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CAMP GHORMLEY

NACHES, WA

2027 PARENT HANDBOOK



WATERSKI CAMP

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WELCOME LETTER

Thank you for choosing Camp Ghormley! We spend months preparing for your camper's arrival, and we couldn't be more excited to have him/her here!

We've prepared this handbook to help you navigate the process of sending your child to camp. We know for many parents, especially those sending their children away for the first time, that it can be hard to send your child to camp. We hope this handbook will help answer some of your questions and help you get to know us better! If you have any questions about our policies or procedures, please ask us about them! We will be more than happy to take time to give you a better understanding of how and why we do certain things the way we do.

Please review the Camp Policies section with your child before you arrive. Please encourage your camper to talk to our staff if he/she has any questions or concerns during his/her time here. We understand that you are entrusting the life of your child to us, and our highest priority is making sure your child has a safe experience physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

We are excited for a summer of fun games, new friendships, faith-building lessons, good food, and time spent in nature. We can't wait to share it all with you!

Sincerely,

The Ghormley Staff Team

WATERSKI CAMP INFORMATION

LOCATION

Waterski Camp takes place at Silver Beach Resort on Rimrock Lake, located at 40350 US Hwy 12, Naches, WA 98937. The resort is just off of Highway 12, about 10 miles from Camp Ghormley. Campers stay at campsites 17-19 bordering the lake.

SLEEPING ACCOMODATIONS

Campers sleep in tents during their time at Waterski Camp, separated by gender.

BATHROOM ACCESS

Campers will have access to the bathrooms and showers at Silver Beach Resort.

MEALS

At Waterski Camp, campers will feast on some of the best food Ghormley has to offer! The food is cooked at the campsite by Ghormley staff and volunteers. Ghormley will provide all the necessary equipment and supplies for safe outdoor cooking and cleaning throughout the week of camp. Food is stored safely using ice chests and storage containers. Because Waterski Camp involves a higher level of strenuous activity than our traditional camps, we take extra care to make sure snack food is available to campers throughout the day in between meal times.

If your child has special dietary needs, it is critical that you speak with a Ghormley staff member well in advance of your camp start date to ensure that we can accommodate your child and provide them with a safe experience during their time at Waterski Camp.

ACTIVITIES

Activities at Waterski Camp include waterskiing, wakeboarding, boat rides, tubing, and lots of time to play games or do crafts on the beach. Campers will also have regular chapel times.

EXPERIENCE NEEDED

Campers are not required to have any experience with water sports to participate in Waterski Camp. Our boat drivers are happy to teach new water sports skills, or help experienced water skiers and wakeboarders hone their skills. Campers of any skill level can learn while having fun at Waterski Camp.

STAFFING

Waterski has at least one male and one female counselor present, as well as a nurse, cook, experienced boat drivers, and a program leader.

CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT

	Check-in Date	*Check-in Time*	*Check-out Date*	*Check-out Time*
Waterski	Sunday, July 25	3:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Thursday, July 29	11:00 AM

CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT WILL TAKE PLACE AT CAMP GHORMLEY

WHAT TO EXPECT AT CHECK-IN

When you arrive at Ghormley, you will be directed to a parking spot on the Meadow. The check-in process will take place nearby.

Parents should be prepared to discuss any camper medications with the nurse upon arrival. Campers will be directed to load their luggage into a camp vehicle, and they will have time to meet their counselors and the other campers attending Waterski Camp.

Parents may leave after the camper has checked in with his/her counselor.

Note: Campers may carpool to camp with friends, as long as all payments and forms have been completed prior to their arrival.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT CHECK-OUT

Check-out will take place at Camp Ghormley at the basketball court. Watch for the camp vans, as campers will be arriving back from Waterski Camp shortly before check-out.

Campers may not leave camp until they have been signed out. Please be sure that the person(s) picking your camper up from camp have been given authorization to pick your child up (if this changes after check-in, please call the office as soon as possible to update the pick-up authorization).

At check-out, the nurse will return any medications the camper brought to camp.

PACKING LIST

Please refer to the Waterski Camp Packing List

Do not bring:

- Cell phone or electronics (including video games, iPods, MP3 players, Smart Watches, etc.)
- Fireworks
- Knives
- Gum
- Drugs/alcohol
- Extra food (will attract mice in tents) (exceptions for those with special dietary needs)

PARENT CHECKLIST

Please refer to the Waterski Camp Parent Checklist

DIRECTIONS TO GHORMLEY

ADDRESS

640 Lost Lake Road
Naches, WA 98937

TO GHORMLEY FROM THE EAST

Take Highway 12 WEST from Yakima towards Naches/White Pass.

