



**GLSEN/WA GSA
SUMMER LEADERSHIP
CAMP!**

*Flying Horseshoe Ranch
August 4-5*



Dear GLSEN/WA GSA Camp Participant and Parent/Guardian(s)

We are excited to have you as a participant in the 1st annual GLSEN/WA GSA Leadership Camp! The camp will be two days in which you will make lasting friendships with students from various schools across Washington, and have an opportunity to learn about others as well as yourself. It will be an experience that allows students to learn leadership, share ideas, and gain valuable life skills that can be carried with you throughout your education and beyond.

In this packet you will find more information about the camp, and a suggested “to-bring list”, as well as several forms that we ask you to complete and return by **July 1st, 2008**.

Camp details and information

The camp is located outside of Cle Elum, Washington about 90 minutes from Seattle and begins on Monday, August 4, and concludes on Tuesday, August 5.

- **Transportation:** Depending on numbers of students who register to participate from certain communities, GLSEN is prepared to provide some transportation assistance. Please contact us for more information at joe@glsenwa.org or by phone at 206-330-2099.
- **Arrival Information:** Students will be arriving at camp on Sunday, August 4 by 11:00am. Upon arrival we will have an informal lunch which parents are invited to participate in and ask any questions regarding the student’s experience at camp.
- **Meals:** Food will be provided by the GLSEN/WA GSA camp staff. If you have special dietary needs, please check the appropriate box on the health information form.
- **Departure Information:** The camp will conclude at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 5.

Camp Staff

This dynamic and diverse crew consists of experienced volunteers, teachers and students from high schools and universities across Washington State. All camp staff have undergone a Washington State Patrol Background Check.

Camp Location

The GLSEN/WA GSA Camp will be held at the Flying Horseshoe Ranch in Cle Elum, Washington. Students will stay in cabins on the ranch, eat meals in camp dining centers, and participate in group activities at the camp.

What to expect at camp

This camp is an opportunity to spend two days learning valuable transferable skills in leadership, public speaking, communication, teambuilding, organizing and much more. You will also leave with lasting friendships with other high school students from other schools across Washington. This camp will be a valuable experience in which you will learn, grow, have fun, and be challenged.

The goal for the camp is for students to take the initiative to make a difference when they return to their schools and throughout their lives. We ask that you enter camp with an idea of what you wish to gain and a dream of yours that you wish to accomplish. We look forward to meeting you soon! Thank you!

Sincerely,

GLSEN/WA GSA Camp Leadership Team



GLSEN/WA GSA High School Leadership Camp 2008- Registration Form
GLSEN Washington State, 1605 12th Ave., Suite #35, Seattle, WA 98122
or fax to 206.329.1185

Student Information:

Full Name: _____ Nick Name: _____

Camper Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Camper Email: _____ Camper Phone: _____

Gender Identity (Please Circle): Male Identified Female Identified Other: _____

Sexual Orientation (Please Circle): Gay Lesbian Straight Bisexual Other: _____

Transportation assistance may be available for campers. Check here if interested in a ride to camp: _____

Previous experience with Gay-Straight Alliances (GSA): _____

Parent Information:

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent Email(s): _____ Parent Phone: _____

Checklist of items to include with Registration:

____ Signed Camp Program Safety and Participation Requirements (1 page)

____ Signed GLSEN/WA GSA Participant Liability Waiver Form (1 page)

____ Completed GLSEN/WA GSA Camp Health Information Form (1 page)

____ Information Form for Contact Book (1 page)

The GLSEN/WA GSA camp is free to all students but donations will be accepted by individuals, schools, groups, etc. If you are interested in contributing to GLSEN/WA GSA and supporting programs like the Leadership Camp please contact our office at 206-330-2099, send donations to 1605 12th Ave. Suite #35, Seattle, WA 98122 or go to www.glsenwa.org to donate electronically.



**GLSEN/WA GSA High School Leadership Camp 2008
Information Form for Contact Book**

Any information provided below will be included in a contact book that will be distributed upon completion of camp.

Name: _____ **Birthday:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Email: _____ **Phone (Home):** _____

High School: _____ **Grade:** _____

WA GSA Region: _____ **Myspace Page:** _____

Please provide a brief answer to the following:

What are you looking forward to most attending the GLSEN/WA GSA Camp?

What types of activities are you involved in with either your school or community?

What are your hobbies and interests?

Anything else interesting that you would like people to know about you...

Please exclude me from the contact list.



GLSEN/WA GSA High School Leadership Camp Safety and Participation Requirements

I am voluntarily participating in a GLSEN/WA GSA program. By signing this document, I am stating that I have read this document in its entirety. I understand and will cooperate with each item listed. I will abide by the rules, regulations, and requests set forth by GLSEN/WA GSA leadership. I understand that the following is in place to ensure for the safety and well-being of all involved in this GLSEN/WA GSA program.

