

LINDEN HALL *Summer*



Equestrian Camp 2025 Parent Guide

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WELCOME TO SUMMER AT LINDEN HALL 2025!

Summer at Linden Hall Equestrian Overnight Camp encompasses a variety of riding and horsemanship learning opportunities. Whether a new or experienced rider, each camper participates in activities that greatly expand her equestrian knowledge.

In addition to two riding lessons per day, campers attend local field trips, including a tack shop visit and a trip to a horse rehab center. Presentations on natural horsemanship and bareback riding further enhance the camp experience. In the evenings, equestrian campers join other Summer at Linden Hall participants for crafts, campfires, water games, and team-building activities for a time of bonding and fun.

LOCATION

Our picturesque 49-acre campus is situated in the heart of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in the quaint town of Lititz. Listed as one of the nation's Top-10 Distinctive Destinations by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and named the Coolest Small Town in America for 2012–2014, Lititz offers an eclectic mix of specialty shops, cafes, and restaurants. It is also home to Wilbur Chocolate and Sturgis Pretzels, America's first commercial pretzel bakery. Linden Hall is ideally located between the cultural centers of Baltimore, New York City, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC, as well as the smaller city of Lancaster.

HISTORY OF LINDEN HALL

Founded in 1746, Linden Hall is the oldest continuously operating girls' boarding and day school in the United States. Throughout our 279-year history, the principles of the Moravian Church – especially that a girl should develop a love of knowledge to reach her fullest potential – have provided the foundation of a Linden Hall education. This philosophy has helped us remain a leading college preparatory institution for girls in grades 6–12. Ours is a diverse and inclusive community that graduates independent thinkers and globally aware citizens.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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Please note that office numbers can only be reached during office hours, which may be shortened during the summer. For any after-hours needs, please call the Honeycutt cell phone. A camp residential staff member will direct messages to the appropriate party. Email is the best method to reach staff for non-urgent needs.

EQUESTRIAN CAMP OVERVIEW

DATES: July 20–25, 2024

AGES: Grades 3–8

PRICE: \$1,300 (one week)



EQUESTRIAN CAMP: AT A GLANCE

	SUN 7/20	MON 7/21	TUE 7/22	WED 7/23	THU 7/24	FRI 7/25	
8:00 AM		Breakfast					
8:30–8:50 AM		Room Inspection					
9:00 AM		Intro/Camp itinerary	Riding/Vision of a Horse	Trip to horse rehab/Lunch with ice cream stop	Riding/Movement of Horses	Riding/Stall cleaning	
9:30 AM		Barn rules/Intro to horses					
10:00 AM		Tack shop trip	Riding/Lead Your Partner obstacles		Riding/Trailer demo	Riding/Blanket demo	
10:30 AM							
11:00 AM							
11:30 AM							
12:00–1:00 PM		Lunch			Lunch		
1:00 PM		Riding evaluations/ Groundwork	Natural Horsemanship	Riding/Leg wrapping	Treasure Hunt	Trip to Leg Up Farm	
1:30 PM							
2:00 PM							
2:30 PM							
3:00 PM		Tack cleaning	Riding/Knot tying/Picture frames	Riding/Lunging/ Breyer horse painting	Bareback riding/Bathe horses/Hand grazing		
3:30 PM		Stick horse decorating					
4:00 PM		Obstacle course setup	Riding/ Feed, Water/ Journals	Horse pictures	Tye dye	Trail rides/ Decorate grooming tote	
4:30 PM	Drop-off	Workbook/ Journals	Workbook/ Journals	Workbook/ Journals	Workbook/ Journals		
5:00 PM		Barn cleanup					
5:30 PM	Dinner					Pack up and go home	
6:00 PM	Free Time						
6:30–8:30 PM	Activities with GIRLS Camp						
8:30 PM	Free time/Ready for bed						
9:00 PM	In room						
9:30 PM	Lights out						

EQUESTRIAN CAMP DETAILS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Both experienced and novice campers are welcome. Please indicate camper experience in the registration form. Campers' riding skills will also be evaluated on Monday for proper lesson placement.

