



What are the camp dates and hours?

Camp Coyote Ridge is a once-a-month overnight camp. Campers will arrive on Saturday at 12pm and check out on Sunday 12pm. Please be sure to check our website for the upcoming dates.

What is the staff to camper ratio?

Camp will be staffed at a 3:1 ratio. Staff will consist of 1-2 lead staff, support staff, and volunteers. Campers must be able to function safely in a group environment. Campers who require a 1:1 must be accompanied by a parent-provided, private companion or caregiver for the duration of the weekend. Golden Heart Ranch cannot provide a 1:1.

What is the registration process?

On-line registration is open! All registration forms will be available on the GHR website. Paper packets will also be available for pick-up in the South Bay office and the Ranch in Agoura Hills. Once completed, families should scan and e-mail the completed application packet to Ashley@ghrsocialclub.org at least 2 weeks prior to Camp Coyote Ridge. Or hand deliver the registration packet to staff at one of the two GHR locations for processing. GHR will then determine eligibility and confirm your camper's spot.

All first-time campers will receive an intake phone call from staff to review the packet, answer questions, assess individual needs and expectations to ensure that Camp Coyote Ridge can adequately meet your child's needs. Questions can be directed to Ashley and Keri.

What is the cost for camp?

Camp Coyote Ridge will provide a 24-hour camp experience. The cost for Camp Coyote Ridge is \$250 per camper. This price includes lodging, staff, meals and snacks, and all activities.

How do I know if my child is eligible for camp?

Camp Coyote Ridge is open to all genders ages 16 and up. Applicants must be able to function safely in a group environment, show an interest and be willing to comply and participate in activities. Acceptance will be determined based on overall camper care required and the staff's ability to meet individual needs in a safe and appropriate manner.

- Personal Care

Participants must be independent with their personal care needs. Individuals who require more than minor assistance with bathing, dressing, feeding, and other personal care may not be accepted. Individuals requiring medical care other than the administration of medications will not be accepted without a parent-arranged 1:1 (not GHR staff) - a qualified caregiver to remain with the camper throughout the duration of camp. GHR does have a registered nurse, however, she may not always be present for camp. Medications will be administered by trained staff.



- **Behavioral Challenges**

Individuals with a history of running off or hiding, exhibit physical or sexual aggression, who do not sleep through the night, wander or exhibit disruptive nighttime behaviors may not be accepted into Camp Coyote Ridge. Or, if these behaviors present and are outside of the scope of the camp staff to reasonably accommodate, the camper may be asked to leave camp. Individuals with severe behavioral issues including acting out, inability to remain with the group, self-injurious/assaultive behaviors, and/or aggressive tendencies will not be able to attend Camp Coyote Ridge.

What is the procedure for administering medications?

Campers medications must be sent in the original containers and placed into a Gallon sized zip lock bag with a completed Medication Information Form inside the bag. The campers name should be clearly written on the bag. All medications must be checked in with camp staff upon arrival.

Medications at camp will typically be dispensed in the morning and at bedtime. Medications can be administered at other times if medically necessary if that information is written into the Medication Information form and communicated to camp staff. Parents are responsible to ensure that camper's medications listed on the Medication Information Form are written clearly with dosage instructions, how and when the medication is to be given, and any special considerations. All medication will be stored in a locked medicine cabinet in the counselor's quarters - with the exceptions of Epi-pens and Diastat.

Medication forms can be found in the registration packet. Questions and/or concerns about medications can be addressed to our Registered Nurse, Keri @ keri@goldenheartranch.org

What types of activities are planned for camp?

Camp Coyote Ridge is intended to be a fun camp experience. While campers may do a little "work," the focus is on socialization and new adventures! Activities may include hiking, swimming (weather permitting), basketball and other group sports, yoga, music, arts and crafts, cooking, movies, gardening, GHR animal care, and more!

What is the menu for the weekend?

Campers will create a wide variety of delicious meals together. Breakfast choices may include oatmeal, eggs, bacon, pancakes, French toast, fruit, muffins, and yogurt. Lunch may include hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, wraps, quesadillas, burritos, mac n' cheese, vegetables, and fruit. Dinner menu may consist of spaghetti with red sauce or meat sauce, meatball sandwiches, chicken noodle soup, hamburgers, fries, vegetables, and fruit. And let's not forget the campfire treats!



What are the “Rules of the House?”

The Big Oak Cabin is co-ed, but the sleeping quarters will be kept separated by respective gender. There will be a morning routine and night time routine that the campers will follow. A visual schedule will be provided. Shower time will be in the evening. It is important that campers can follow one-step directions for the safety and consideration of others. A more detailed list of House Rules can be found in the registration packet.

What if my camper does not like camp or becomes homesick?

If your camper is homesick or unhappy, we will call to speak with you about the situation. If your camper becomes overly agitated, attempts to run off, will not eat, drink, or take prescribed medication, the staff may elect to send the camper home. Parents are responsible to transport their camper to and from camp even in these less than favorable situations.

What are the Emergency Procedures?

In the event of an emergency at Golden Heart Ranch, GHR staff will call, text, and/or email to alert parents and/or guardians with a plan of action. If we must evacuate the property, the staff will gather all campers, retrieve all necessary medications, ensure that all campers are accounted for, load campers into staff cars, and transport them to a meeting place approved by the fire department – this is where parents will be able to come to pick up their rancher. All staff will stay until every camper is picked up by parents or designated person. Camper and staff safety are our highest priority.

Our registration packet will outline in greater detail our camp policies and procedures to ensure all campers have a relaxing, fun-filled, and safe camp experience. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Ashley Adams at Ashley@ghrsocialclub.org and/or Keri Ferguson at Keri@goldenheartranch.org