

JANUARY 2010 MEMO

BAGGAGE: No trunks are permitted. Two duffel or cargo bags should be adequate. We want all baggage in camp prior to the arrival of the campers. To make the juniors and intermediates more comfortable, their beds are made and clothing is put away prior to their arrival. Duffels may not be transported with the campers on buses or planes. If **R&B Camp Baggage**, our official baggage handler, services your area, **YOU MUST USE THEM.** They have never lost a piece of baggage. **We will mail you R&B information with Bulletin #1 in April.** These baggage policies have been developed to allow us to concentrate on running a better camp for your daughters.

JANUARY QUESTIONNAIRE: This enclosed **yellow** form (Questionnaire) is designed to help us with future billing, transportation needs, camp sister assignments and planning for our horseback riding program. **Please complete this form and return it immediately.**

TRANSPORTATION TO CAMP: Robindel has reserved space on planes for large groups. See the enclosed January Questionnaire. You will pay our travel agent directly for plane tickets, **not bus costs.** Information regarding this arrangement will be mailed in April. We expect all campers from the Philadelphia, Washington, DC and South Florida areas to fly to and from camp. **Do not send any money for bus or plane fares at this time.**

RIDING: Our **regular** riding program will permit two instructional periods each week at the cost of \$425. Our **intensive** program will permit a limited number of girls to have five instructional periods each week at the cost of \$850. We do not recommend the intensive program to new and/or young campers. Those who have previously returned the blue parent authorization card **MUST CONFIRM your daughter's interest** in the regular program or indicate her interest in the intensive program by noting such on the Questionnaire. **If you do not note this, we will plan accordingly and assume that your daughter does not wish to ride.** A riding helmet and shoes with heels are mandatory for this program.

CAMP SISTER PROGRAM: All **new campers** will be assigned **four** "big" camp sisters at the end of March. **Returning junior campers** (presently in 4th grade or below) will be assigned **at least two** "big" camp sisters. Unless requested, returning intermediate campers (presently in 5th & 6th grades) will **not** be assigned a "big" sister. In order to involve every camper in this program, many "big" sisters will be sharing a "little" sister. Requests for camp sisters, "big" or "little," on the Questionnaire will be considered but **not guaranteed.** We expect the "big" sister to write and/or telephone (**PREFERABLY TELEPHONE**) and, where possible, visit her "little" sister. **While we would like every eligible camper to be a "big" sister, if your daughter does not wish to be one, please indicate this on the Questionnaire.** If at any time after being assigned a "little" sister your daughter **does not wish to participate** as a "big" sister, please cooperate and inform us immediately so that we may select an alternate. "Little" sisters are disappointed when they do not hear from their "big" sisters. Where possible, geographic proximity is a major factor in appointing camp sisters. **An important responsibility for the big sister we designate is to sit with her little sister during the bus or plane trip to camp.**

FUTURE MAILINGS: **End of March** - Camp sister assignments with Camper Interest Survey (mailed directly to campers); **Mid-April** - Bulletin #1 (medical form, camper information form, R&B baggage information and forms and plane ticket payment information); **Late April** - FINAL STATEMENT; **June 4** - Bulletin #2 (transportation details).