

General

What is our focus?

In a fun, interactive way we educate and inspire girls to embrace their gifts and authenticity, along with teaching them skill sets that will dramatically further their dreams and bright futures.

What ages do you focus on?

12 to 17 (16 and 17 year old girls who have been to a Wings camp before may get the unique opportunity to be campers as well as teen mentors. This gives them the opportunity to learn more about leadership.)

How can I get involved?

There are three ways:

1. **Attend** - If you know of an amazing girl who is interested in a unique camp experience please have them visit our website at www.girlsruleleadershipcamp.org and complete the application. We are taking applications now. Be sure to tell them to complete the question section – this is the most important part. Applying is the first step in helping girls understand they have to “apply” themselves to get what they want.
2. **Become a volunteer** – there are opportunities with various time commitments and leadership responsibilities. Fill out the volunteer form here <http://girlsrulefoundation.org/i-want-to-help/volunteer/> and make a note for ‘camp’ we will be in touch with you.
3. **Sponsor** - All financial contributions count – to produce a high level of activities, healthy chef made food, and excellent programming we pour resources into this camp to create a wonderful experience for these girls. All donations and corporate sponsorships are greatly appreciated.

Is this religion or spiritually based?

No

What do the girls do during the day?

We follow a daily schedule that provides routine and comfort. Each girls will be responsible for keeping her sleeping area tidy. They will have time each day for showers and personal hygiene. Our onsite chef will prepare 3 healthy meals and 2 snacks. No junk food; all meals are healthy and nutrition and organic when we can. A salad bar is always available during lunch and dinner. Along with our entrepreneurship, STEM and leadership lessons the daily activities include exercise – hiking, relay races, swimming, ropes course, fun and journaling.

Will my child be swimming? What if my child doesn't know how to swim?

Girls may have an afternoon of swimming in the pool. The YMCA Camp has trained and certified lifeguards, and our coaches are with campers in the pool area at all times. Campers who do not know how to swim may sit on the stairs and hang out in the shallow end of the pool with parents approval.

What if my child gets homesick?

We call this home-missing, as the girl is not really sick. We provide structure and keep campers busy from the moment they arrive, which helps to shift their focus away from home to new friends and having fun. By the end of the second day, the routine is familiar and the home-missing has passed for most campers. In the rare instance that a child is truly struggling, we will contact you.

Communication and my Camper:

Campers will leave their technology at home and unplug for a week; unless they are working on a STEM project and then technology will be provided for them... you will get regular updates via Facebook. It's important for the girls to be focused on the camp experience and not distracted by what's happening outside of camp.

Will there be other kids who are new to camp?

Wings welcomes campers from all over the country. Each year we have new campers join us, so being new is just another excuse to make a new friend.

What's the weather like?

Arizona is known for its beautiful sunshine. We have around 300 sunny days in the yearly calendar. We also have rainy days, hot days, and thunderstorms, our typical days at camp are in the mid 80s and evenings in the 50s and 60s. Once accepted into camp, a complete list of what is needed will be provided.

Medical

How do you deal with allergies and food issues?

Once accepted we will send a Welcome packet to you with a complete questionnaire on allergies, what to pack etc. Our onsite chef will be able to work with your needs.

What if my child is on daily or prescribed medication?

You will need to sign an authorization with the detail on dosage and when to take and provide the medication to the Camp Director when you check in and drop your daughter off at camp. All prescription medication is kept in a lock box and may only be dispensed by the Camp Director.

Are there trained medical personnel on site?

Yes, the YMCA Chauncey Ranch has a nurse on site Staff members also carry a First Aid kit at all times.

Financial

What does tuition cover?

Tuition covers all activities, materials, lodging, our private chef and camp equipment usage (horses, pool, ropes course etc). We provide bedding (pillow, sheets, and blanket). Tuition does not include transportation from or to Chauncey Ranch.

Logistics

Where is camp held?

Chauncey Ranch owned by YWCA – a beautiful lodge that sits on over 100 acres and has a working cattle range, horses, hiking trails, sink hole, history, lake and more...

My daughter will be flying in. How do we get him to camp? Please speak with the Camp Director for more information if you are not personally dropping your child off at camp. Call 480-282-4242.

Staff

What are the qualifications of camp instructors and staff?

Camp coaches and staff vary in age (all are at least 18 years of age), and are fully qualified for their role in Wings to Fly Camp. All coaches compete a lengthy interview process and your lead coaches, camp director have been certified by Aspire; an internationally recognized leadership development, strategy and training organization. All coaches and staff must pass both a criminal background (CORI) and sex offender (SORI) check. The three lead facilitators are successful women leaders and bring their years of leadership and facilitation to camp to create an extraordinary experience for all the girls.