GLSEN/WA GSA High School Leadership Camp Participant Requirements:

Please initial on each line after having read each of the requirements below.

I am participating in the GLSEN/WA GSA High School Leadership Camp knowing that I must abide by the organization and its Camp guidelines found below and or/spoken at Camp.

I agree to participate in all activities, meals, projects, and programs associated with this Camp experience whenever physically possible.

I agree to not engage in any sexual/inappropriate activity

I understand the GLSEN/WA GSA leadership team are here as guides, organizers, and leaders and that they are in a role of responsibility to ensure for the safety and effectiveness of all student participants in upholding these requirements.

I understand that their directions and requests are done with the group and my personal well- being in mind; thus, I will cooperate to the best of my ability.

I understand that the rules of any facilities used during my Camp experience are also rules that I must abide by, as they are indirect rules of GLSEN/WA GSA

I understand that there is a Zero Tolerance Policy regarding the possession and use of alcohol, drugs, or other illegal substances, regardless of age, gender, culture, etc.

I understand that the possession or use of a weapon or other item that might cause bodily harm to persons is prohibited in this program.

I understand that lights out will occur at 12:00am each night unless otherwise noted by the leadership team. At this time I am expected to be in my cabin and remain there.

I understand that if I do not comply with the above mentioned polices regarding drugs and alcohol, weapons, tobacco products, and other requirements, I may be asked to leave the program early. In addition, an incident report will be filed with my school and my parent/guardian(s) will be contacted immediately.

I have initialed on each line above, understand each requirement, and agree to abide by these requirements and further instruction of GLSEN/WA GSA High School Leadership Camp experience.

Full Name (printed)

Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (printed)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



GLSEN/WA GSA Participant Liability Waiver Form

I have chosen to participate in the GLSEN/WA GSA High School Leadership Camp. I agree to abide by any decision of GLSEN/WA GSA relative to my ability to safely complete this experience. I assume all risks associated with participating in this program. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts in consideration of your accepting my registration, I for myself and anyone entitled to act for my behalf, waive and release GLSEN/WA GSA, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation from this experience.

Photo/Video Release:

I understand that from time to time, trip participants may appear in photographs, videotapes and publications on behalf of GLSEN/WA GSA. In consideration of my participation in this program, I grant full permission to GLSEN/WA GSA, and/or the agents authorized by them to make and use any such record for publication, public relations, and /or advertising purposes, without limitation, reservation or any additional compensation.

Health Insurance:

I understand that I am required to have adequate health insurance coverage to participate in this GLSEN/WA GSA Program. By signing below, I authorize that I have proper health insurance coverage.

Pool:

I understand that there will be a swimming pool on the premises. I am aware that swimming and other pool activities are vigorous and can involve some risks, including but not limited to death. In addition, I understand that participation in swimming pool use involves activities incidental thereto, including, but not limited to, the possible reckless conduct of other participants. All stresses and hazards associated with this activity cannot be foreseen. I will voluntarily use pool facilities with knowledge of the danger involved and hereby agree to accept any and all risks of property damage, personal injury, or death.

In consideration of the benefits of the activities listed above, I _____, hereby release and discharge GLSEN/WA GSA from any liability resulting from complications arising out of negligence in this GLSEN/WA GSA Summer Camp.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

A parent/guardian signature is required if student participant is under the age of 18 or is still in high school.

Parent/Guardian Signatures: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

GLSEN/WA GSA Suggested “to-bring” List

Please read over this list of suggested equipment to bring to camp with you. Use it as a guide to help you figure out what to bring with you to camp. Remember that you are only staying for ONE night.

CLOTHING:

- Pants & Shorts
- Shirts
- Sneakers or closed toe shoes
- Sweater or Jacket (nights may get chilly)
- Swim Trunks/Swimsuit
- Towel
- Underwear & Socks

TOILET KIT:

- Comb/Brush
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Washcloth & Towel

LEAVE AT HOME:

Pets, weapons, fireworks, radios, electronic music devices, televisions, walkie-talkies, electronic games, squirt guns, dice, alcoholic beverages, and illegal drugs are not permitted at camp. Valuable items should be left at home.

LABEL GEAR:

Please mark all items with your name. Many, many items are lost or misplaced and never claimed. If items are marked, we will try our best to return them to the rightful owner.

OTHER:

- Notebook and Pen or Pencil
- Sun Screen Lotion
- School LGBT resources to share with others (about 50, optional)
- Prescription medications
- Bag to pack everything in

SLEEPING MATERIALS:

- Pillow
- Sleeping Bag and/or Blanket

OPTIONAL ITEMS:

- Camera
- Insect Repellent
- Personal First Aid Kit
- Sleeping Pad
- Sunglasses