state that I am solely responsible for my own participation and for my own physical and emotional well-being. I am aware and understand that all of the program activities are strictly voluntary, and that it is my own choice to participate in each activity to whatever degree I deem appropriate, after due consideration of my own physical health, physical abilities, and medical condition. I fully understand that there will be no medical or emergency personnel at the Gathering, or readily available, other than summoning help via 911.

I further state that, in choosing to participate, I am not under the influence of any chemical substance, including alcohol. I WILLINGLY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUME for myself, my heirs, family members, executors, administrators and assigns all risk of physical injury and emotional upset which may occur during or after participating in any aspect of the Gathering programming and activities. I hereby agree to hold Women Outdoors, Inc., its board, regional contacts, organizers, volunteers, instructors, and facilitators, as well as Camp Scully, Catholic Charities Tri County Services and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, harmless for any liability arising out of my participation in the Gathering. Should Women Outdoors, Inc., or anyone acting on their behalf, be required to incur attorneys' fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold Women Outdoors, Inc. harmless for all such fees and costs. This release does not apply to any physical injury or emotional harm caused by negligence or willful misconduct of Women Outdoors, its board, regional contacts, organizers, volunteers, instructors, facilitators and agents. I agree to pay for all damages to the facilities of Camp Scully caused by any negligent, reckless, or willful actions resulting from my own behavior.

I agree to observe and obey all posted rules and warnings, and further agree to follow any oral instructions or directions given by Women Outdoors, Inc. or their representatives. I agree to all of the restrictions placed on this event, and acknowledge that I must comply with the procedures adopted by Women Outdoors, Inc. in an effort to reduce the likelihood of exposure and/or spread of the Coronavirus/Covid-19 in order to facilitate the safety of all attendees. I also agree that if I experience any illness or potential symptoms of COVID-19 before or on the date of the event, I will not attend. If I experience any symptoms of COVID-19 or test positive for COVID-19 at any time up to 21 days following the trip, I will notify Women Outdoors via email to gathering@womenoutdoors.org.

I HAVE HAD SUFFICIENT OPPORTUNITY TO READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT. I HAVE READ IT, UNDERSTAND IT, AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS. I have honestly disclosed in the health questionnaire any medical, psychological or personal reasons that might affect my safety or the safety of others during these events.

Print Participant Name

Participant Signature

Date Signed



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Gathering Liability Waiver and Consent

Waiver and Release of Liability – READ BEFORE SIGNING

As a participant in the Women Outdoors Gathering, I understand and acknowledge that certain elements of the program can be physically, mentally, socially, and emotionally demanding. I fully understand that participating in this event may be dangerous to my health. I elect to participate in the Gathering in spite of and with full knowledge of the inherent risks. I recognize that Women Outdoors, Inc. will make every reasonable effort to minimize exposure to any known risks associated with the program. However, all hazards associated with the program cannot be foreseen; decisions might be made that are imprecise and subject to errors in judgment. The burden of responsibility does not rest solely on the volunteer organizers and workshop leaders. As a participant in the Women Outdoors Gathering, I will make good decisions and use sound judgment. **I assume sole and full responsibility for my personal safety and for any loss or damage to my property during this event.**

I acknowledge the contagious nature of the Coronavirus/Covid-19, and that the CDC and many other public health authorities still recommend practicing social distancing. I further acknowledge that Women Outdoors, Inc. has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus/COVID-19. I understand that Women Outdoors, Inc. cannot guarantee that I will not become infected with the Coronavirus/COVID-19. I acknowledge that the risk of becoming exposed to and/or infected by the Coronavirus/COVID-19 may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of both myself and others, including, but not limited to, Women Outdoors, Inc. members and volunteers, and their families.

It is my express wish that I be permitted to engage in the activities of the Gathering program. I acknowledge that I may be increasing my risk of exposure to the Coronavirus/COVID-19. I fully understand that even after reasonable precautions have been taken, these activities involve certain inherent dangers and potential hazards to me, for which Women Outdoors, Inc. cannot be held responsible. I hereby RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS Women Outdoors, Inc., as well as Camp Scully, Catholic Charities Tri County Services, and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, from, and WAIVE on behalf of myself, my heirs, and any personal representatives, any and all causes of action, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses and compensation for damage or loss to myself and/or property that may be caused by any act, or failure to act, or that may otherwise arise in any way in connection with any services provided by Women Outdoors. I understand that this release discharges Women Outdoors, Inc., as well as Camp Scully, Catholic Charities Tri County Services, and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany from any liability or claim that I, my heirs, or any personal representatives may have against them with respect to any bodily injury, illness, death, medical treatment, or property damage that may arise from, or in connection to, any services received from Women Outdoors.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Print Participant Name

Participant Signature

Date Signed

CAMP SCULLY TRAIL MAP