The Linden Hall stables are home to several horses that campers will use for lessons. Campers may bring their own horse to board for the week. The cost of boarding the horse is an additional \$150. Please contact Erika Kurtz at ejkurtz@hotmail.com for questions regarding boarding.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Campers should be dropped off between 4:30 and 5:30 pm on Sunday, July 20, at Honeycutt Hall, the residence hall lobby. Honeycutt Hall is located next to the drop-off circle where the lion statue can be seen. Campers should be picked up between 5:30 and 6:30 pm on Friday, July 25, from Honeycutt Hall. For questions regarding alternate drop-off or pick-up times, please contact the Camp Director.

CHECK IN AND OUT PROCEDURES

Parents and guardians must sign in their camper when dropping her off and sign her out again when picking her up. The sign in and out sheets are located in Honeycutt Hall, the main entrance to the dorms.

If there are special circumstances in which a camper may need to leave campus during camp hours (such as for a medical appointment), overnight campers should be signed out and back in at the Honeycutt security desk. Please let the Camp Director know in advance of such circumstances. Camp staff reserve the right to ask to see the ID of any adult signing out a camper.

NAVIGATING CAMPUS

There are three entrances to Linden Hall's campus: Lavery Lane, Main Street, and Locust Street.

Both Lavery Lane and the Main Street entrance are located on Main Street in Lititz. Lavery Lane borders Moravian Square and is beside Linden Hall's Mary Dixon Chapel. The Main Street entrance, the school's primary drive, is located on the other side of our academic buildings from Lavery Lane and is marked with a larger Linden Hall sign. While many GPSs may navigate to Lavery Lane, **please do not use this entrance**. Lavery Lane is a dead-end and is not connected to the parking lot. Please continue eastbound on Main Street to the next drive that leads to the drop-off circle and main parking lot. The fountain courtyard is on your right, and a lion statue can be seen in the drop-off circle in front of Honeycutt Hall.

The Evita M. Allen Center for Academic Excellence is home to the main lobby. There are two entrances to the lobby: one directly on Main Street, and the other up the steps from the fountain courtyard at the back of the building coming from the parking lot, between the two columns. The fountain courtyard is the preferred entrance.

Honeycutt Hall, the entrance to the dorms for Overnight Camp, is located by the drop-off circle next to the lion statue at the end of the Main Street entrance.

Campus can also be entered from Locust Street. The Locust Street entrance is closest to the stables and gym. Follow the driveway past the gym to the main parking lot near the academic building and Honeycutt Hall.

EXPECTATIONS

Campers are expected to follow all camp rules and policies. For their own well-being, campers should follow the directions of any leader overseeing an activity, including camp staff and other school employees. In the unlikely event that a camper chooses disruptive or harmful behavior, she may be required to sit out of an activity or be sent home.

OVERNIGHT CAMP READINESS TIPS

Overnight campers should exhibit an age-appropriate level of independence and self-care. They need to be able to shower, groom, and dress themselves. While camp staff tell campers when it is time for bed and make sure campers are up for breakfast, campers should be able to maintain a responsible routine. Room inspections are made daily, so campers need to make their beds, empty their trash, and keep the floor neat. If needed, campers should be able to do their own laundry using the facilities available in each dorm. Please consider whether your child is ready before signing up for overnight camp.

*Please note: At Linden Hall, overnight camp participation is reserved for campers who are biologically female. Currently, our boarding facilities are designed to support individuals assigned female at birth, and we are unable to accommodate other arrangements at this time. We are committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment for all participants.

WHAT TO WEAR

Equestrian campers are expected to wear long pants and either boots or shoes with a half-inch heel for riding. They also need to wear riding helmets. Campers may bring their own riding helmets or borrow one from the Linden Hall stables. Bike helmets are not acceptable as they are not rated with the same protections as a riding helmet. Campers should also keep in mind that some activities include cleaning stables and equipment, so clothes will get dirty. Linden Hall has free laundry facilities in each dorm area.

