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WELCOME TO HORSE CAMP

Welcome to Horse Camp

Welcome to the breathtaking R-C Scout Ranch, nestled along the scenic Christopher Creek and surrounded by the awe-inspiring beauty of one of the world's largest Ponderosa Pine forests. R-C is the perfect setting for youth to have an amazing outdoor experience with horses.

Horse Camp is centered on youth spending time and interacting with our horses. It is the perfect introduction to horses, where youth learn how to properly feed and care for the horses. They go on horseback trail rides and have fun playing games and doing crafts. Parents may join in on the activities and crafts. The horseback trail rides will only be for the youth campers.

UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

Youth spending time with horses in the great outdoors.

LIMITED AVAILABILITY

We suggest campers register early, as there is a limited number of youth campers per session.

ACCOMMODATIONS

We have lots of options, so camping is easy. You can bring your tent, OR you can rent a rustic tent, family tent or cabin – it's your choice.

Youth campers, 8 years and older, are welcome to participate in Horse Camp. You can learn more about what makes Horse Camp special and all your options in our easy-to-follow Parents' Guide. We look forward to seeing you at Horse Camp!

Nicole Johnson – Camp Director

Cora Johnson – Program Director

Craig Burkholder – Camp Ranger



GRAND CANYON COUNCIL, BSA
Discover Your Path

BSA MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

GRAND CANYON COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Grand Canyon Council camping program is to provide each Scout with a memorable and challenging outdoor experience. The Grand Canyon Council enriches the fundamentals of Scouting through unique opportunities for leadership and educational growth. All programs and activities will be guided by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law.

The Grand Canyon Council is an equal opportunity organization that does not discriminate on the basis of sex, color, race, creed, or religion.



HORSE CAMP REGISTRATION & OPTIONS

We want to thank you for taking the time to explore the official 2024 Parents' Guide, a comprehensive resource providing essential information to help you plan and prepare for an unforgettable horse camp experience. We strongly encourage all adults attending camp to read this guide in its entirety. For your convenience, the latest version of this document is always available at www.r-cscoutranch.org.



Horse Camp Registration & Options

Please be sure to fill out the entire registration form with your contact information, participant information, dietary needs and special needs. This information will help us to provide your family with a great camping experience. To participate, youth must have a completed horse waiver signed by their parent(s). Register at <https://www.r-cscoutranch.org/>

Pick your session. We have three horse camp sessions during the week. Each session is three days and two nights of camp.

Session H1 - Tuesday, June 4 through Thursday, June 6	SESSIONS H1, H2 & H3
Session H2 - Tuesday, June 11 through Thursday, June 13	\$260 / Youth
Session H3 - Tuesday, June 18 through Thursday, June 20	\$195 / Adult

Youth campers at Horse Camp must be at least in the Second Grade or Wolf Rank in the 2024-2025 school year and must be accompanied by at least one parent or an adult family member (over 21 years of age).

Horse Camp Options

- Arrive a Day Early ----- \$50 *for the Family*
We recognize that some families must travel considerable distances to the camp. If needed, you can join us the day before your session starts. You can check in any time after 4 p.m. There are no meals offered that evening so please plan accordingly. The next day enjoy breakfast in the morning and relax until camp orientation starts at 11:30 a.m.
- Lodging Rental Options
Campers bring their own tents, or we have several options for renting lodging for your family.
 - Rent a Rustic Tent ----- \$30
 - Canvas Tent (7' x 9') with a platform.
 - Sleeps two with 2 cots.
 - Bring your own bedding – sleeping bag, pillow, sheets, blankets.
 - Be sure to bring a lantern / flashlight.
 - Rent a Family Tent ----- \$100
 - Canvas Tent (12' x 12') with a platform and a porch with chairs.
 - Queen bed, twin bunk bed, side table & light.
 - Bring your own bedding – sleeping bag, pillow, sheets, blankets.
 - Family tent can accommodate additional youth with add-on cot (*no fee*).
 - Family tent can accommodate your playpen.
 - Bring your own bedding – sleeping bag, pillow, sheets, blankets.
 - Be sure to bring a flashlight for nighttime activities.



