

# BUTTE CREEK SCOUT RANCH

Leaders,

We are honored to be the first to welcome you and your Girls to Butte Creek Scout Ranch! We are excited to spend a few days with you here at camp, and are committed to making your experience this summer memorable! The 2016 Butte Creek program is something that we are truly proud to be a part of.

At Butte Creek, we believe that Girls Camp fosters personal growth, invaluable outdoor skills, and having fun adventures in a safe environment; that principle guides our camp-wide program. This leaders' guide is designed to offer you an overview of all the opportunities available to you and your Girls during your stay at Butte Creek, and assist in your preparations prior to your arrival at camp.

Our staff look forward to your arrival!

Yours in Scouting,

2016 Butte Creek Management Team

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Camp Director

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Business Manager

# ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION

## Arriving at the Ranch

Please plan to arrive at the parking lot no later than 1:00 PM. You will be greeted in the parking lot by Butte Creek Camp Staff who will give you your campsite assignment, a map and directions to park and unload your gear. Your **Leader** will be given an appointment time to meet with the Business Manager and the Medic.

Girls should come prepared to carry their own backpack to their campsite, packs should be a reasonable weight for them to carry. Adults, with the help of staff, will move the rest of the gear to the campsite. Be sure to pack lightly and compactly, consider that it is a distance to your site.

Please have the **Unit Roster** and final **Payment** ready when **your Leader** meets with the Business Manager at the appointment time.

All adult leaders and youth campers must see the medic for a health check. Each person will need to turn in **Medical Forms, Parts A and B**. Part C is required for outings over 72 hours. When you check in with the Medic you must check in all medications. By Oregon State Law, all youth medications must be collected in the original prescription containers

## Homesteads

We call campsites “homesteads” at Butte Creek. You will be assigned to one of eight homesteads, which are shared among several Crews. This is a great opportunity to interact with youth and leaders from throughout the Cascade Pacific Council! Canvas tents on wooden platforms, and, in some campsites, “mini-dacs” (tent-sized wooden cabins for two) are provided. Please bring what you need to be comfortable, such as blow-up mattresses or sleeping pads. Packing light is a great way to make move-in easier. You will carry in your gear a ways to your campsite, but wheelbarrows and staff will be provided to help.

Please keep **Youth Protection** policies in mind as you set up your homestead; adults and youth may not share tents and adults may not enter tents occupied by youth, except in the case of a parent and their own child.

Each homestead has a designated fire ring where you may build a campfire as long as there is no fire ban in effect. There is plenty of firewood around; please do not cut any trees or use any type of liquid fuel. A shovel, water bucket, and fire safety chart are provided for each homestead. Please take a moment during move-in to review the fire safety chart with your youth.

## Opening Ceremonies, Camp Tour

Opening ceremonies is a sensational presentation that will get you and your Girls excited and motivated for the days to come! It will be directly followed by a tour of camp with your homestead, led by a member of our staff. During the tour, you will be introduced to the trading post, dining hall, health lodge, shooting sports ranges, and more. Health checks are also part of the tour, during which our camp medic will collect and review medical forms for every individual in camp. At least one adult leader should attend the tour with your homestead.

## Hootenanny

After you get moved into your campsite, head on down to Main Street for the Hootenanny, a party featuring fun games and activities such as a shooting range, a moseyin’ contest, and even an appearance by Butte Creek’s very own sheriff. It’ll be a hoot!

## Adult Leader Meeting

Concurrent with the tour is the first adult leader meeting. There is an adult leader meeting every day of the camp session. At least one adult leader from your pack should attend each of these

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meetings. During this time, we will go over additional information in-depth to ensure that your day is successful. Please come prepared with any questions you may have!

## Meals

In true Wild West fashion, here at Butte Creek, we call lunch “dinner,” and dinner “supper.” Meals are served family style to hearken back to old west traditions of community and closeness. Each homestead will be assigned tables in the dining hall according to the number of people in your homestead. Each homestead will be asked to provide two Girls per table with adult supervision for each meal to be “waiters.” Waiters will be asked to report 30 minutes before the meal begins to set their tables. Staff will set the 1st meal of the session.

