

# GSHPA Summer Resident Camp FAQ's

## **Traditional Camp**

*What time is check-in?*

Check-in occurs on the Sunday of your camper's week of camp between 1:30-3:30, broken up by last name. The breakdown is listed on the confirmation you receive upon registration.

*What time is check-out?*

Check-out occurs on Friday from 5pm-6pm. If you need to pick up your camper early, it is not a problem. Please let us know at check-in what time you need to pick her up, or give us a call throughout the week. We will have all her belongings packed up and ready to go.

*My camper is coming with a buddy, but they have different check-in times. Is there a way they can arrive together?*

Absolutely, just bring both girls at the later check-in time.

*How does requesting a buddy work?*

During registration, there is a section where you can list a buddy for your camper. In order for the buddy to be guaranteed, the buddy must also request your camper. Having a buddy at camp means they will be guaranteed to be in the same sleeping unit together (i.e cabin, yurt or tent). It does not guarantee that they will be in the same activities together, as the girls will sign up for activities on a Sunday and we strongly encourage girls to sign up what they are interested in, not just what their friends want to do. Camp can be a great place to meet new friends. We are only able to guarantee one buddy, so please make sure that each girl requests the other.

*When will my camper select her badge for the week?*

Badge selection occurs on CampDoc. As you progress through the CampDoc system, you will come to the badge choice section. We ask that girls select a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice of badges, according to the grade they are entering in the fall of 2017. We guarantee that they will earn one of their three choices.

*Will my daughter find out what village she's staying in before arriving at camp?*

No, we will provide her assigned unit upon check in.

*What is CampDoc?*

CampDoc is an online system that we utilize for all camp paperwork and health information. Within a week of registering your camper, you will receive an email from CampDoc inviting you to register. Completing CampDoc ahead of time will save you time at check-in. If you are not able to access CampDoc, please contact us at [camp@gshpa.org](mailto:camp@gshpa.org) and we will be able to send you paper forms.

*My camper is interested in going on a trail ride, how do I sign her up for that?*

During registration, you will be able to choose Traditional Camp with a Trail Ride. If you miss this during registration, please contact us and we will look into adding it for you. There are only a limited number of Trail Ride spaces available a week.

*What type of shoes/clothes does my camper need for the trail ride?*

All girls must wear long pants for their trail ride, and some type of shoe with a heel. For a trail ride, rain boots would work fine.

*What happens if it rains during my camper's scheduled trail ride?*

If we are not able to run a trail ride due to weather, we will try to postpone it for later in the week. If we are no longer able to postpone it, the girls will still receive a horse experience. No refunds will be given. Trail rides can also be rescheduled due to extreme heat and not just rain.

## **Ranch Camp**

*Do I need any prior experience with horses to register for Ranch Camp?*

No. The GSHPA horse camp program does NOT require participating girls to have any horse-experience.

*What's the skills test about on Sunday?*

The initial skill test on Sunday is an opportunity for girls to show the Ranch Staff what they know about horseback riding and/or how comfortable they are on a horse. Ranch Staff uses this experience to match-up participants with the appropriate horse for their experience.

*Do Ranch Campers ride every day?*

Yes, weather permitting.

*How are horses assigned to Ranch Campers?*

Based on the "skills test" on Sunday and a short interview with participants regarding previous horse-experience and comfort-level, Ranch Staff will assign each camper the appropriate horse. Each horse has its own personality and is categorized (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced) prior to the Ranch Camp season.

Most girls begin Ranch Camp at the White Level (Beginner) and are matched with a "Beginner" horse accordingly.

## **Adventure Bound**

*Does my camper need a lot of specialized equipment to participate in Adventure Bound?*

Within the "Important Resources" section of the Summer Camp page on our GSHPA website, you will find the Adventure Bound packing list. You may find that you already have most of what it needed. Backpacks and sleeping pads can be borrowed from Council on a first-come, first-served basis. All other items must be provided by the participant.

## **CIT's**

*Do CIT's stay over on the weekend?*

Yes! New this year, CITs will stay at camp for the full 3 weeks, including weekends. During those two weekends, CITs will either enjoy a camping trip with their fellow CITs, or they will be responsible for facilitating a weekend program for Daisies.