HORSE CAMP REGISTRATION & OPTIONS

- Rent a Cabin ----- \$120
 - Queen bed, twin bunk bed, and futon.
 - Cabin has electricity, heating and air.
 - Bring your own bedding – sleeping bag, pillow, sheets, blankets.
 - Cabin can accommodate additional youth with add-on cot (*no fee*).
 - Cabin can accommodate your playpen.
 - Bring your own bedding – sleeping bag, pillow, sheets, blankets.
 - Be sure to bring a flashlight for nighttime activities.
 - Bathrooms and Showers available at the Shower House.

Payment Plan

- \$100 deposit per person is required at registration.
- The remaining balance is due by May 1st.
A late fee of \$30/person will apply to remaining balances as of May 2, 2024.

BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (Required)

The event **does not** require a medical professional signature on the Annual Health and Medical form.

On arrival at camp, all campers must submit a BSA Annual Health and Medical Record – Part A, B1 & B2 with immunization records written on B2 or attached and a copy of the family insurance card. The health form used for all scouting events is on the BSA website at:

[Annual Health and Medical Record | Boy Scouts of America \(scouting.org\)](https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/)
www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/

This record is provided as a fillable PDF, and members are encouraged to fill it out on their computer, then print the record (rather than printing the record and filling it out by hand). Doing this will improve the readability and accuracy of each member’s medical information.

While you may have other types of health forms, the only form accepted at camp is the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record.

Refund Policy

It is important to remember that all camp fees are nonrefundable at each payment stage. In the case of death of an immediately family member, sickness, or injury prior to attending camp, or military transfer, we will give a partial refund when verified by a physician, military commander, or such official. Reasons such as vacation schedule, summer school, and last-minute changes of mind are not acceptable reasons for refunds. Participants that leave camp during the session, for any reason, will not receive a refund. This is to help our council camps provide the very best program, since we sign contracts with our staff and vendors long before your family arrives on the property. **All refund requests must go through the camp registrar. The staff at camp are not authorized to make refund decisions.**



CAMPERSHIPS

Camperships

A limited number of camperships are available to help Cub Scouts in need of financial assistance to attend any Grand Canyon BSA programs including, but not limited to, R-C Family Camp, R-C Horse Camp and Raymond Adventure Camp. We also now offer Camperships for out-of-council youth.

Follow this link to the Grand Canyon Council Forms: www.grandcanyonbsa.org/forms/. On the webpage, click on Financial Assistance Application to apply for a campership. The deadline for campership is March 31.

Campership will be applied to the registration balance once approved. Please note, if a Scout does not attend the program a campership was awarded for, then they will forfeit their personal contributions. Additionally, camperships are awarded for a specific program and cannot be transferred to other programs.



ARRIVAL, STAY & DEPARTURE

Arrival

For a few days, this will be your home away from home and we want to make sure you enjoy your time at R-C.

Check-in is from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Upon your arrival, you will be greeted at the front gate by camp staff, and they will give you directions on your check-in procedures. Late arrivals must notify camp management at Headquarters/Health Lodge to receive check-in instructions.

At Check-In you will receive

- ❖ Your Campsite Assignment
- ❖ Your Horse Camp Schedule
- ❖ R-C Scout Ranch Map
- ❖ Wristband for each Camper for Meals
- ❖ Meals – Food Allergy / Dietary Restrictions Card (*if applicable*)

Campsite Assignments

Upon arrival at camp, you will be given your campsite assignment. Whenever possible, participants from the same Pack will be grouped together at the same campsite so be sure to include your Pack number or indicate the families you'd like to camp with during the registration process.



ARRIVAL, STAY & DEPARTURE

Meals / Dietary Needs

All meals are provided in our camp dining hall starting with lunch on day one and all campsites have drinking water. Additional snacks, treats and drinks are available for purchase in the Trading Post.

Campers with special dietary needs, including allergies, must be noted during the online registration process so the proper accommodation can be made. You will receive your food allergy / dietary restrictions card at check-in.

