

# Girl Scouts of Western Washington Camping on GSWW Properties

## CAMP OPERATION Guidelines & Procedures

### Health and Safety in Camp

#### Check-in/ Check-out

Check-in time at camp is NO EARLIER than 3:00 pm. (except for Klahanee and Evergreen where check-in is no earlier than 4:00 pm) and no later than 9:00 pm. The person in charge of each group must check-in with the camp host upon arrival at camp, **Do NOT enter camp without checking in.** Allow at least 10 minutes to check in with the site staff and at least 15 minutes for the check out process. Check-out from camp is no later than 2:00 pm. Earlier check-in and/or later check-out must be arranged with the site host prior to your arrival. Waterfront certifications, if supplying your own waterfront personnel, will be checked by the camp host before use of the waterfront is allowed.

The camp host will give the person in charge a camp orientation (including emergency procedures), issue equipment, establish check out time, be available to answer questions, help solve problems, and make your stay at camp more enjoyable.

#### Vehicles

**Driving in camp:** Each camp has a driving plan with designated parking areas for each living unit. In most instances cars may access the unit to unload gear, however the car must be returned to the designated parking area within 30 minutes and parked backed in. Not all units are accessible by vehicle. Pack your supplies accordingly. Check with the camp registrar or site manager for site specific driving requirements. Speed limits and vehicle-restricted areas must be followed. Transportation of persons in non-passenger vehicles, such as the back of a pick-up, is prohibited.

#### Garbage and Recycling

Garbage bags will be provided. The site host will give instructions on recycling and disposal of garbage. Please plan your menu to minimize garbage and maximize recycling! Check with the site manager/host for composting options available.

#### Fires and Propane Use

Firewood is available at all camps. Fires are allowed only in designated areas with fire safety equipment close at hand and only when no burn ban is in effect. A fire should never be left unattended. Fires must be thoroughly extinguished. Please do not put water on the fires in the masonry fireplaces or wood stoves. Ask the Site Manager/Host for instructions on putting out those fires. Ashes and partially burned wood should be left in the woodstove, fireplace or fire circle. Bring dry kindling and fire starters to start fires. Each camp does provide posted rulings on fire management in camp.

- Box ovens should not be placed on wood or flammable surfaces or concrete floors. Charcoal fires may be permitted in designated areas during outdoor fire bans.
- Gas matches or fire starting lighters are provided for propane stoves.
- GSWW-owned propane stoves are set up in many of the outdoor units. Some camps have propane stoves available for checkout through the camp host. 2-3 burners per stove unit available, propane provided.
- Candles or any type of open flame are not allowed in sleeping shelters. Candles are restricted in camp buildings and cook shelters with the exception of special events, for example: birthday candles on a cake or Girl Scout candle ceremonies. This restriction DOES include candles used for repelling bugs and candle lanterns. Please check with the Site Manager/Host prior to use of candles in any camp building.
- Liquid fire starters should never be used. This includes charcoal lighter fluid and gasoline.
- Liquid gas stoves and lanterns are prohibited, except when used as part of a GSWW-approved training or program progression.

### **Lights**

Most outside units do not have electric lights. Bring heavy-duty battery or rechargeable lanterns, or propane lanterns. Liquid gas lanterns are prohibited. Propane lanterns are available for checkout by the camp host.

### **Personal Property**

GSWW is not responsible for the damage, loss or theft of personal property. Check with the activity leader regarding the use of personal sports equipment (archery, etc.). The use of personal boats or motors is not permitted.

### **Ban on Styrofoam**

Dishes and cups made of Styrofoam should not be used on Council owned property because of the negative environmental impact of Styrofoam and the inability to recycle. Girl Scouts are encouraged to make use of reusable dishes or bring dunk bags with personal eating implements to avoid excessive disposal and conserve our environment.

### **Facility Capacities**

Each building at GSWW camps has a listed capacity, based on square footage and provided bed space. This capacity cannot be exceeded by adding additional mats or moving mattresses. The capacity is set by operational guidelines and the local Fire Marshall and must be followed. Please insure your reservation provides for all visitors appropriately.

**Emergencies in Camp**

Troops are responsible for their own first aider and first aid kit. The site host must be notified immediately of any serious accident or emergency situation. The group will follow his/her direction. Medical emergency transportation must be provided by Emergency Medical Services (911). Troop leaders should have names and addresses of participants, emergency contact numbers, health statements and permission to seek emergency medical treatment.

