



LEADERSHIP STARTS HERE.

10 | A NOTE ABOUT LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

In keeping with the Girls Scouts mission, GSEP Leadership Programs build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

Programs are designed for girls entering grades 7–12, and geared to meet girls where they are in their respective leadership journeys. Programs are offered at four Resident Camps (Laughing Waters, Mosey Wood, Tweedale and Wood Haven), and three day camps (Shelly Ridge Day Camp, Mountain House Day Camp and Valley Forge Day Camp).

NOTE: Beginning this summer, Counselor-in-Training (CIT) instruction (previously conducted in progressive CIT I and CIT II modules) will be combined into a single session. For returning campers who have successfully completed CIT I, two sessions of CIT II will be provided at Camp Laughing Waters and Camp Tweedale (see p. 12).

CAMP PROGRAM AIDE (CPA)

Laughing Waters

July 4–16

Mosey Wood

June 27–July 9

August 1–13

Wood Haven

August 1–13

ENTERING GRADES: 7–9

COST: \$300

EARN: Program Aide Pin.

Wood Haven campers also earn the Program Aide Patch.

Take it to the next level!

Girls who can't get enough of the camping experience are ready for CPA training. CPAs-to-be work as a team to design and lead resident camp activities for younger girls in arts and crafts, sing-alongs, nature, sports, theme-days, special events, and more. The program fulfills all requirements for the Girl Scout Program Aide Core Training and Program Aide Specialty Training. CPA

candidates have time to enjoy traditional camp activities.

Girls will spend the weekend at camp.

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (CIT)

Camp Mosey Wood

July 18–August 13

(Girls spend July 30–August 1 at home.)

ENTERING GRADES: 10–12

COST: \$400

EARN: CIT Pin

In the first part of this newly designed, month-long Counselor in Training course, girls learn leadership, safety and risk management, general camp management, childcare and much more. After a weekend recharging at home, girls return to camp and complete internships, working as “counselors” to younger girl residents. Applicants must demonstrate maturity, commitment, leadership

potential, and the ability to work well with others in a positive atmosphere. CITs have time to enjoy traditional camp activities.

Camp Wood Haven

June 27–July 23

ENTERING GRADES: 10–12

COST: \$350

EARN: CIT Pin

This four-week program is for girls who aspire to become camp counselors themselves. Girls participate in workshops and team initiatives that focus on successful leadership qualities, child development, behavior management, the Girl Scout Program and philosophy, camping skills, skills required to work with children, role playing, and expanding their repertoire of songs and games. Training includes shadowing camp staff, observing camp programming, and studying *(continued on p. 12)*



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behind-the-scenes camp management and operations. CITs then use what they've learned to plan, coordinate and implement camp activities for younger girls. Camp personnel, CIT staff and other CITs provide support, feedback, encouragement and coaching for girls in a positive atmosphere as they work to become better leaders, and develop life-long interpersonal and professional skills. Campers return home most weekends.

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING II (CIT II)

Camp Laughing Waters

July 18–August 13

ENTERING GRADES: 11–12

COST: \$360

PREREQUISITE: Successful completion of CIT I at a GSEP camp in 2008 or 2009.

Girls 16 and older who have successfully completed CIT I at any GSEP camp may continue with advanced training to become camp counselors. Girls will gain responsibility, spend more time with younger campers, design and manage an all camp activity and be evaluated on their performances. This is a tremendous opportunity for girls who are committed to helping young girls achieve their full potential. Girls also receive introductory training in resume writing and public speaking. To conclude the

CIT II program, girls participate in mock interviews with the Camp Director. Girls return home on all weekends except for August 6–8.

Camp Tweedale

June 20–July 9

July 18–August 6

ENTERING GRADES: 11–12

COST: \$360

PREREQUISITE: Successful completion of CIT I at a GSEP camp in 2009.

The next step to becoming a camp counselor! Girls progress from working as Assistant Counselors and Co-counselors before taking primary responsibility for a group of girls with guidance from a Counselor.



WRANGLER IN TRAINING (WIT)

Camp Laughing Waters

July 18–August 13

(Girls return home all weekends except for August 6–8.)

STYLE: Western Riding

Camp Wood Haven

June 27–July 23 *(Girls return home all weekends.)*

STYLE: English Riding

ENTERING GRADES: 10–12

COST: \$350

EARN: CIT Pin

PREREQUISITE: Girls must have four years of extensive horse experience, and must demonstrate excellent horsemanship and riding skills.

This intensive four-week program is designed for the girl who aspires to become a Horseback Riding Instructor at a Girl Scout camp. In their first two weeks, girls work within the CIT program and participate in workshops and team initiatives that focus

on successful leadership qualities, child development, behavior management, the Girl Scout Program and philosophy, camping skills, skills required to work with children, role playing, and expanding their repertoire of songs and games. Training includes shadowing camp and riding staff, observing camp and riding programming, and studying behind-the-scenes camp management and operations. WITs also learn advanced horse and stable management skills, herd care, horse psychology, techniques for teaching and supervising horseback riding students, and equine medical emergency skills. WITs then use what they've learned by taking an active, supervised role in teaching campers to ride and care for horses, and sharing their love for camp and riding with other girls.

Riding staff, camp and CIT personnel and other WITs provide support, feedback, encouragement and coaching for girls in a positive atmosphere as they work to become better leaders and develop life-long interpersonal and professional skills.