Health Lodge / Headquarters

The Camp Health Lodge is staffed 24 hours a day by qualified medical personnel. For insurance purposes and for the health and safety of all participants, all accidents and illnesses, no matter how minor, must be reported to the Health Lodge and recorded. Arrangements have been made with the local rescue squads and hospitals to handle any medical emergencies.

Camper Care

R-C Scout Ranch has an elevation of over 5,000'. It is important that everyone **drinks lots of water** each day and stays hydrated.

It's vital for every camper to wash their hands regularly. All participants are required to wash their hands before meals and before and after each activity. We strongly encourage everyone to utilize our centralized shower house.

Water

All campsites have drinking water as well as water in the dining hall.

Latrines / Bathrooms / Showers

Latrine are located in or next to campsites as well as by the field, cabin 5, near the stables and the parking lot. The latrines are stocked with toilet paper. If you run out of toilet paper, please notify Headquarters. Campers need to keep the seats down and use the water bucket for rinsing latrine. Please no trash or items should be thrown into the latrine, this causes problems when pumping out and cleaning the latrines.

There are also flushing bathrooms next to the entrance to the dining hall as well as in the Shower House.

Scout Uniform / Horse Camp Attire & Shoes

For Horse Camp, all participants must wear long pants - jeans are preferred. Participants must wear closed-toed shoes - tennis shoes work the best. Hiking boots tend to be too bulky and steel toed boots are not allowed for the safety of the horses.

For Cub Scouts, the official Scout uniform is encouraged to be worn for evening flag ceremonies, evening meals and campfires. The full field uniform consists of a Scout shirt, Scout belt, Scout pants or shorts with Scout socks. Cub Scouts wear the neckerchief for their den – Tigers, Wolf, Bear, Webelos and Arrow of Light, and they can wear their den hat too.

During the day, a Scout t-shirt and Scouts shorts or pants are great. For non-BSA members, we ask that attire be family appropriate and conservative.



ARRIVAL, STAY & DEPARTURE

Lost & Found

Prior to arriving at camp, please be sure to clearly mark all personal items with your first and last name. This will help us return items to their owners prior to your departure. Lost and found is located at the Health Lodge / Headquarters. Any items left at camp will be kept for two more weeks and then donated to local charities.

Leaving Camp / Check-Out

Any time you would like to leave camp, please be sure to check-out at Health Lodge / Headquarters. It is important we know when you are gone.

At the end of camp, check-out is after the final morning scheduled activities. All families must be off property by 3:00 p.m. at the latest.



HORSE CAMP SCHEDULE & ACTIVITIES

Horse Camp Schedule

Start Time	Stop Time	DAY ONE	DAY TWO	DAY THREE
6:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	Camp Closed	Reveille 6 a.m.	Reveille 6 a.m.
7:45 a.m.	8:00 a.m.		BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST
8:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.			
9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	Check In	C 9:00 - 10:00	C 9:00 - 10:00
10:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Camp Setup	Reset Time	Reset Time
10:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.		D 10:30 - 11:30	D 10:30 - 11:30
11:30 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	Orientation at Stables (SW Corner of Camp)	Reset Time	Pack Up
12:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:00 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	Family Time	Family Time	Pack Up & Check Out by 3:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	A 2:30 - 3:30	E 2:30 - 3:30	Camp Closed
3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	Reset Time	Reset Time	
4:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	B 4:00 - 5:00	F 4:00 - 5:00	
5:00 p.m.	5:45 p.m.	Reset Time	Reset Time	
5:45 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	Flag Ceremony	Flag Ceremony	
6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	DINNER	DINNER	
7:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Family Time	Family Time	
7:30 p.m.		Evening Activities	Evening Activities	
10:00 p.m.		Lights Out	Lights Out	

Scheduled Activities are on the schedule as: A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H.

Reset Time - There is 30 minutes of Reset Time after each activity. During Reset Time, a family can stay at the activity longer if they like, take a break, go back to camp or do open activities. This time is for the family to reset however needed and get ready for the next scheduled activity.