At the Highway 12/Highway 410 split-off, turn LEFT to stay on Highway 12.

After Mile Marker 169, look for signs for the Rimrock Lake Recreation Area.

Turn LEFT at the Rimrock Lake Recreation Area sign onto Tieton Reservoir Road (Mile Marker 168).

Cross the bridge and watch for the "Ghormley Meadow Christian Camp" sign. Turn LEFT onto the gravel road (directly across the road from the Ghormley sign).

Drive for ¾ mile and turn RIGHT at the next Ghormley sign. This will bring you to the camp entrance, and staff will show you where to park.

Drive time from Yakima: approximately 45 minutes

TO GHORMLEY FROM THE WEST

Take Highway 12 EAST towards White Pass. Go over the summit and continue past Rimrock Lake.

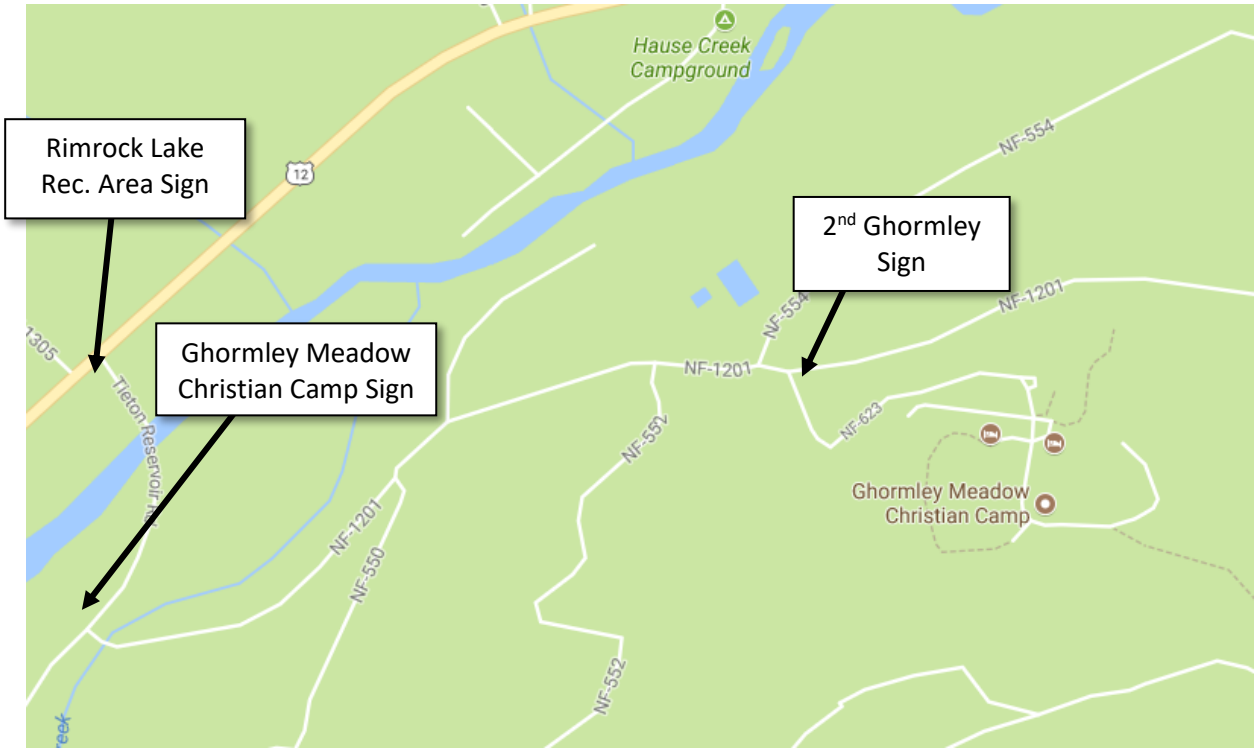
Watch for the Rimrock Lake Recreation Area sign near Mile Marker 167 and turn RIGHT at the sign onto Tieton Reservoir Road.

