

CHATHAM HALL

SUMMER PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY HANDBOOK

Riding Camp 2012

Behavior

All campers attending the camps are expected to live in an honest and caring environment where respect for one another is first priority. Chatham Hall reserves the right to send a camper home if behavior problems persist and/or the safety and well being of other campers is jeopardized.

White Flag

White Flag is a concept of respect for other people's property and domain. It is an unwritten rule that campers will not handle another person's property without specific permission. This includes entering another camper's room when they are not in the room.

Safety

In the event of an emergency (severe weather, injury, etc.) please listen to the houseparent, counselors, or instructors for directions.

Residential Life

Campers will be housed in Dabney Hall, one of the Chatham Hall residential facilities, in double rooms. Community bathrooms are located on the floor for camper use.

The following items are not allowed in the dorms:

- Cigarettes, candles, matches, lighters, or any open flames
- Alcoholic beverages and/or alcohol, smoking, or drug paraphernalia
- Incense and potpourri
- Prescription and Non-prescription medications – please leave these with the houseparent labeled as to contents and dosaging
- Fireworks
- Weapons of any kind, including pocket knives or multi-tools with blades.

Having controlled substances or weapons is cause for sending a camper home.

Nothing may be hung on the dormitory room walls, furniture, or from the sprinkler pipes. No tape, adhesive putty, stickers, nails, or tacks may be used on the walls of the dormitory rooms. Even products labeled as safe for walls or temporary are not allowed. Furniture must stay arranged so there is easy passage from the room in case of emergency. Campers may not run in the buildings.

Please keep food in sealed containers at all times. Throw trash away frequently. (Even empty drink cans and bottles.) This will help keep unwanted "visitors" from entering the dormitory rooms. Campers are expected to keep their rooms neat, including disposal of trash into proper containers found on each dormitory floor. If a camper's room is too messy, the counselors can request that it be cleaned and will help facilitate that.

Sleepovers

Campers will be allowed to have sleepovers on Saturday night only. No more than 3 campers may stay in a room together. Sign up with the counselors on Saturday to arrange this.

Personal Property and Money

Please do not send expensive or special and irreplaceable belongings to camp. Chatham Hall is not responsible for the loss or damage to personal property. The houseparent can keep cash or wallets for the campers. A labeled plastic ziplock bag will help facilitate this. Label any items which might get easily confused with another camper's belongings.

Cell Phones

Campers are permitted to bring their cell phones to camp, however, the hours they may use them will be restricted. Each cell phone number must be registered with the houseparent at check in. Calls will be permitted during rest hours and in the evenings. Sometimes afternoon or evening activities will change the calling times so your camper may not be able to call you at a specific time every day. At other times the phone will be stored with the house parent. Please label all phones clearly with the camper's name. A masking tape label is fine and we can do this at check – in.

Computers

Please leave computers and laptops and such devices at home. There will not be internet access available.

Meals

Meals are provided by Meriweather-Godsey Food Service and eaten in Yardley Dining Hall. Please note any food allergies, special dietary needs, and/or vegetarian diets on the health form. Snacks will be provided between meals and on away trips. Some meals or snacks will need to be purchased with the camper's spending money on away trips.

Campers are required to attend all meals. We will proceed through the buffet line and sit at designated tables. Other camps will share the dining areas with us and there will be times that we will need to be quiet for their announcements and activities. Good manners and behavior is expected of all the campers at meals. No running, throwing food, or other poor behavior will be tolerated.

- Go through buffet line to get your food and beverage
- Find a designated table
- After eating, place dishes on the conveyor belt and silverware in the dish tub
- Wipe off your table, especially if something has been spilled

Laundry

Laundry facilities will be available for the campers to use during their time at Chatham Hall. Bring laundry supplies and a hamper or bag. Our staff can help campers in learning to use the machines and with basic laundry questions.

Medications

All medications will be turned in to the House Parent immediately upon arrival at camp. Medications will be dispensed by authorized personnel only. Please send complete instructions for all medications to camp, and send all prescription drugs in the original container with a label. We keep many “over the counter” medications for convenience in the houseparent apartment. Bug spray, sunscreen, and band aids are always available from the counselors or houseparent.

Bookstore

The Chatham Hall bookstore will be open on weekdays from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. A list of items will be available at check in. The bookstore takes both cash and credit or debit cards, but you won't be able to run a “tab.”

Dress

While we have no formal dress code, campers are expected to wear neat and presentable clothing that provides adequate coverage. T-shirts with inappropriate words, phrases, or designs (including references to alcohol, illegal drugs, etc.) are not allowed. Appropriate foot wear must be worn at all times. Please be sure to bring a pair of closed toe shoes along with flip flops or other summer shoes. When we go on trips off campus, regular summer clothing is fine – shorts and t-shirts, a sundress or the like. Sometime it is a good idea to have a hoodie or cover-up in case you get chilly in air conditioned settings. Make sure that you bring a swim suit and towel since there will be some sort of water activities.

Riding Lesson Attire

All campers must wear proper attire during lessons, including an ASTM/SEI certified helmet whenever mounted. Proper attire is as follows: Breeches or schooling tights, paddock boots with half-chaps or tall boots, belt, nicely tucked in and fitted polo or t-shirt, and gloves. **Under no circumstances will tank tops of any kind or open toed shoes, including flip-flops, be permitted while at the barn.**

CHATHAM HALL RIDING CAMP

WAIVER / RELEASE FORM

In further consideration of the right to participate in any activity associated with horseback riding (hereinafter referred to as the Stable) at Chatham Hall or other horse-related activities (i.e. shows, fox-hunting, horse trials) outside of Chatham Hall, the undersigned does hereby release, absolve and hold harmless Chatham Hall, its sponsors, heirs, successors, assigns, employees, agents, and personnel from any and all action, liability or responsibility whatsoever for any injury, harm, loss, or inconvenience suffered or incurred by the undersigned during or as a result of any activity related to the Stable.

I have read the Riding Camp Handbook and further understand that obedience to the Rules and Regulations set by Chatham Hall is my own responsibility. I further covenant, warrant, and agree that I am entering into this activity of my own free will and am voluntarily executing this release. I further understand and agree that any co-sponsors of the Stable make no warranties whatsoever and are not insurers of, nor responsible for my safety before, during Stable hours and activities.

I have read the foregoing release; I understand the content thereof and I do willingly execute the same this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature of Participant _____

Print Name of Participant _____

I am the parent/guardian for the participant, above, who is under the age of 18 years. By executing this document I do consent to the student's participation in activities of the Stable. I do consent to the terms of this Release and I do further agree to be fully bound by the terms of this Release, both individually and as a parent/guardian of the entrant.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____