

# What Parents Need to Know

## General Information

### ☆ Registration/sign-in and pick-up/sign-out

For *overnight camps*, registration/sign-in is between 6:00pm and 7:30pm. Camper pick-up/sign-out at the end of each session is between 5:30pm and 6:15pm.

*Day camp* sign-in/sign-out times are listed in your confirmation letter.

***For all Round-ups, please see your confirmation letter for exact days and times.***

☆ You are invited to join us for our **Rodeo** (6:30pm) at the end of Round-ups #1, 2/2D, 3, 4, 5/5D, and 7. Supper and souvenirs can be purchased at the Chuckwagon before, during, and after the rodeo.

☆ Check out [www.facebook.com/WLDRanch](http://www.facebook.com/WLDRanch) for **pictures of activities** from your camper's week of camp (pictures may be posted at some point during the week or on the weekend after).

☆ Please feel free to **write** to your camper as follows:

Camper's Name  
c/o WLD Ranch  
7351 Woolsey Rd.  
Girard, PA 16417

☆ If you would like to send an **e-mail** to your camper, please keep the following in mind:

- 1) The opportunity to e-mail your camper is a service we are glad to provide to parents/guardians since we too value keeping family connections strong.
- 2) E-mail for campers is a service for **overnight campers** and their families only. (Day campers are not present for mail call at supper.)
- 3) Due to time and resource constraints, we ask that parents/guardians send no more than 2 e-mails per day.
- 4) E-mails received from persons other than the parents/guardians of a camper or e-mails in excess of 2 e-mails per day from parents/guardians will be evaluated for appropriateness and may not be distributed to campers with no notice given to the sender.
- 5) We reserve the right to screen e-mails for appropriate content. We reserve the right not to distribute an e-mail to a camper if we find discouraging, inappropriate, or insensitive content that we believe would interfere with the camper's experience at camp.
- 6) E-mails sent to our office by 4pm will be distributed at supper that day; e-mails received later than this will be distributed at supper on the following day. E-mails received after 4pm on the final day of your camper's session will not be distributed to campers.
- 7) Campers will not be able to respond to your e-mails but they love receiving them!
- 8) Send e-mails to [mycamper@wldranch.com](mailto:mycamper@wldranch.com) with your camper's first and last name in the subject line (nothing else in the subject line, please).

☆ Please notify the Ranch ***before*** your registration time if your child cannot come to camp due to injury or illness.

☆ For directions to WLD Ranch, visit [www.wldranch.com/directions](http://www.wldranch.com/directions).

☆ Questions? Call us at (814) 474-3414.

## General Policies

- ☆ For the benefit of your camper, WLD Ranch requests that family or friends **do not visit** during a camp session. In our experience, family visits during camp often induce homesickness and distract campers from fully enjoying their camp experience. If your camper needs to leave his/her camp session for a doctor's appointment, game, etc., please fill out the **Parent Request Form** during registration/sign-in.
- ☆ If a camper **becomes sick** during his/her stay at camp, parents/guardians will be notified immediately. For camp health reasons, parents/guardians are expected to pick-up their camper as soon as possible. If the camper recovers from his/her illness, he/she may return for the remainder of the camp week after being cleared by the camp nurse. For refund information, see below.
- ☆ If a camper **becomes homesick**, the parents/guardians will be notified immediately. It is the parents'/guardians' decision whether the camper should attempt to stay for the camp week or whether the camper should go home. We are committed to providing the best camping experience we can and are willing to work with campers in getting them to stay. However, should a homesick camper become destructive or disruptive to the camp environment, the parents/guardians will be asked to pick up their camper as soon as possible. For refund information, see below.
- ☆ For campers who leave camp before their session is complete, we will follow the refund policy stated below:
  - If a camper leaves due to **sickness** before Wednesday supper (5:30pm), a refund of 25% of the **cost of your camp session** will be given (no refund on additional fees). After Wednesday supper (5:30pm), no refund will be given. Campers who return to camp after recovering from an illness will not receive a refund.
  - Any camper who leaves due to homesickness after direct contact with their family (cell phone use, visits, etc.) will not receive a refund. If a homesick camper who has not had contact with his/her family goes home before Wednesday supper (5:30pm), a refund of 25% of the **cost of your camp session** will be given (no refund on additional fees). After Wednesday supper (5:30pm), no refund will be given.
  - Campers sent home due to behavioral problems at camp will not receive a refund.
- ☆ In general, campers are **not permitted to use the phones** at WLD Ranch. If you call to check on your camper during the camp week, WLD leadership staff will talk with the camper's counselor and/or the camper, and then call you back with a report. In the case of a **family emergency** or if you must reach your child due to a change of plans, please follow this procedure: 1) Call WLD's main phone (814-474-3414) and leave a message with the person who answers the phone. They will locate the appropriate leadership staff, who will deliver the message to your child. 2) If a return call is needed, WLD's leadership staff will return your call. 3) **For a family emergency between the hours of 9:30pm and 7:00am**, call WLD's main phone (814-474-3414). At the main menu, dial 107 which will forward your call to Joseph as the emergency contact. (If it is not an emergency that needs immediate response – if it can wait until morning – please leave a message according to the prompt and we will return your call the next day.) **Please limit these calls to emergencies in which you need immediate contact with WLD leadership staff regarding your camper.**