Cross the bridge and watch for the "Ghormley Meadow Christian Camp" sign. Turn LEFT onto the gravel road (directly across from the Ghormley sign).

Drive for ¾ mile and turn RIGHT at the next Ghormley sign. This will bring you to the camp entrance, and staff will show you where to park.

Note: After the White Pass Summit, do not turn right at the Clear Lake Recreation Area sign - this will add 45 minutes to your trip!

MAP:



LICE CHECK INFORMATION

For the safety of your camper and all the campers at camp, we ask that all parents complete a lice check for their camper(s) 48 hours or less before arrival at camp. Should you choose not to perform a lice check, our camp nurse will complete a lice check within 24 hours after your camper's arrival. If a camper is found to have lice while at camp, they will be required to return home until they have been fully treated.

HOW TO PERFORM A LICE CHECK

You will need really good light and a pair of strong drugstore reading glasses or a magnifying glass (recommended).

1. Part the hair in various places and check the scalp behind the ears and at the nape of the neck. You may notice sores or a rash where your child has been scratching.
2. Look for movement in the hair. You are not likely to see the lice themselves, as they are small, fast, and avoid light.
3. Look for lice eggs, known as nits. These tiny white or yellowish teardrop-shaped sacs are attached to the hair near the scalp (within a quarter inch if they have not yet hatched). Nits may be easier to feel than to see: They will feel like grains of sand. Nits are often hard to distinguish from dandruff or flakes of hair products. The difference is that nits stick to the hair like glue while dandruff and other flakes are easily removed from the hair shaft.

Note: If the only nits you find are more than a quarter inch from the scalp, they may have already hatched and your child may no longer be infested. (Nits can only hatch in the warmth right next to the

scalp. After they hatch, the empty egg remains attached to the hair and grows farther and farther from the scalp.) Only viable nits – those very close to the scalp – or live lice are proof of a current infestation.

If you cannot tell whether your child has lice or not, you will also need a **metal lice comb** and some **hair conditioner** for a wet hair examination.

1. Wet your child's hair.
2. Pour on lots of conditioner.
3. Comb the hair out in sections, from the roots to the ends, with a lice comb.
4. If there are lice in your child's hair, you should see them on the comb.
   (Shaking the comb out into a plastic bowl after every swipe can help you see them better.)

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD HAS LICE

If your child is found to have lice, there are a number of treatment options available. It is recommended you contact your child's primary care provider, or visit a local pharmacy to determine the best treatment options for your child.

Registered campers who are found to have lice either immediately before or during their camp session will asked to remain at or return home until treated.

DEADLINES

2 WEEKS BEFORE CAMP

If you determine you will need financial assistance, scholarship applications are due at least two weeks before your chosen camp session begins.

BEFORE CAMP BEGINS

All forms must be filled out before your arrival. Check your online account to make sure all forms are completed, and review forms to make sure that all the information is accurate.

BY CHECK-IN

Your full payment is due by check-in, unless you have already set up a payment plan.

REQUIRED FORMS

In addition to the general registration and health history form, we require the following forms:

IMMUNIZATIONS FORM

We require a record of your camper's DTaP dates (usually a series of five dates) and your camper's latest Tetanus booster, or exemption status. *Even if you attended last year, you will still need to complete the Immunizations Form.* Immunization dates will be saved from year to year, but you will need to verify that all dates are still accurate, and let us know if any changes have been made (such as receiving a Tetanus booster).

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

This form allows your camper to participate in the activities offered during Waterski Camp. This form is REQUIRED for Waterski campers. *If you registered online, you probably filled this out as part of the*

registration process. If you did not register online, please print the form from our website and return it as soon as possible. A copy will also be mailed to you.

Please check your online account to make sure all forms have been completed. If you did not register online, any missing forms will be mailed to you.

FRIEND INVITE DISCOUNT

If you have invited friends to camp who have never attended before, you will receive **$25.00** for each friend who registers. They MUST list you on their registration as the person who invited them! The $25 will be credited to your account. If your account balance is already paid, we will contact you about refund options. You may still receive credit even if the invited friend attends a different camp session than your child. If we are unable to contact you to verify what you would like to be done with the account credit, it will remain on your account for future use.

CANCELLATION POLICY

You may cancel your registration at any time before your chosen camp session starts. To do so, please call or email our office at 509-672-4311 or office@campghormley.com. All payments will be refunded except for the $50.00 non-refundable deposit.