**Camp Evacuation**

Each site has its own way of notifying you if evacuating the camp becomes necessary. The site host will notify you of this during the orientation. Follow the emergency procedures posted in your unit to find your designated evacuation point.

**Safety at Camp**

Campers must have adult supervision at all times. Follow guidelines as stated in *Safety-Wise*. Appropriate footwear should be worn for the group's planned activities.

**Alcohol and Drugs**

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on all GSWW Girl Scout properties, exceptions made by the board of directors only. The use of illegal narcotics and drugs is prohibited at all Girl Scout gatherings and on GSWW property. The use of prescription or over-the-counter medication must not impair adults' ability to effectively carry out their responsibilities.

**Tobacco**

Smoking or use of tobacco is allowed only at areas designated by the camp host. Persons accompanying and/or at any time responsible for minors must not smoke or use any form of tobacco in the presence of minors. Girl program participants may not use tobacco products.

**Weapons**

Fireworks, firearms, and weapons are prohibited. Pocket knives, if part of an approved Girl Scout activity, are allowed.

**Recreational Vehicles**

The camps have no sanitation, water or power facilities for recreational vehicles. Self contained RVs require prior approval by the camp host and are limited to the main parking areas.

**Respect for others**

Often there are several troops camping at our sites on weekends. Please show respect for other people's belongings and their space. Use only the fire circle and bathroom assigned to the unit you have rented. Individual troops may be asked to share a unit or bathroom facility with another troop in order to maximize outdoor opportunities for all girls. Visitors should be careful to only enter an occupied unit with permission from those using the facility.

**Tents**

Each facility has a primitive camping area where visitors can tent camp. These areas are provided at a very reasonable rate and are good options for Girl Scout camping. In some instances, groups may want to set up a tent to expand the group size or provide for men in camp. This must be done with the approval of the site manager.

**Pets**

No pets are allowed in camp. Service animals are allowed; notify camp host prior to arrival.

**Co-ed groups**

Separate sleeping/bathroom areas must be provided for males and females. Contact the camp host for specific situations/ solutions if necessary.

**Accessibility**

Please call GSWW for assistance if you have campers with special needs. GSWW follows a general policy of inclusion. Reasonable accommodation will be provided where feasible. We strongly recommend that parents visit the site prior to the event to see if specific needs can be met. Some of the camp units are accessible for people with disabilities, some are accessible with assistance, and some are not accessible.

**Camp Visits**

No fee is charged for girls or leaders to tour the site. Please contact the site manager/ranger to arrange a visit. Please do not show up unannounced.

**Day Use**

- Day participants joining a group for the day often require special arrangements for arrival that insure parking and directions to locations in camp are understood. Please insure communications are clear for arrivals, and the site manager/host is aware of arrival schedules in the event their help is requested. Entrance kiosks or posting boards are available to post information for late arrivals or those coming in for the day at most camps.

**Dining Hall/ Lodge Kitchen Use**

- Meal service for a fee can be provided at Camps St. Albans and River Ranch for groups larger than 35. Please indicate interest in this service on the *Campsite Request Form*. You will receive a reply packet providing information including fees, meal choices, scheduling and additional services.
- Groups with a qualified cook (has a Food Handler's Permit AND has completed training/or documented experience in commercial cooking) may rent the dining hall/lodge commercial kitchens. The use of the lodge commercial kitchen requires that the group have a qualified cook who has read the kitchen and lodge manual and received kitchen orientation for the specific site being used. Quantity Cook workshops are offered through the Adult Learning Department.
- Youth must be age 15 and older to prepare foods or utilize the dishwashers in the commercial camp kitchens. Recommended roles for younger campers include dining room hosting, and table setting.

- Camps Evergreen and Klahanee: only groups that are providing meals outside their immediate troop (such as a Service Unit activity) need to provide a qualified cook with a Food Handler's Permit. Troops that are simply cooking for their own group do not.
- There are other smaller kitchen facilities available that might be suitable for a small group or troop. Please refer to the amenities at a glance or Camp facility descriptions for facilities available at each site.
- The dining halls at Camps St. Albans, River Ranch, Robbinswold and Lyle McLeod are not sleeping facilities. They may only be used as a dining hall or program space. Crafts using hot glue, paint, glitter, etc. are not allowed in any of the dining halls.
- The dining hall/lodge building capacity must be honored.

