

## **Girl Scouts of San Geronimo Council Summer Camp 2019**

**We are incredibly proud of the programming we offer at our Girl Scouts of San Geronimo Council camps. We are excited for the upcoming summer resident camp sessions and we hope to see all of you at our Open House at Skyland Ranch on June 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**We have some late breaking news to share with you. Because the ongoing road work on Highway 243 will continue late into the summer, we will be moving our summer Azalea Trails camp sessions to our Skyland Ranch camp for the 2019 camp season. We love our Camp Azalea Trails and look forward to the incredible camp programming next year for her 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**

**The camp sessions moving to Skyland Ranch will enjoy the additional programming of horse interaction (petting zoo style) and a low- and mid-ropes course. Girls will also have access to the Adventure Zone and Gaga Ball pits. Of course all the people you love from Azalea Trails, including Tajar, will be enjoying the summer hanging out with our friends and sisters at Skyland Ranch.**

### **A few FAQ's to assist with questions**

**Why are we not having camp at Azalea Trails?** The Highway 243 road suffered extensive damage during the winter rains. Caltrans is working diligently to repair the roads. The work is taking longer than they had anticipated and Caltrans simply cannot finish the road work and open Highway 243 in and around our area of the road to Camp Azalea Trails until late summer.

**Why are we just now being told?** Many portions of the roads were inaccessible to Caltrans until recently. Even with drone footage, they were unclear about the scope of work. Now that many areas have been repaired, allowing them access deeper into parts of Highway 243, it was discovered that more extensive work was needed to make the route safe. We only recently received this news and we jumped right into action to figure out logistics. Now that we are convinced that Azalea Trails will be inaccessible until at least late summer, we are now prepared to notify our people.

**What about the back roads into Azalea trails?** This back road, if traveled via a school bus, will take 2 ½ to 3 hours one way on a less than pleasant road. No one would enjoy that and logistically it poses a nightmare. In addition, the smaller road that leads into camp--the one we utilize for a shuttle, will not be repaired until summer's end. Under the circumstances it was determined that the back road was not a viable option.

**Will our girls have the same experience at Skyland Ranch that they would have had at Azalea Trails?** The programming will be the same; merely the location is changing.

**Azalea Trails camp sessions are generally less expensive than Skyland ranch due to horses. Will there be a price increase now?** Absolutely not. If your camp was originally scheduled at Azalea Trails and will now be at Skyland Ranch the cost of your session remains the same.

**What if our daughter doesn't want to be a part of the changes?** Our traditional refund policy is in place. Any and all cancelations from Azalea Trails sessions need to happen before May 31<sup>st</sup> so that spaces can be opened up to other campers.

**Are there extras being added to the programing because of the changes?** Our camps proudly offer different programmatic experiences. Skyland, for example, has horses. Since we are moving the Azalea Trails sessions to Skyland Ranch, girls will all now have access to horses; not riding the riding experience, but definitely interactions with the horses. Skyland Ranch has a mid-height ropes course not available at Azalea Trails, affording girls the opportunity to test their daring adventurousness on this course.

**Will there be any new sessions added?** Yes, we are adding some additional 4-day opportunities. See our events calendar.

**Do we register differently now if we have yet to register?** Not at all; simply find the session of your choice and register as usual.

**My daughter is registered for Skyland Ranch sessions. With all these extra campers will my child be impacted or have a diminished experience?** Goodness no, our Skyland Ranch camp is 192 acres, with a lodge that can seat and serve 200 meals at a time. Can you picture campfire, with all these voices rising together into the starlit sky? Magical!

**Will we be able to transfer if we want?** Absolutely, just reach out to [customercare@gssgc.org](mailto:customercare@gssgc.org)