Outside of riding, campers should dress in accordance with the following dress code. No short shorts, bare midriffs, holes in clothing, or revealing spaghetti straps. Undergarments should not be visible, and shorts should be at least finger-tip length. Clothing should not display references to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, weapons, or profanity. Bikinis are not permitted for activities requiring bathing suits. It is recommended that campers wear sneakers or other comfortable, closed-toed shoes. Flip-flops should only be worn for water activities or in the dorms because they can be a tripping hazard during active play.

WHAT TO BRING

- Long pants
- Boots or shoes with a half-inch heel
- Riding helmets (optional)
- Water bottle
- Tote bag or backpack
- Sunscreen
- Sleeping bag or twin-sized bedding (with sheets and blanket/comforter)*
- Pillow
- Towels (bath and beach)
- Shower supplies and toiletries
- Alarm clock
- Bathing suit
- Clothing and sleepwear for at least one week
- Snacks for dorm room (no refrigerated items; food must be kept sealed)
- Spending money for tack shop, shopping in town, and lunch on Wednesday's field trip (minimum of \$50 for the tack shop).**
- Items for free time, such as books, paper, and pens
- Flashlight (optional)

**Bedding is available upon request for those traveling by airplane*

****Parents may also set up payment over the phone:**

Cross Road Tack Shop
38 West Main Street, Lebanon, PA 17042
717-228-2502

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Weapons of any kind, including pocketknives, cutlery, or guns
- Expensive jewelry or other valuables that may be lost or broken
- Refrigerators or cooking appliances

TECHNOLOGY POLICY

It is discouraged for campers to bring technological devices, such as laptops or tablets, to camp. Linden Hall is not responsible for lost, stolen, or broken devices.

It is recognized that cell phones may be necessary for contact with parents and for emergency purposes. Cell phones may not be used during camp activities and should only be used by overnight campers during free times after dinner or before bed. For overnight camp, do not be surprised if your child does call home on occasion to check in. Please discuss your expectations regarding phone calls home with your child prior to camp.

Campers wishing to take photos on their phone during an activity must ask permission from the

instructor or activity leader. Linden Hall provides camp photos to families through SmugMug, and further directions to access photos will be provided closer to the time of camp.

The misuse of technology may result in the confiscation of a device for the duration of an activity, the camp day, or the camp week. While many campers use their cell phones as alarms, phones may be locked up overnight if deemed necessary by dorm staff.

MEDICATIONS AND ILLNESS

Campers are not permitted to carry medication, including over-the-counter medications, at any time. The only exceptions are epi-pens, inhalers, or other emergency medications. Medications are collected and secured. As needed, they are distributed by camp staff. It is extremely important that parents clearly fill out the medical forms required for camp and turn these in by July 1 in order to create a distribution schedule for staff. Any required medications, including regularly administered OTC medications (e.g., allergy medications), should be included on the form. All medications should be labeled with the camper's name and dosage instructions.

For overnight campers, medications are typically distributed by a staff member after breakfast hours, 8:30–8:45 am, and after the evening session, 8:30–8:45 pm. Campers who also need midday medications should get them during their scheduled lunchtime. If medications are needed outside of these times, please provide clear instructions, and staff will do their best to accommodate them.

Any day campers showing signs of illness during the camp day will be sent home, while overnight campers will be isolated. If campers show signs of illness at home, please do not send them to camp.



REGISTRATION, PAYMENTS, AND REFUNDS

REGISTRATION

Registration must be completed online at www.lindenhall.org/summer. Fill out all fields to the best of your ability. **The registration deadline is July 1, 2025.**

If you are interested in registering for GIRLS Camp the week of July 13–18 and Equestrian Overnight Camp the week of July 20–25, please contact the Camp Director for instructions, and to receive a \$25 discount code.