The closing dinner and campfire program are a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and family to visit you at Butte Creek! During check-in, your BBQ count for your Pack will be asked in preparation for the closing BBQ Dinner. **Please ensure that guests check in at the camp office.** Meal tickets for guests can be purchased in the  
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## Morning Routine

Each morning before breakfast, Girls and adults have the opportunity to feed the many animals that live at the ranch. This is optional, and those who wish to help should report to the barn at 6:15 AM.

Our Morning flag ceremony is before breakfast with an Evening flag ceremony before supper.

Following breakfast, Girls and adults participate in assigned camp chores. These take little time or effort to accomplish, but by working together, they allow each Camper to take pride and ownership in Butte Creek and our camp community! Your Trail Boss will help guide you.

## Station Rotations

Beginning on the second day, Girls will visit activity stations at designated times with their homestead. Stations are led by expert staff who have enthusiasm for what they are teaching! At each

station, Scouts will gain confidence as they safely learn new skills and explore new activities. Stations are grouped by location and topic to make the most of your time at Butte Creek. Adults will be asked to participate by assisting station staff to ensure that Youth have positive experiences. Our station activities include:

### **Pioneering, Geology, and Woodcraft—**

Girls will be introduced to skills and practices crucial to the homesteaders and pioneers of the old west. Youth will have the opportunity to learn about animal stewardship, develop their woodworking skills, and see what treasures lie in store as they pan for gold in our own Butte Creek!

**Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show** — Old west legend Buffalo Bill was a famed sharpshooter and showman! At this station, Girls will have the opportunity to shoot BB guns, try their hand at archery, and play games that will showcase their strength and agility!

**Horses , Nature, and Fishing** — Girls will get to experience the natural world first-hand as they learn about horses, learn about nature and conservation at our nature station, and test their angling skills at our fishing pond!

## Horse Program

Butte Creek is home to an impressive herd of horses. Our team of skilled wranglers is passionate and knowledgeable and will help your Scouts feel comfortable and confident around our expertly-trained horses. Scouts will participate in horsemanship activities adapted to their experience and ability. These include such activities as grooming, leading, roping, and riding. They will also have the opportunity to begin building a foundational knowledge of horses and good horsemanship.

## Fishing

Girls will have the opportunity to fish at our newly added fishing pond! We will enforce catch-and-release fishing only, as we do not have facilities to clean or store fish. Fishing is offered as an activity station and is also available during Open Range

time. A staff member will be available to instruct and assist at all times when the pond is open. You will be provided all materials necessary, but you are welcome to bring your own supplies if you desire. You will be responsible for the security of your supplies and may not store them in our fishing shed.

### **Open Range**

During Open Range, each Girl and their buddy are free to roam and further explore the activity stations of their choice, or simply enjoy old-fashioned, unstructured play around camp. During Open Range, adult leaders are free to roam as well, or relax at your homestead. BB guns, archery, whittling, Whittling Chip, panning for gold, frontier games, and many more activities will be available during Open Range. Horses are not available. They need their rest.

### **Homestead Time**

Homestead time is scheduled for after lunch and after evening program. This is a chance for homesteads to gather for a quiet moment of rest and reflection. Girls are encouraged to use this time to rest their bodies, and either reenergize for the rest of the day or wind down for the night. This 30 minutes after lunch is known as BOB ("Body On

Bunk") time at your homestead. Trail Bosses can assist in making use of this unstructured time if desired.

### **Evening Program**

A chapel service will be led by our camp chaplain on the first night of each session.

Butte Creek staff will also lead a moving campfire program on the first and last nights of each session.

Street Show is a famous tradition that will provide campers with an entertaining walk through the history of the American west on the second night of each session.

leaders to track Scouts' progress, test for completion after camp, and award achievements.

### **Adult Program**

Your love for Scouting and youth, as well as your commitment to serve, is the heartbeat and foundation of success for Girls Camp in the Cascade Pacific Council. Please take advantage of our Adult Leader Activity Program. It's a fun way to stay busy and productive! Requirement sheets will be available at camp.

## **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Check-out**

Time will be allotted for campers to pack up and load gear into vehicles. Please ensure that your youth are not missing out on scheduled program in order to get packed up early. With everyone working together, this process can be completed quickly and smoothly.

Please remember Leave No Trace outdoor ethics as you finish up at your campsite; leave it better than you found it! Camp will be dismissed after the closing campfire program on the third day, which provides a conclusion to the session and recognizes campers for their achievements and participation. Please try to stay until the very end, as this is when you will collect important paperwork, lost and found, etc.