Family Time – This is time for the family to do whatever they like.

Open Activities

Open Activities are available at camp all throughout your visit. You're welcome to enjoy these activities anytime you wish.

- Lawn Games
- Board Games
- Geocaching Challenge
- Resting at the Campsite
- Playing in the Creek with supervision
- Explore the Area



TRADING POST & CAMPSITE

Trading Post

R-C has a Trading Post filled with clothing, souvenirs, camp essentials, snacks, drinks, and treats. If you forgot anything from home, check out the Trading Post. We have a lot of items to help you with those forgotten items.

Caring For Your Campsite

By taking care of your campsite, it will help us to take care of the camp.

- No Litter in campsite or camp. All trash in trashcans.
- Ground cover (pine needles and leaves) removed only around fire areas.
- Please do not cut or damage the trees or plants at camp.
- Do not use the sinks to rinse food out as it can clog the drains.
- Hammocks must use straps that shield trees from abrasion.

Wildlife Safety

Campers have an opportunity to observe many types of wildlife that includes deer, bats, raccoons, birds, skunks, turkey, snakes, coyotes, and amphibians. It is wise to remember that these animals are the permanent residents of the backcountry. Please make sure all campers remember to:

- ❖ Treat all animals with respect and observe from a distance.
- ❖ Do not follow, feed, tease or handle wildlife.
- ❖ Store all food in a secure place: personal vehicle, bear proof storage container, cooler that is strapped shut or 5-gallon bucket with screw on lid.
If you store food in your tent, in a bag or backpack, the critters will find the food and chew through the bags to get to the food.
- ❖ Keep your campsite clean! All trash should be removed from your campsite or secured each time you leave the campsite.
- ❖ If you decide to cook at your campsite, clean up immediately after the meal and pour your grey water (strained to remove food particles) into a nearby sink and rinse the sink with clean water. Please do not scatter your grey water near camp or dump it in a latrine. Food scraps will attract animals.
- ❖ If you discover a snake or an animal that is behaving strangely, please notify the camp staff immediately.



WHAT TO BRING

What To Bring - Please label belongings so we can help get them back to you.

Required Documents

- Medical Form – Parts A, B for every participant
- Copy of Family Insurance Card
- Medications (if applicable)
- Horse Waivers (Required)

Required Items

- Long Pants for Trail Rides** (Jeans are best)
- Closed-Toed Shoes** (Tennis shoes are best)

Helmets are provided by camp.
Shoes Not Considered Closed Toe:
Crocs and Hiking Sandals

Personal Gear

- Day Pack (carry stuff during the day)
- Water Bottle or Hydration System
- Field Uniform (Scout shirt, shorts or pants, belt and socks)
- Activity Uniform (Scout T-shirt)
- Rain Jacket or Poncho
- Warm Jacket (fleece or sweater)
- Hat (ball cap and stocking cap)
- Underwear & Socks
- Pajamas
- Scout appropriate T-Shirts (long & short sleeve)
- Pants/Shorts (jeans or Scout pants)
- Pair Tennis Shoes / Extra Pair is Handy
- Toiletries (Soap, Toothbrush & Toothpaste, Deodorant, Shampoo)
- Washcloth & Towel
- Sunscreen, Chapstick
- Bug Spray
- Flashlight or Head Lamp (Extra Batteries)
- Whistle
- Spending Money

Family Equipment

- Tent(s) for Family
 - Tarp or ground cover for tents
 - Sleeping Bags for each Camper
 - Extra blankets in case it's cold
 - Sleeping pad, air mattress or cot
 - Pillow
 - Camp Chair (one per camper)
 - Small First-Aid Kit
 - Lantern / Flashlight
- (For Campsite & Nighttime Activities)**
- If you are renting a tent or cabin, be sure to bring bedding for bed.**

Items Not To Bring

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| Electronic Games \ Devices | Hot Sparks | Personal shooting equipment |
| Radios, iPods, etc. | Laser Pointers | Any questionable item |
| Matches & Lighters | Personal archery equip. | |

Items Not Allowed

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| Fireworks | Personal firearms or projectile items like Wrist rockets |
| Alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs | Pets |
| Flames in tents | Bicycles |
| Sheath knives | |

Use or possession of tobacco products by anyone under the age of 21 is illegal in Arizona. All camp buildings are smoke and vaping free. The only authorized location for adult smoking or vaping is in your personal vehicle.



COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING PROGRAM

JOIN THE R-C SCOUT RANCH TEAM!

Counselor-In-Training Program (CIT)

Scouts aged 14 & 15 who have an interest in serving R-C Scout Ranch as a Counselor in Training will experience a new curriculum in the 2024 season that is aimed to develop their leadership, customer service, teaching and self.

In every session, the CIT group will function as a patrol, with the CIT director reinforcing scouting methods and enabling the youth to have real leadership opportunities as they grow together learning about communication, goal setting, team building, and personal accountability. CIT's will be challenged to "reach higher" to get to know themselves and how capable they can be in every setting. While the CIT program runs the entirety of the R-C Family Camp season, they will have plenty of opportunities for games and special activities during their stay.

Program Highlights

- An introduction to every program area.
- A week of specialized training in the program area of their choice.
- Teambuilding and leadership development inspired by NYLT and Wood Badge.
- Teaching and training models designed specifically for R-C Scout Ranch.
- Life skills training designed to prepare youth for resume building and job interviews.

Program Requirements

- Age 14-15 (Scouts 16 and older are encouraged to apply as camp staff)

Open availability through the entire summer. Current BSA registration and up to date health forms. Spaces are very limited! If you are interested in becoming the next generation of amazing Counselors in Training, please apply through the link on the website.

www.r-cscoutranch.org, or by emailing the director, at GCC.Program@grandcanyonbsa.org.

Directions to R-C Scout Ranch

R-C Scout Ranch

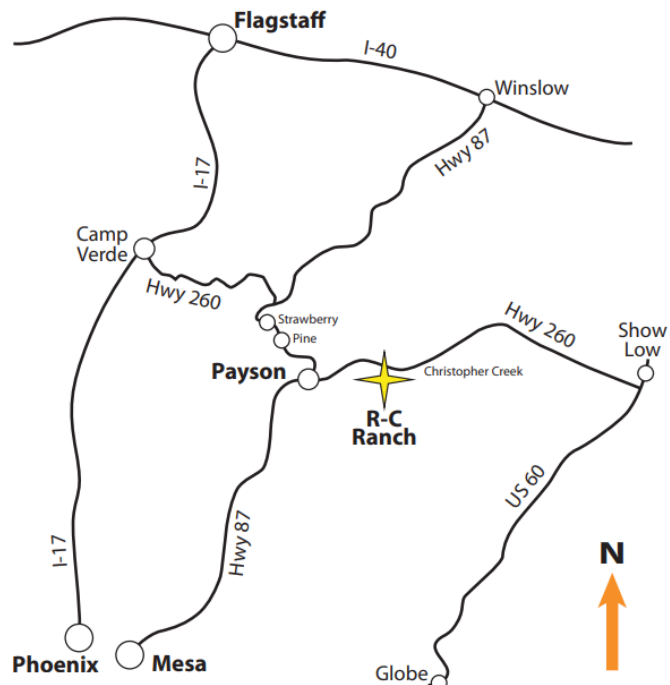
19887 E. AZ Hwy 260

Payson, AZ 85541-9215

GPS: Latitude: N 34° 18' 42"

Longitude: W 111° 2' 60"

R-C Scout Ranch is on Highway 260 approximately 19.6 miles east of the intersection of 260 and Highway 87 in Payson, Arizona. The entrance is between mile marker 271 and 272 on the South side of the road. If you get to the small township of Christopher Creek, you've gone too far – approximately two miles past R-C Scout Ranch.





R-C SCOUT RANCH MAP

R-C Scout Ranch Map
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Payson, AZ 85541

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