

## ASHGROVE ADVENTURE

### Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

**I am confused about which training I am expected to take. I am a new Day Camp volunteer and there seems to be a lot.**

Our camp is structured to include outdoor, theme, and Girl Scouting activities, and requires considerable interaction and coordination to provide the best possible experience for both adults and campers. Training sessions provide you with the fundamentals of our program, help you feel comfortable working with children in a camp setting, build staff camaraderie, and give you numerous resources. A person who has never been to camp before and who is assigned to a unit would need to attend the staff training listed under NEW, UNIT and ALL.

**I am a troop leader and have already taken Basic Leadership and Cookout/Campout training. Do I have to take them again?**

No, provided you are comfortable with all the skills.

**Will I have co-leaders?**

Yes! All units and centers have multiple adult leaders and usually two Camp Aides on their Team. All team members must commit to divide work equally and to meet, plan, and work together as a team.

**If I am placed as a unit leader, will my daughter be in my unit?**

It is our tried and true policy to avoid placing mothers and daughters together in the same unit. Both then have the opportunity to experience camp apart and yet together. If you have young children or boys, and if you are placed as a non-scout unit leader, you might be with your child since there is one non-scout unit per level.

**Do I need to sign-up my children on the GSCNC Day and Evening Camp registration?**

Yes. All campers, Camp Aides, and AITs must sign-up for camp through GSCNC. When you **apply to volunteer by completing the Adult Volunteer Application** we need to know the name, grade, and gender of the children who are coming to camp with you. This allows us to reserve space for all your children. By submitting your completed application you will receive your staff **"DISCOUNT CODE"** to use when you sign up your children on the GSCNC website.

**I am worried about my stamina in the summer heat and humidity. Should I apply to volunteer at camp?**

Perhaps not. Our outdoor program can be strenuous particularly if it is very hot. If you have health concerns or are more than normally bothered by high

temperatures or humidity, you should discuss options with a director.

**Can I handle camp with all my other obligations?**

Of course you can. We will give you tips on how to streamline your family responsibilities, keep your spouse and children fed and content and even how to pack your car for maximum efficiency! You should consider other factors such as big family celebrations, elder care, job responsibilities, travel obligations, etc, and whether you can devote sufficient time to these and to camp.

**I can only work the first few days; can I still be a volunteer?** Our volunteers help for all 9 days of camp. This is necessary because our program is extensive and spans the entire 9 days and for continuity for the campers in the units. This is especially important for younger campers.

**I can work full time, but one of my daughters has another activity to go to the first week. Can she still come to camp part time?** We prefer our staff campers attend all 9 days of camp. For every staff camper we take, we deny a slot to an open registration camper. Your daughter would miss half of the program and would feel left out joining her unit so late. Sometimes children have to make tough choices. All of our Camp Aides, AITs, and Go-fers attend all 9 days

**Can I get financial aide as a staff member?** Yes. All financial aid is handled by GSCNC.

**Will I get my first or second placement choice? What if I don't want anything else?** The sooner you complete and submit your Volunteer Application, the more likely we can place you where you want to be. If you have particular skills or favor one age group over another please tell us about it. We also ask for a 'dream choice' so please tell us where you would love to work if you had the training. We try to make you happy because a happy adult leads to happy campers and that's what camp is all about. That being said, we do have to round out our staff, so if we want you to take your third or fourth choice we will give you a call to explain why. That's fair isn't it?

**This seems very intense and time consuming. Where's the fun?** Every minute you spend in training and with your co-leaders planning will pay off at camp. You will feel more confident in your abilities, will know your co-leaders well, and will have a wealth of program to take back to your troop. We always get high marks for fun from campers and adult staff. Our returnee rate is high. We have 25 staff members who have been at camp 10 years or more and 20 who have been

coming 5-9 years. You can tap into all this experience and creativity. Yes, we work hard, but that's part of the fun and results in a superior program for our campers - which includes **your** child too! **Join the fun!**