### **Parent pick-up**

For the safety of the youth while they are at Butte Creek, we take a few precautions regarding pick-ups from camp. We ask that you coordinate visitors and drivers **before** camp, and include all individuals involved on your Crew roster. If they will be at camp for any length of time, we want to know that you are expecting them. If a parent or other family member is picking a child up at any point before the scheduled camp dismissal, please notify camp management as soon as possible when they get to camp. They will need to check-out their child from camp at the Camp Office before leaving camp.

**In order to keep traffic flowing safely as we dismiss camp at the end of the session, parents that are picking up their Camper are asked to please arrive prior to 4:30 PM.** Please check in at the camp office. Visitors may join us for our closing dinner and campfire.

### **“S” Rules;**

Butte Creek “S” rules will be announced and explained at opening flag and will be posted throughout camp. Please go over these rules with your girls daily as a way to remind them that **SAFETY** is the most important thing at Butte Creek.

### **Special Needs**

In order to help us meet our campers’ specific dietary and mobility needs, we request that you submit a Special Needs Form **no later than May 31, 2016. Appropriate planning and preparation is necessary to fully accommodate the needs of attending campers.** Forms submitted after that date will be addressed to the best of our ability.

### **Bathroom and Shower Facilities**

Flush toilets can be found in the shower house on Main Street. Throughout the rest of camp, we use KYBOs, which are outhouses with pit toilets. The shower house has clearly marked, separate sections for youth, men, and women.

### **Trading Post**

Our camp trading post is well-stocked with camp supplies, souvenirs, and refreshments. The average camper spends \$10 per day. You may choose to have an adult leader act as the “banker,” allowing youth to check money in and out. Adults may use a personal check, VISA, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express.

### **Communication**

We understand that for many adults, life does not stop when you come to camp. To make your time here a little easier, wireless internet is available for those who bring their own devices. Please refrain from Skype, FaceTime, voice calls, or other streaming out of respect for other users. A phone is available in the camp office for emergency use only. Cell service is marginally available around the property. Please only use out of sight of campers and only as necessary; distraction from quality time with your Camper! To maintain the

wild west environment, we ask that all youth be discouraged from bringing and using recreational electronics at camp.

### **Pony Express**

Mail can be an exciting surprise for Girls at camp! To ensure that your camper receives their mail, consider sending it well before they arrive. We will hold all mail until the session it is marked for. Please include the following when addressing your mail:

[Girl’s first and last name]  
[Session Dates]  
Butte Creek Scout Ranch, BSA  
13462 S. Butte Creek Rd.  
Scotts Mills, OR 97375

Outgoing mail from camp can be dropped off in the camp office.