### **Service Projects**

Giving service to others is an important part of Girl Scouting. Opportunities for family or group experience provide a means for girls to gain appreciation and sense of ownership in our beautiful camp facilities. The camp host may have service projects where you can lend a helping hand. Remember: site staff time for supervising service projects is limited so be prepared to be given only tools, instructions and safety training. Some camps offer the "I Worked Like a Beaver" patch.

### **Waterfront Use**

Camp waterfront areas are closed for access unless supervised by certified adult personnel.

- All swimming and boating waterfront usage must be done under the supervision of certified personnel.
- Swim dock and Boat dock rules are posted.
- Swimming is only allowed at designated swim areas. Observe all dock closure signs as posted.
- For detailed procedures for waterfront use and fees, please refer to *GSWW Waterfront Use Guidelines*, available at [www.girlscoutsww.org](http://www.girlscoutsww.org) on the Volunteer page or by calling the camp registrar at the DuPont Girl Scout Center.
- Swimming and boating waterfront usage should be requested with your site reservation. Swimming and boating are not available at Camp Robbinswold, Evergreen or Klahanee.
- Certified waterfront personnel may be volunteers provided by the troop/service unit (no fee) or may be hired by GSWW for a fee. Waterfront is available March 15 through October 31, however appropriate air and water temperatures must exist for operations.

### **Camp Robbinswold Beach**

Seafood may be gathered **in season** and used at camp during the season. Check with the site manager. No seafood may be taken home. No campfires are permitted on the beach. Fishing is allowed with appropriate fishing permits. No waterfront equipment is available. Beach combing and marine wildlife observation opportunities are abundant on the beach. Check the Seattle tide tables for scheduling beach activities at low tide.

### **Camp Evergreen Creek Wading**

Troops/groups are responsible for supplying their own waterfront personnel. A copy of the person's current certificate must be attached to the *Camp Site Request* form. For wading in Mill Creek, follow these rules:

- For wading in water more than ankle deep, an adult with current certifications in American Red Cross Basic Water Rescue (or with documented experience in basic water rescue skills) and First Aid/CPR must be present. For every group of 25 or less, one Basic Water Rescuer and two other adult "watchers" must be on duty.
- During high water or salmon spawning season, creek activities are prohibited. The ranger has the authority to restrict water activities in the creek.

### **Klahanee**

No waterfront is available on site. The ocean is 22 miles from Klahanee. Ocean swimming requires a surf-certified lifeguard (*Safety-Wise*) and may be done only in those areas that the local authorities have approved as safe.

### **Archery**

Archery is available at Camps St. Albans, Lyle McLeod and River Ranch. There is a \$35 charge for the use of the archery range with user group provided certified archery instructors. Copies of appropriate certifications should be presented to the Site Manager/Host upon arrival. Skills Verification and Orientation to the facility are required of the certified instructor operating the program. Project staff are available upon request for an alternate fee.

### **Challenge Course**

The challenge course at River Ranch may only be used with a site-approved certified facilitator. Contact the camp registrar for fee schedule and packet for challenge course use.

### **Environmental Trunks and Program Kits**

Environmental Trunks and Orienteering Program are available for a fee at Camp River Ranch. Reserve them on the *Camp Site Request* form. Program kits may be checked out for no fee at Camps St. Albans, Klahanee, Evergreen, Lyle McLeod and the DuPont Girl Scout Center.

Please refer to each individual Camp Description for additional program information.

## Available Equipment for Group Use

<b>Equipment Available in Outdoor Facilities</b> (*some larger units may have double these items for troops to share)	
3 pots w/ lids**	2-4 brooms
1 cast iron frying pan**	2 dust pans
1 cast iron griddle**	1 rake
1 cutting board**	1 shovel
1 Dutch oven	1 axe &/or hatchet
1 hot water kettle**	2 fire buckets
1-2 dish drainers**	1 garbage can with 1 recycling bin
3 dish pans**	1 bottle of Mineral Oil for cast iron
1-2 cooking grates for fireplaces/pits	1 fire extinguisher
Gas Match (fire starting lighter)	Tables and benches
2 or 3 burner propane stove** (Propane Provided)	Disinfectant (One for bathrooms & one for countertops/tables)

