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# WRANGLER APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

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## WHAT IS a Wrangler Apprentice?

The Wrangler Apprenticeship program at Camp Cedarledge is an advanced session that teaches girls skills necessary for camp equestrian staff. Participants live in a unit with the Advanced Wranglers-in-Training and the Wranglers-in-Training but will not be part of their daily schedule. Apprentices will teach alongside Wranglers for half of the camp day and assist in a horseback riding unit the other half of the day. This program offers experienced horse back riders the opportunity to learn advanced techniques in teaching equestrian skills and more advanced horse care.

Wrangler Apprentices will ride some but the focus of this program is learning how to teach skills to younger campers, use of appropriate communication techniques and further development of leadership skills. The training is a 4 week program. Participation in this program does not automatically ensure employment with the Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- 1. Currently in 10 to 11 grade in 2013 2014 school year
- 2. Successful completion of the Advanced Wrangler in Training programs.
- 3. Strong Leadership Abilities
- 4. Advanced camping skills and equestrian skills.
- 5. Ability to attend the entire camp session and participate fully in the camp program.

## **HOW TO APPLY:**

- 1. Complete the resident camp application found in *S'More Summer Fun*.
- 2. Complete the Wrangler Apprenticeship Secondary Application and mail to Camping Services Department Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri, 2300 Ball Drive, St Louis, MO 63146
- 3. Candidates should give reference forms to one wrangler, their WIT Director and one other person to be completed References should be send in prior to April 15. To request a reference from a camp staff member, please email Brooke Petryka, Camping Services Manager, at <a href="mailto:bpetryka@girlscoutsem.org">bpetryka@girlscoutsem.org</a> and she will make the request on your behalf.

### **SELECTIONS PROCESS:**

- 1. Apprentice candidates are required to participate in a face-to face interview with the Head Wrangler and the Camping Services Manager. After both the Additional Application and the *S'More Summer Fun* Application are received, applicants will be sent a letter giving instructions on how to schedule an interview at the Girl Scout Service Center. It is the Candidate's (not the parents!) responsibility to schedule their interview.
- 2. Applicants will be notified of the selections results after all paperwork is in and interview is completed.

#### **DATES**:

1<sup>st</sup> Session Offered – June 8-20 and June 22-July 4 (Girls will go home over the session break June 20- 22) 2<sup>nd</sup> Session Offered – July 6-18 and July 20-August 1 (Girls will go home over the session break July 18-20)

Attending the Wrangler Apprenticeship program is an important decision and part of the learning experience is complete participation in the program. Therefore, **leaving and returning to camp for athletic or other social events is not allowed.** 

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