MAILING INFORMATION

Because Waterski Camp is off-site, we cannot guarantee that mail sent to the camp will reach your camper. If you would like your camper to receive mail during their time at camp, we recommend that you deliver camper letters to your camper's counselor at check-in. Please label all mail clearly with the camper's name and the day you would like it to be delivered.

SWIM TEST INFORMATION

Waterski campers are required to pass a swim test in order to participate in the activities offered at Waterski Camp. They will have the opportunity to take the swim test shortly after their arrival.

MEDICATION INFORMATION

If your camper will be taking any form of medication (including topical and over-the-counter medications) while he/she is at camp, please bring the medication in its original packaging with the camper's name written on all containers. At check-in, you will be directed to give the medication and any instructions to the nurse. The nurse will administer the medications throughout your camper's time at camp. **No medications are allowed in tents with the campers.** The only exceptions include inhalers and epipens.

Please do not take your child off regular medicines while at camp.

The nurse at Waterski Camp is equipped with basic medical supplies, including cold medicine, bandages, antacids, etc. Please encourage your child to visit the nurse if he/she has any health concerns during his/her time at Waterski Camp.

CELL PHONE AND ELECTRONICS POLICY

Campers are not allowed to bring cell phones or other electronics to camp (including iPods, laptops, tablets, handheld gaming devices, etc.). Electronics brought to camp will be confiscated and kept in the office until the end of the session. Counselors will return confiscated items at checkout.

Campers may not use cell phones to contact family or friends during their time at camp (see next section) or to take pictures. If your camper would like to take pictures at camp, they may bring a digital or disposable camera.

CAMPER CONTACT WITH PARENTS

We do not allow campers to call home while at camp in order to maintain the temporary community we establish during their camp session. When campers call home, it tends to increase homesickness among other campers as well. If the camper finds that not being able to call home is unacceptable, we will call the parents/guardians to see how they would like us to handle the situation. Since you know your child better than we do, we would like to work with you if this situation should occur.

Additionally, cell phone reception at Silver Beach is very limited! Please do not send a cell phone with your camper. If you as a parent foresee an issue with this, please call and ask to speak with our Program Director.

CAMPER SAFETY AND SECURITY

We encourage you to talk with your children before they arrive about the need to be brave enough to talk to their counselor if a situation arises that makes them uncomfortable. Counselors are often pulled in many directions, and while they work hard to gauge how their kids are doing, some kids are more adept at hiding their feelings, and many do it because they are afraid to go talk to their counselor. Their counselors are trained to take any issue seriously and it may save your child from a lot of stress if they know before they even arrive that their counselor is “in their corner”.

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR AND BULLYING POLICY

No single issue can faster ruin a week of camp for a child, counselor, or an entire session than having to deal with a camper who bullies, taunts, uses inappropriate behavior/language, etc. Most of what happens in this area are things that do not necessarily warrant being sent home immediately, but we want you to know that we WILL send campers home if a pattern of behavior arises.

We have a three-strike policy: (1) The first documented incident of clearly inappropriate behavior will result in a meeting between the camper and the counselor. If a counselor has to pull a camper aside and have a private meeting about their behavior, campers can know that this was their first warning. (2) If a camper has to be talked to for a second time regarding anything along the lines of inappropriate behavior that was already dealt with once, they will have a meeting with their counselor, the Program Director, and **a call home to the parents will be placed.** At this stage, this is the campers’ last chance. (3) Having to be confronted for the same sort of a behavior a third time will result in dismissal from camp. This is never our goal and is always a last resort, but we as a camp have a responsibility to protect the rest of our campers. If a camper is sent home for behavioral reasons, NO REFUND WILL BE GRANTED, and he or she may be asked not to return in future years.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

All Camp Ghormley Emergency Procedures are reviewed annually and taught to all of our staff and volunteers prior to any week at summer camp. Most of our staff are trained on these procedures during Staff Training (1-2 weeks before our first summer camp week) and the staff and volunteers that join later in the summer get trained on these procedures before campers arrive.

It is our responsibility and goal to care for your child as if we were their parents. Taking care of your child includes preparing for the unlikely event of an emergency. Camp Ghormley ensures that all of our staff understands this responsibility and are willing to act accordingly.

Please visit our Parent Portal online at campghormley.com/emergency/ for a summary of each emergency procedure that is in place to keep your child safe at camp.