

Horse and Packing Program

Introducing the Horse and Packing Summer Program!



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The Camp

This seven-day Horsemanship/Packing Summer Camp experience takes you out into the Golden Trout Wilderness in the Sequoia National Monument under the guidance of our own Camp Whitsett staff. You will spend your first two nights at the Golden Trout Pack Station, famous for its unequalled cuisine, preparing and training for your pack trip. The next three days and nights are spent camping in tents or under the stars in the wild backcountry in the National Monument, where campers become proficient in Leave No Trace, gourmet camp cooking, and traveling by horseback.

Why This Camp ROCKS!

This camp session is a perfect combination of horseback riding and backcountry mule packing. Leave No Trace instruction, leadership & team building, horsemanship merit badge, gourmet cooking and fly-fishing.

The Schedule!

Day 1: Arrive at Golden Trout Pack Station, where your Guides will greet you and introduce you to the rest of the Crew. At the lodge, we'll continue getting to know each other, and enjoy the first of many delicious and fresh hearty meals.

Then off to the corrals. Campers will be introduced to the horses, which will be specifically chosen to suit camper comfort level, size and riding ability. Camper will learn how to saddle and bridle a horse as well as how to pack clothing, tents, food, and gear in pack boxes, pack bags and ice chests, learning why weight and balance is IMPORTANT. We will practice loading and unloading onto pack mules and learn why it is IMPORTANT to work together.

Day 2 and 3: During these three days and two nights of camp, the camper will continue learning basic western horsemanship skills at a beginner level and enjoy an authentic back country pack trip into the mountains. Camper will also be learning how to cook over a campfire! We will ride through grassy meadows, across crystal clear, spring fed creeks, and over mountain passes. We

will set up camp in an amazing spot. Horses and Mules will wander and graze in a grassy meadow. Camper will be allowed to advance in their riding skills once skills are adequately demonstrated; can walk a horse properly, can go to a trot, can trot properly and go into a canter, etc. There will likely (if conditions allows) be an evening ride and time to practice using a cowboy lariat for lassoing!

We'll enjoy a variety of GTWP activities that may include a horseshoe tournament a best dutch oven dessert etc. Evenings are a favorite time in the mountains; almost all nights here are spent gathered and socializing around a campfire with bright stars shining overhead.

Day 4: Packing up and Heading Out – GTWP Guides will put you to the test. Our final yee-haw together brings us back to the Golden Trout Pack Station for a hearty BBQ dinner.

Day 5: Departing from Golden Trout Pack Station. See you next summer!

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PLEASE NOTE: This is a sample itinerary. Golden Trout Wilderness Pack trains reserves the right to cancel or alter any aspect of our program, including program itinerary, trip dates, activities or location, as a result of unforeseen circumstances, including weather, environment, or health hazards. To the best of our ability, substitutions of activities will be comparable to, or better than the original activity.

Also, I would like to have our forms downloadable from the site...Do I just email you the forms?!?!

I am attaching photos for the gallery...I would like to have one of the deer pictures next to the hunting blurb...