



## Gender-Inclusive Housing at Camp Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: What is gender-inclusive housing?**

A: Gender-inclusive housing is a third option for what type of housing campers at Claggett have available to them. All-girls housing and all-boys housing remain the default options.

### **Q: What does safe, gender-inclusive housing look like?**

A: A gender-inclusive dorm will be assigned if there are at least three campers whose registration indicates interest. This dorm will be separated from other camper housing, using one wing in Powell Hall. A bathroom and staff room will be adjacent to the gender-inclusive dorm.

- **Supervision:** at least three counselors will be assigned to the gender-inclusive dorm, representing multiple genders. Staff housing will be adjacent and semi-private (in keeping with our Safe Church policy that adult sleeping spaces are separate from youth sleeping spaces). During the night, staff will be located in an adjoining room with the door open. It is Claggett's policy that counselors are physically present to supervise any unstructured time in dorms during the day.
  - At camp, one of our primary norms is the "Rule of Three:" at all times during a camp session, we stay in groups of three or more people, at least one of whom is a counselor. This policy is in place at all times in all Claggett dorms.
- **Changing and bathrooms:** All changing will be private. While campers in single-sex dorms may change in shared space or choose to use a bathroom or shower stall for privacy, campers in gender-inclusive dorms must change clothes in a private stall. All toilets and showers at camp are fully private, including a separate private changing area for each shower.

### **Q: Which camp sessions is gender-inclusive housing offered for?**

A: As of the 2026 camp season, we are offering a gender-inclusive housing option for the Sassafras Seniors and Mulberry Middle camp sessions.

**Q: How can I sign up for gender-inclusive housing? How can I make sure my child is signed up for single-sex housing?**

A: For camp sessions that we offer this option, you will see a question on the registration forms that says: "Please select the housing option you prefer." The options will be as follows:

- All- girls housing is most appropriate for my camper
- All- boys housing is most appropriate for my camper
- Gender-inclusive housing is most appropriate for my camper
- My camper is equally comfortable in same-gender or gender-inclusive housing

Campers will be assigned to the sleeping space that is marked as most appropriate for them. If you select "equally comfortable," your camper may be assigned to either a dorm with others of their gender or to gender-inclusive housing, based on bed spaces and balance. **We will not assign or move campers to gender-inclusive housing without express permission from their parent/guardian.** If a camper asks to move to gender-inclusive housing during the session, we will contact their parent/guardian to request permission.

**Q: My camper is transgender or nonbinary, but feels most comfortable in single-sex housing. Is this okay?**

A: Yes! Regardless of your camper's dorm assignment, they can be assured that we will use the name and pronouns they wish to be called by.

**Q: My camper is not transgender or nonbinary. Can they still register for gender-inclusive housing?**

A: Yes! The gender-inclusive dorm is exactly that: inclusive of all genders. Our intention is not to create a separate space only for LGBTQ+ campers, but also for all who would feel most comfortable in inclusive housing.

**Q: Why offer gender-inclusive housing?**

A: Claggett camps are fully affirming of LGBTQ+ campers and staff as people made whole and beloved in the image of God. Gender-inclusive practices allow young people to enjoy all that camp has to offer--when young people know that they are seen and accepted for who they are, they can put their focus on growing their faith & spirituality, building new skills and friendships, without having to focus on if they can safely exist in the camp space.

Learn about The Episcopal Church's stance on gender, sexuality and sexual orientation here:  
[LGBTQ – The Episcopal Church](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/lgbtq)