PAYMENT

Payment can be made in full through the online registration form. A 3% credit card processing fee is added to online payments. Alternatively, payments may be made by check with no processing fee. A non-refundable deposit of \$150 is due at the time of registration. The deposit is required to finalize registration and reserve a spot at camp. **Final payment is due July 1, 2025, along with all permission and medical forms.**

Make checks payable to *Linden Hall* and mail to:

Summer at Linden Hall
212 E. Main Street
Lititz, PA 17543

REFUNDS

Deposits are non-refundable. Camp cancellations made after July 1, 2025, are non-refundable, even if due to illness.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

DORM ROOMS

Horne Dorm is the residential area directly adjacent to Honeycutt Hall, the dorm lobby. Horne Dorm includes four colored dorm areas: Red, Blue, Yellow, and Green. Red and Blue Dorms are located upstairs, and Yellow and Green Dorms are located downstairs. There is no elevator in the dorms. For camp, typically only one or two dorm areas are used.

Each of the dorm areas makes a horseshoe with 10 rooms and has a communal bathroom in the center. Each room contains two beds, wardrobes, dressers, and desks for a pair of roommates. The bathroom has individual shower stalls with a curtained changing area in front of each for privacy. A curtained bathtub area and an accessible shower with a bench are also available. Each dorm area also contains two washers and dryers and a water cooler.

Please be aware that we no longer offer keys to dorm rooms for campers. Young campers often forget to lock their doors and/or lose their keys, and replacements can be an extra expense for families. If there are any concerns about valuables, each room contains wardrobes that can be locked with a combination lock. Linden Hall does not provide locks, but campers may bring one if they wish, so long as they know the combination. If campers forget the combination, camp staff may need to cut the lock.

To ensure the safety of our campers and staff, building doors are locked 24 hours a day and only accessible by key cards. There are Linden Hall staff members who live in apartments on campus year-round, and some of them live in the dorm areas where campers stay. While not all of these staff members help with camp, they are trusted adults who are nearby if an emergency should arise. During camp, a residential life staff member sits in the Honeycutt lobby overnight every night. In addition to keeping an eye on security, this staff member is available to help campers with any overnight homesickness, nightmares, or tummy aches.

MEALS AND SNACKS

Lunch in our dining hall is included for both day and overnight campers.* Breakfast and dinner are provided for overnight campers only. Hot and cold options are available for breakfast. Lunch and dinner usually have two meal choices served cafeteria-style. Please notify the Camp Director in writing of any food allergies or dietary restrictions at least two weeks in advance of camp. The dining staff do their best to accommodate needs. **All food items in the dining hall are labeled with common food allergies, and campers should read ingredients carefully.** Linden Hall is not a nut-free facility, but dining staff label foods containing common allergens.

Overnight campers should bring enough non-refrigerated snacks for the duration of their stay. Snacks must be stored in air-tight containers. Evening snacks may be provided for overnight campers depending on the scheduled activities (e.g., s'mores for campfire night). Pre-packaged snacks, such as granola bars, fruit snacks, chips, etc. with clear allergen labels are best.

*Available meals and snacks are subject to change depending on enrollment. Menus are available upon request and subject to change due to supply availability.

Hydration at camp is important, and all campers should carry a water bottle. Contactless water bottle refill stations can be found throughout the academic building. There are also water coolers in the dorms.

CAMP T-SHIRTS

One camp t-shirt is provided to each camper based on the size indicated on the registration form. If extras are available, a second shirt may be purchased for \$10. Campers do not need to wear the camp shirt each day, but it is encouraged that they wear it at least once per week.

PHOTOS

Camper families will have access to photos taken during camp through SmugMug. Further directions for accessing the photos will be provided closer to camp.

It is assumed that Summer at Linden Hall has permission to use camper photos for both internal and promotional purposes unless a parent says otherwise on the Permission Form prior to camp. If a camper opts out of photos, she will not be permitted to be in any photo and will be asked to step to the side when photos are taken. When photos are used for promotion, names of campers are never included.



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