### **Pre-camp Meeting**

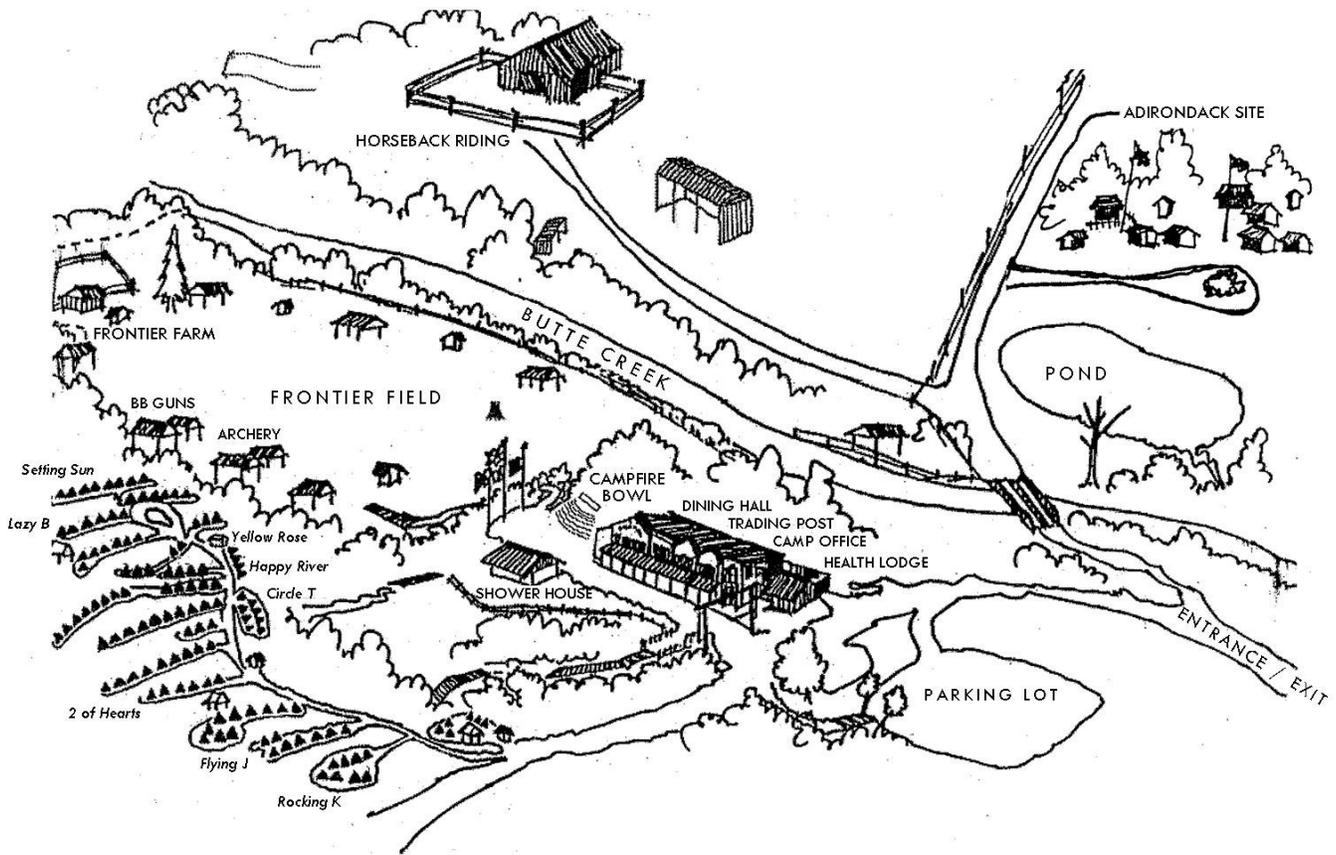
Each Crew is encouraged to send at least one adult leader to one of our pre-camp meetings. All adults attending camp are encouraged to attend. They are an invaluable opportunity to get the most up-to-date information and meet the camp director for questions. You will also be able to pick up t-shirt pre-orders if ordered by May 15.

Happy Valley LDS Church  
10300 SE 132nd Ave  
Happy Valley, OR 97086

Friday, June 3 at 7:00 PM  
Saturday, June 4 at 1:00 PM



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DAY 1	
12:30	CAMPER ARRIVAL CHECK-IN
2:00	OPENING CEREMONIES
2:30	CAMP TOUR ADULT LEADER MEETING
4:00- 5:30	HOOTENANNY
6:00	EVENING FLAG
6:15	SUPPER (DINNER)
7:30	CHAPEL
8:00	CAMPFIRE
8:45	HOMESTEAD TIME
10:00	QUIET HOURS

DAY 2	
6:15-6:45	LIVESTOCK FEEDING
7:45	MORNING FLAG
8:00	BREAKFAST MORNING CHORES
9:00-11:45	STATION #1
12:00	HOMESTEADS GATHER
12:15	DINNER (LUNCH)
1:00	HOMESTEAD TIME ADULT LEADER MEETING
1:30-4:00	STATION #2
4:00	OPEN RANGE
6:00	EVENING FLAG
6:15	SUPPER (DINNER)
7:30	STREET SHOW FLAG RETIREMENT
8:45	HOMESTEAD TIME
10:00	QUIET HOURS

DAY 3	
6:15-6:45	LIVESTOCK FEEDING
7:45	MORNING FLAG
8:00	BREAKFAST MORNING CHORES
9:00-11:45	STATION #3
12:00	HOMESTEADS GATHER
12:15	DINNER (LUNCH)
1:00	HOMESTEAD TIME ADULT LEADER MEETING
1:30-4:00	OPEN RANGE
4:15	EVENING FLAG
4:30	SUPPER (DINNER)
5:00	CAMPFIRE
5:30	DISMISSAL