<b>Equipment Available in Winterized Indoor Cooking Facilities</b>	
<b>*All items listed above*</b>	1+ rubber scrappers
Refrigerator	2 veggie peelers
Stove/oven	1 sheet pan
Microwave	2 paring knives
6-12 Cup Coffee Maker	2+ pitchers
4-6 mixing bowls	1 spatula/turner
1 ladle	1 mop/bucket
2 can openers	3+ large spoons
Table service (plates, cups, bowls, utensils) for building capacity + two	

**Toilet paper and garbage bags are provided at each property.**

**Other equipment available in limited supply for check-out w/ Site Host:**

- Tents/tarps
- Charcoal Chimneys
- Flags
- Propane Lanterns

### **Individual Troop/Group Camp Box Recommendations:**

(Each troop/group should come prepared with the following items)

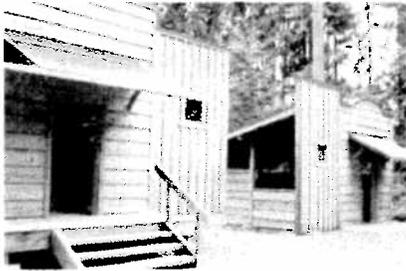
#### **All Units:**

Sponges  
Dish Soap  
Hand Towels  
Bleach  
Measuring Cups  
Tinfoil/Cling Wrap  
Hand Soap  
Coffee Filters  
Oven Mitts/Pot Holders

#### **Outdoor Only:**

Can Opener  
Paring/Cutting Knives  
Spatula/Turner  
Large Spoons  
Mixing Bowls  
Veggie Peeler  
Ladle  
Mess Kits w/ silverware  
Pitchers

### Frontier Village in Homestead



Helena's Lodge



The Barn

### Troop House Bunk Room



## Girl Scout Camp River Ranch

(425) 333-4550

**North Entrance: 33300 NE 32<sup>nd</sup> St.; Carnation, WA 98014**

**South Entrance: 33318 NE 24<sup>th</sup> St.; Carnation, WA 98014**

Girl Scout Camp River Ranch, near Carnation provides a beautiful 430 acre camp in the foothills of the Cascades, 45 miles east of Seattle. The camp is ideal for hiking, nature study, and water activities. Its location on the Tolt River and Lake Langlois gives an opportunity to do such activities as swimming, boating, and canoeing. From late fall until early spring, water may have to be carried from a central location, and latrines may have to be used. New facilities at Girl Scout Camp River Ranch are LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) bronze certified and meet the highest green building and environmentally responsible performance measures.

## **Camp River Ranch Buildings:**

**Helena's Lodge:** Capacity 260. Located above Lake Langlois with full panoramic views. Dining and meeting area with fireplace, heat and electric lights. 32 tables with chairs for group use, Indoor propane fireplace for indoor campfires. Coffee and hospitality bar for beverage services. Food services available upon request for groups. Complete institutional kitchen with electric range, oven, walk-in freezer, walk-in cooler and dishwasher. Cooking utensils and equipment. Dining and serving equipment available. Bathrooms. Kitchen manual distributed with confirmation. Wheelchair accessible.

River Ranch can be viewed as 4 smaller use areas: **Homestead, the Meadow, Pioneer Ridge and Cielo.** The following unit descriptions have been separated into these areas.

### **Homestead:**

**Wagons End:** Capacity 28, Outdoor Unit. Seven wagons with 4 beds in each wagon. Bunks with mattresses. Water. Toilet. Cook shelter with unit equipment. 2 burner propane stove, Fire Circle. Closed Nov.15- March 15

**Frontier:** Capacity 30, Outdoor Unit. Five cabins with a western town design; each sleeps 6 on bunks with mattresses. Water. Toilet. Cook shelter with unit equipment. 2 burner propane stove. Fire circle. Closed Nov.15- March 15

**Sundance:** Capacity 30, Outdoor Unit. Five cabins, each sleeps 6 on bunks with mattresses. Water. Toilet. Cook shelter with unit equipment. 2 burner propane stove. Fire circle. Closed Nov.15- March 15

Homestead area overnight capacity TOTAL = 88 beds

### **Meadows:**

**Hidden Forest:** Capacity 30, Outdoor Unit. Five cabins, each sleeps six. Bunks with mattresses. Water. Toilet. Cook shelter with unit equipment. 3 burner propane stove. Fire circle. Closed Nov.15- March 15

**Cedars:** Capacity 32, Outdoor Unit. Eight cabins, each sleeps four. Bunks with mattresses. Water. Toilet. Cook shelter with electric lights. 3 burner propane stove. Fire circle and unit equipment. Closed Nov.15- March 15

**Pebbles:** Capacity 30, Outdoor Unit. Five cabins, each sleeps six. Bunks with mattresses. Water. Toilet. Cook shelter with unit equipment. 3 burner propane stove. Fire circle. Closed Nov.15- March 15

**Ranch House:** Capacity 16, Indoor/winterized unit. Dining and meeting area with wood stove, electric heat, and electric lights. Kitchen with range and refrigerator. Unit cooking equipment and place settings provided. Microwave and coffee maker available. Two sleeping areas with bunks and mattresses. Two bathrooms - one with shower. Wheelchair accessible.

