

# *SKYLAND CAMP for Girls*

## *Information for Parents*

### **Arrival Time**

The best time to arrive on Opening Day is from 9am to 2pm. If your daughter will not arrive during this time, please let us know. We can accommodate any schedule, but appreciate advance notice.

### **Travel Arrangements**

We can provide detailed driving directions if needed. Most flights to Asheville (AVL) require a change of planes either in Charlotte or Atlanta. All of the airlines offer travel escort services for minors and may require it for girls under a certain age. When booking, make sure you ask the airline about their escort policy. Please be aware if you use escort service one way you will need it for the return flight and will either need to pay in advance or leave us funds for the service. You will need to provide contact information for the person responsible for arranging the pickup in Asheville. That information is: Ms. Sherry Brown; Director, Skyland Camp for Girls; Clyde NC; (828) 627-2470. Skyland will meet campers at the airport. However, advance notification is required to allow time to schedule our camp vehicles.

### **Baggage**

Please be advised that all of the airlines baggage restrictions have changed so please ask your airline about weight restrictions when you book your ticket. As soon as we are advised that your daughter will be flying, we will send you Skyland Camp baggage tags. **ATTACH THE GREEN TAGS TO BAGGAGE!** Due to the large number of camps using the Asheville airport, untagged baggage can be misplaced or collected by other camps. Airport baggage handlers recognize our green tags. If you need to ship baggage, UPS needs the Camp's street address, which is: 317 Spencer St., Clyde, NC 28721. It is a good idea to pack a change of clothing and sleeping garments in a tote, in case baggage is delayed. **REMEMBER TO LET US KNOW ASAP IF YOU NEED GREEN BAGGAGE TAGS.**

### **Health Forms**

Completed health forms should be brought to Camp. If your daughter has been exposed to a contagious illness within two weeks of the opening of Camp, or has one opening day, please let us know. For the protection of the others campers, it may be necessary to postpone her arrival.

### **Spending Money**

All spending money must be deposited in a Skyland camper account maintained by Skyland for your daughter. \$150 should be sufficient for the spending and laundry needs of 2.5 week campers (\$250 for 5 week campers). Typical purchases using this account include items from the camp store (Skyland clothing, disposable cameras, batteries, etc), laundry, and special events. Also, there is a \$1 fee to cover printing costs for each e-mail message sent to the camper which will be charged to the camper's account. Money left over in the camper's account is returned to the parents. Spending money **SHOULD NOT** be included in the tuition check. Please send separate checks for tuition and spending accounts, both made out to Skyland Camp.

### **Mail From Home**

Campers love to receive letters and cards, making Mail Call a favorite time at Camp. You may also send packages, but PLEASE DO NOT SEND FOOD OR CANDY. It is against Skyland rules to receive these things. All packages will be opened and inspected by the Skyland Office prior to being delivered at Mail Call. Any food or candy found will be held for the camper until she departs.

### **E-mail**

Skyland will print email to campers at a cost of \$1 per e-mail to cover administrative retrieval and printing costs. These emails will be handed out at Mail Call with regular postal mail. Please put your daughter's FIRST and LAST name in the SUBJECT line.

Use: [mailbag@skylandcamp.com](mailto:mailbag@skylandcamp.com) for camper emails.

### **Phone Calls and Cell Phones**

Every Sunday will be a "Phone-Home" day at camp (unless it is the first or second day of camp). On this day, any camper who has checked a cell phone in with the office will be given the phone during rest hour to make calls. After rest hour, Skyland will retrieve the phones for safe keeping. Parents, please note that we will not be able to monitor calls made during this time, so, if that is a concern please don't send a cell phone with you daughter. If you don't want to send a cell phone, we can arrange for your daughter to phone home on Sundays using the camp land line.

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: No camper will be allowed to keep a cell phone since we feel it is important to "unplug" our campers from technology for the short time they are at camp. All cell phones must be checked into the office when registering.**

### **Visiting**

Visitors are welcome! However, we ask you not to visit during the first week of any session. This time is valuable for everyone to become acquainted and adjust to the group. If you visit Skyland, we invite you to join us for a meal. Please call ahead so we can prepare a place for you. No camper is allowed off Skyland Hill without parental permission.

### **Clothing and Possessions**

Belongings can be easily lost at Camp. Please mark each article with your daughter's name so we can return misplaced items to her.

We look forward to greeting our Skylanders on Opening Day! OLD SKYLANDERS, please follow the long tradition of being helpful during the flight to Camp, and make friends with new campers traveling with you! Happy traveling and we will see you soon on Skyland Hill!