



Welcome Coppercreek Families!

We are looking forward to meeting you and having your camper(s) join us this summer.

Before arrival, you need:

- The Parent's Guide which we think includes everything you might need to know while your camper is here with us.
- The Clothing and Packing List
- The Transportation Form
- Cell Phone Policy Form
- The Health Form (There are actually 2 health forms: 1 for you to fill out and 1 for your camper's doctor's office to fill out.)
- The Camper Questionnaire which will give our counseling staff more information on your child. This questionnaire helps us give your camper the best Coppercreek experience possible from the time they arrive until the time they leave.

We also wanted to describe our Opening Day here at Coppercreek, so you and your camper know what to expect your first few hours with us!

- Our Welcome Table is located at the top of the camp driveway and is staffed by one of our Senior Staff members and the camp nurse. We open the table at 12:30, but our counseling staff are in a staff meeting until 1:00 pm. The purpose of this staff meeting is to review the Camper Questionnaires and correspondence we have regarding the needs of the campers who are arriving.
- When you arrive, please proceed directly to the Welcome Table.
 - If you need the rest room or a drink of water or a snack, please let our staff know. They can direct you to the bath house, and the dining deck. Lunch is available on the dining deck until 1:30. Snacks and cold drinks are available all afternoon.
 - Our directors, Sutter, Taylor, Becky, and Craig would love to meet with you, answer any questions you may have or just say hello. Sutter runs our Equestrian Center, and can be found at the barn after 1:30. Becky and Craig are usually cruising around camp, have a radio on, and would love to connect with you. Taylor is available to give camp tours or help with any heavy lifting. Please let our Welcome Table staff know you'd like to meet one of us, and they will radio so we can find you.

- The Welcome Table will open “officially” for check-ins at 1:00.
- The staff manning the table will give your camper their cabin assignment and radio for their cabin counselor.
- We like all campers to meet their cabin counselor right away and have their cabin counselor help them move into their cabin. The cabin counselor-camper relationship is one of the most important at Coppercreek, so we make sure the connection is established right away. In some instances, your camper’s cabin counselor may be moving another camper into the cabin, so we hope you won’t mind waiting a few minutes for this meeting!
- If you would like to speak with the camp nurse, now is the perfect time. They are at the Welcome Table to collect medications, review health forms and discuss any concerns you may have.
Once your child and their cabin counselor have connected, it is time for them to move into their cabin. Please go along and participate as little or as much as you’d like.
- Once your camper is moved in, please head back to the Welcome Table if you’d like a tour of Coppercreek. Our Welcome Table staff will connect you with one of our tour guides who will take you around the main camp perimeter. There are some places we don’t visit (the pool and the archery/riflery range) because they are a little too much of a walk on a warm summer afternoon.
- Your camper can go with you or not, it is absolutely up to you. Some campers are ready to stay with their cabin counselor and cabin mates at this point and others would like a little more time with their parents checking things out! Either is great as far as we are concerned.
- Our riding area is open from 1:30 to 3:30 for campers to meet Sutter and have any questions about our horse program answered.
 - Sutter loves to talk horses and is happy to talk about the ins and outs of our horse program.
- If your camper is ready for you to leave, but has not re-connected with their cabin counselor, please bring them back to the Welcome Table. We like to have our campers with their cabin counselors when their parents leave.
- We also have a few staff running some of our more low-key activities for campers while our new campers are touring and getting settled in.
- At 3:30, we meet at the Campfire Stage to begin our “Big, Fun Game”. Campers need to be wearing tennis shoes or light hikers when it’s time for the game to begin as we run and play on our grassy meadow.
 - The Big Fun Game is actually a series of ice-breaker, group games that give the campers a chance to learn the names of some of the other kids in camp and help ease some of the self-consciousness and worry they may be feeling about being in this new environment.

- If you are still on a tour or at the riding area when the Big, Fun Game begins, please don't worry, your camper can join the game whenever they are ready. Please walk them down to our meadow and make sure they connect with their cabin counselor before you go.
- After you leave, please feel free to call (1-800-350-0006) or e-mail (becky@coppercreek.com) us anytime to check in. We welcome the chance to tell you about your camper's adventures with us.
- You can also expect a post card written by your camper and their counselor on the first Thursday (it will probably arrive in your mailbox by Saturday or Monday at the latest).

Our goal at Coppercreek is for you and your camper to feel welcome, connected and part of our camp family. Please let us know anytime if there is something you or your camper needs or if you have any other questions, concerns or feedback you would like to give us.

Thank you so much for sharing your camper with us.
We will see you soon.

Sutter, Taylor, Craig and Becky
Directors