**Barn:** Day Use - Large meeting space located in the Meadow provides for group meeting space up to 135. Centralized program area in camp. Use the Meadow's bathrooms. Hot and cold running water, electricity. Heat lamps provide extended comfort.

**Meadows Cook Shelter:** Additional building in the meadow that can be rented separately from everything else. Program shelter in Meadow with fireplace, 3 burner propane stove, sinks with cold water and cooking equipment. It has an indoor fireplace and an outdoor fire circle for a group up to Meadows Cook Shelter (continued) 30 people. Use the Meadows bathrooms.

**Meadows Picnic Shelter:** Located in the center of the meadow, an open air picnic shelter which includes 8 picnic tables. Useful for large group picnicking or BBQ. Comfortable for up to 100 participants.

Meadows area overnight capacity TOTAL = 108 beds

**Pioneer Ridge:**

**Alder Valley:** Capacity 40, Outdoor Unit. Five cabins, each sleeps eight. Bunks with mattresses. Water. Flush Toilets & pit latrine for coed services. No showers available in this unit. Cook shelter with unit equipment. 3 burner propane stove. Fire circle. Closed Nov.15-March 15

**Wagons West:** Capacity 32, Outdoor Unit. Eight covered wagons, each sleeps four. Bunks with mattresses. Water. Flush Toilets & pit latrine for coed services. Shower house. Cook shelter with unit equipment. 3 burner propane stove. Fire circle. Closed Nov.15-March 15

**Cascades:** Capacity 30, Outdoor Unit. Five cabins with open sides, each sleeps 6. Bunks with mattresses. Water. Flush Toilets & pit latrine for coed services. Shower house. Cook shelter with unit equipment. 3 burner propane stove. Fire circle. Closed Nov.15-March 15

**Troop House 5:** Total building capacity is 30 Indoor/Winterized unit.; however either side may be rented individually or together. Large wood wall panels provide complete separation, or open out for joint room use. Two fire rings are available for evening campfires. Completely wheel chair assessable.

**Side A** Capacity 15 Indoor/Winterized unit. Dining and meeting area with propane fireplaces, with propane range, microwave, coffee maker, and refrigerator. Unit cooking equipment and place settings. Beds/Bunks with mattresses. 1 bunk room sleeps 12, one side room for 3. Full restroom facilities, 3 toilets, 2 showers. 3 folding tables and chairs for dining.

**Side B** Capacity 15 Indoor/Winterized unit. Heat and electric lights. Kitchen with propane range, microwave, coffee maker and refrigerator. Unit cooking equipment and place settings. Beds/Bunks with mattresses. One upstairs room sleeps 6, one downstairs room sleeps 6, one downstairs room sleeps 3. Full restroom facilities, 3 toilets, 2 showers. 3 folding tables and chairs for dining.

Pioneer Ridge overnight capacity TOTAL = 132 beds



Fire Circle at Wagons West

**Cielo:**

**Troop Houses 1, 2, or 3:** Capacity 26 each, Indoor/Winterized unit. Dining and meeting area with wood stove, electric heat and electric lights. Kitchen with range and refrigerator. Unit cooking equipment and place settings provided. Three sleeping areas. Two that sleep 11 and one that sleeps 4. Bunks with mattresses. Two complete bathrooms. Fire circle. Troop House 1 & 3 wheelchair accessible. Microwave and Coffee makers are provided.

Cielo overnight capacity TOTAL = 78 beds

**Primitive Area:**

**Old Horse Country:** Capacity 20, one large primitive site. Sheltered platform sleeps 20. Pit latrine and fire circle. Limited vehicle parking.

**POINTS OF INTEREST**

**Welcome Pavilion:** In the Homestead area. Covered group area with large fireplace, similar to the Rotunda at Robbinswold. Can accommodate visitors staying in the Homestead area for program activities, such as campfire. Flagpole available. US and GS flags available for check out from the site host.