- ☆ **Overnight campers** are permitted to bring **cell phones** to stay in contact with parents/guardians during their camp sessions as long as they abide by WLD Ranch's expectations of cell phone use. **All cell phones are to be turned in at registration/sign-in to be stored in the camp office, NOT in the bunkhouses.** Campers can access their cell phone for brief conversations right after lunch each day. *It is the responsibility of the campers to request access to their phones.* Calls are limited to communicate with family members only, not friends. Cell phone use will be supervised and phones will be returned to the staff office at the end of the call. Cell phones found in the bunkhouse will be turned in to the office and returned at the end of the camp session. WLD Ranch leadership staff will determine cell phone privileges for these campers based on circumstances. Day campers are not permitted to bring cell phones since they will be going home each day.
  
- ☆ Campers are expected to listen to the counselors and program staff during their stay at camp. Campers who choose not to listen/follow directions will be warned and face consequences (lose free time or activity privileges, etc.) if their poor behavior persists. Campers who become disruptive to the camp session will be removed from the camp program. Parents/Guardians will be contacted and Parents/Guardians are expected to pick up their camper immediately in this case.
  
- ☆ Questions? Call us at (814) 474-3414.

## Camper Checklist

- ☆ **Be sure your camper brings the following items to camp:**
  - Bedding (sleeping bag or sheets, blanket, pillow)
  - Personal articles (soap, shampoo, towels, toothbrush, plastic bathroom cup)
  - Old sneakers and lots of socks
  - Boots with a heel (recommended but not required for horseback riding)
  - Long pants (must be worn while horseback riding)
  - Warm jacket or hoodie
  - Rain jacket
  - Bible (recommended for meetings)
  - Notebook and pen or pencil (recommended for meetings)
  - Sunscreen of at least SPF 15
  - Swimmies or a life jacket if learning to swim
  - One piece modest bathing suit
  - Bug spray
  
- ☆ **Be sure your camper DOES NOT BRING the following items to camp:**
  - Immodest clothing, including but not limited to: halter tops, tube tops, short shorts, seductive shirts, two piece bathing suits, clothing that reveals undergarments, midriff shirts. These articles of clothing are not appropriate for camp activities.
  - Clothing with offensive language or pictures
  - Electronic devices including, but not limited to: radios, mp3 players, ipods, electronic games, **cell phones (see policy above)**, etc.

## Health Concerns

- ☆ Please send sheets and blankets if there is a possibility of your child **wetting the bed**. Sleeping bags are hard to put into the washer.
- ☆ All **medications** taken by mouth must be turned in to the nurse upon registration/sign-in. This includes non-prescription medicines and vitamins. All medicines should be clearly labeled with your camper's name. Include on a separate paper the name of the medicine, dosage, frequency taken, and reason (see example below).
- ☆ If your camper is taking **more than one medication** while at camp, please follow these instructions:

1. Place medication in a pill organizer container like this:

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2. Mark container with the camper's name.
3. Be sure to list on a sheet of paper each medication, dosage, frequency (time taken), and reason for taking it.

**Example:**

<u>Medication</u>	<u>Dosage</u>	<u>Frequency/Time Taken</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Adderall	10mg	Daily-breakfast	ADHD

4. If your camper takes multiple medications several times during the day, please separate each dosage into a different pill organizer sections for ease of distribution. For example, medications taken Monday am are separated from that taken Monday pm.
5. Please contact WLD Ranch's nurse (814-474-3414) if you have any questions about your camper's medications.