**Rosalind Bay Nature Trail:** 1-1/4 mile self-guided walk with stations pointing out local habitat.

**Old Horse Country:** Primitive campsite area with sheltered platform. Water, pit latrine, fire circle. Good hike destination for day program in the program shelter.

**Amphitheater:** Capacity 400. Located at swimming waterfront area. Water. Pit latrine. Fire circle. Electricity and flag pole.

**Heart Song Hill:** Hike to a high point in camp and view the watershed from 2 sides, interpretive writing activity available along with a bell to ring out your heart song.

**Trail Map and Description List:** 26 onsite trails, evaluated by level of difficulty, and measured for distance. Use the map to plan your route to travel around camp on foot through the forest. Discover how many miles of trail are available at River Ranch. Request an electronic version of the trail map from the site host, and print in color before your visit.

**Meadow with Flag Pole:** The largest open area in camp is the meadow, which does have an open space for field games, flag ceremonies and large group circles. Commonly used for station-type events due to its size.

**Meadows Picnic Shelter:** covered open picnic shelter with 7 picnic tables, 2 charcoal BBQs available for group meal service in the Meadow.

**Camp Garden:** A camp garden is available for group service. Spring and fall service learning opportunities. Contact the camp program manager for details and to volunteer.

**Archery Range:** Covered shooting line available for up to 8 shooters at one time. Equipment provided. NAA certified Level 1 Archery instructors required for operations, along with skills verification. Moveable targets with a maximum shooting distance of 80 ft.

**Lake Langlois:** 40 acre natural lake with 2 facilities for program delivery: a swim dock and a canoe dock. Public access is available on NE 24<sup>th</sup> St. via a Boat Launch managed by the King County Department of Natural Resources. Stocked annually with rainbow trout by WA State Dept of Fish and Wildlife and has a fishing season from late April to late October. Fishing licensing required.

**Sleepy Hollow:** Located in Homestead, this creek meanders through a lower meadow in camp. Seasonal salmon spawning runs can be spotted. Lower meadow has fire circle and could be used for tent campers.

**Environmental Trunks:** Wildlife Trunk has 8 group activities to complete the Junior Girl Scout Wildlife Badge. Earth Connections Trunk has 2 levels of program trunks to complete the Junior Girl Scout Earth Connections Badge in 2 visits. This offers opportunities to observe the site in different season. Use your *Camp Site Request* form to reserve these program trunks in advance of your site visit.

**Letterboxing:** Beginning and Advanced Letterboxing clues available to discover the location of the camp letterbox. Groups must provide supplies for letterbox stamps and booklets for visitors. Clues and instructions can be emailed by the site host.

**Orienteering Course / Program Kit:** Silva Compass Teaching Kit with 24 compasses (base plate compasses), and a large teaching compass. Four teaching courses are provided. Twenty Five orienteering points have been surveyed and marked. These points are available for custom orienteering course development based on program interest and skill level of participants. Booklet available for program leadership, delivered electronically with confirmation. Reserve with your site reservation on the *Camp Site Request* form.

**Geo Cache River Ranch** – Experience an internal geo cache program installed with 8 cache points and girl developed cache boxes to locate and swap. Course waypoints and clues are available for use while in camp for groups that have their own GPS units. These waypoints should not be posted on the public geo cache site, as use if for camp visitors only. Contact the Site Host for further information, or request project staff for course leadership along with the use of 10 GPS units and how to information for geo caching.

**Canoe Dock** – Boating facility for canoe and rowing program. Includes 17 canoes and 8 rowboats with full support equipment including PFDs, paddles, oars, and rescue gear. See *Waterfront Procedures on GSWW Properties* for additional information on use of Canoes and Rowboats. Latrine.

**Swim Dock** – Full swim facility located near the amphitheater. Certified lifeguards are required for use during times of appropriate water temperatures only. See *Waterfront Procedures on GSWW Properties*. Changing room in the boat house, and latrine.

**Low Challenge Course:** Located in a cedar rainforest, 10 elements to develop leadership potential and group team strength. Requires use of River Ranch project staff for facilitation.

**Climbing Wall** – 40' double sided climbing wall provides leadership development and team support program. Requires use of River Ranch project staff and trained belay staff for use. Latrine located in the Cedars parking area.



**River Ranch Project Staff Available** –When selecting this option on your *Camp Site Request Form*, you will be contacted by the camp program manager to confirm your program interest, and schedule your activity. Once scheduled, a billing will be generated by the camp program registrar. Payment is due in advance of your program.

Please note: Event Guide programs are scheduled 1 year in advance. Please check the Event Guide and online council calendar to reference your reservation date, and programs that may already be scheduled at camp. Your request will have to schedule around these activities. Guests are encouraged to register for Event Guide programs in conjunction with the site stay. [www.girlscoutswv.org/calendar](http://www.girlscoutswv.org/calendar)

The following program is available led by trained staff. Please see the camp fee schedule for program / session costs:

**Archery** – NAA certified Archery Instructor. 1 ½ hour sessions, with a maximum of 16 and a minimum 8 participants per session.

**Canoeing or Rowing** – 2 adults Certified Paddling Instructor and Small Craft Safety adult. 1 ½ hour sessions with a maximum of 24 participants per session. A minimum of 2 sessions must be scheduled on the day of request and a maximum of 5 sessions can be offered per day.

**Kayaking** – Kayaks are only available with council project staff. 2 staff are provided, one instructor and one small craft safety certified adult. 1 hour session with a maximum of 18 participants per session. A minimum of 2 sessions must be scheduled on the day of request and a maximum of 5 sessions can be offered per day.

**Swimming** – Waterfront lifeguards are provided for swimming program. A maximum of 25 swimmers are allowed for each 1 hour swim session. 4 one hour sessions must be scheduled on the day.

**Low Challenge Course** – Facilitators are available to provide group activities on the challenge course. 3 hour sessions are required for effective group processing. A maximum of 15 people per group allows for individual input. Fees are established per group with a maximum of 4 groups per day.

**Climbing Wall** – Trained belay staff are provided. 3 hour sessions allow for group participation, goal setting and processing. Minimum 8 climbers and maximum of 15 climbers per session. A maximum of 3 sessions can be offered in a day.

**Geo Caching River Ranch** – A nature guide and geo cache expert are provided for course leadership and trail interpretation. 3 hours program with a minimum of 8 and maximum of 20 people per session with a maximum of 3 sessions per day. Compass and GPS units are provided. Groups should consider swaps or stamps prior to the session for trading in the cache boxes.

**Food Services** – Food services can be provided for your group, which include ordering and supplying food, cooking, serving and clean up for your groups meal needs. Meals are charged per person by the meal. When requested on the *Camp Site Request form*, a packet is sent to provide additional information including menu choices, timeline for scheduling and confirmation and the billing process. A Lodge reservation is required for food service options. Minimum 75 people, maximum 250.



## Girl Scout Camp River Ranch – facility amenities at a glance

Notes: Please refer to <i>Waterfront Use Guidelines</i> for requirements for qualified supervisors of waterfront activities	Electric lights	Electric heat	Wood heat	Indoor/Covered fireplace	Outdoor Fire Circle	Stove	Refrigerator	Showers	Toilets F=Flush, L=Latrine	Water	Open Program shelter	Open sleep shelters	Propane Stove	Capacity
Hidden Forest				X	X			X	F	X	X	X	X	30
Cedars				X	X			X	F	X	X	X	X	32
Pebbles				X	X			X	F	X	X	X	X	30
Alder Valley				X	X			X	F	X	X	X	X	40
Wagons West				X	X			X	F	X	X	X	X	32
Cascades				X	X			X	F	X	X	X	X	30
Frontier				X	X			X	F	X	X	X	X	30
Wagons End				X	X			X	F	X	X	X	X	28
Sundance				X	X			X	F	X	X	X	X	30
Ranch House	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	F	X				16
Troop House 1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	F	X				26
Troop House 2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	F	X				26
Troop House 3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	F	X				26
Troop House 5A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	F	X				15
Troop House 5B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	F	X				15
<b>Total bed capacity</b>														<b>406</b>
Dining Hall with Kitchen	X	X		X	X	X	X		F	X				260
Dining Hall without Kitchen				X					F	X				260
<b>Additional area/activities:</b>														
Old Horse Country (primitive)				X	X				L	X	X			20
Amphitheatre					X				L	X				
Welcome Pavilion	X			X					F	X	X			
Barn***	X	X							F	X				106
Meadows cook shelter				X					F	X	X			
Archery Range per day									L					
Swim Dock	X				X				L					
Canoe Dock	X								L					
Climbing Wall									L					