



Cloverleaf Ranch The 'How to go to Day Camp' Booklet

General Information and Camp Policy

Parents: Please make certain your camper understands the information that follows, it will be critical for their success.

Contained in this booklet are items and policies for you to consider in preparation for camp. Please read the contents of this booklet carefully and reinforce all pertinent rules and regulations with your child. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email us.

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Email: support@cloverleaf ranch.com

Cloverleaf Ranch has three main objectives in its summer camp programs. First, we want every camper to have the opportunity to learn new skills and to gain knowledge in several fields of camp and outdoor life. Second, we want every camper to have the opportunity to meet new friends and to learn the give and take of peer relationships. Third, and most important, we want each camper to have a fun-filled and memorable experience. The main purpose of Cloverleaf Ranch has always been to provide children with an environment free of social pressures where they can have a great time. The entire staff remains committed to this end. Day campers will have an opportunity during their stay to be exposed to many activities. In program planning it is important to understand that during a five-day session, time can limit participation in all activities.

By enrolling my child in the Cloverleaf Ranch summer program, I am consenting to my child's voluntary participation in all age-appropriate activities. If there is a particular activity that I do not wish my child to participate in, I will express that in a written note to the camp director.

ORIENTATION

We no longer require camp families to attend an in person Sunday orientation.

Instead, an orientation email will be sent to you on the Friday prior to your child's week of camp. The orientation email will include a video tour of our facility; introductions of staff; and your child's group assignment, counselor name, and schedule for the week. If you would like to see our facility in person prior to the start of camp, we encourage you to attend one of our Spring Open Houses, which are on Sunday, April 25th and Sunday, May 23rd from 11am to 3pm. This is a great time to tour our facility, meet staff, and enjoy lunch and activities. If you are unable to attend, or would like to see our facility sooner, please call our office to arrange a private tour.

Daily Drop Off: 8:15 to 8:45 am

Daily Pick Up: 5:00pm (2:30pm pick up available by request)

***Please be on time.** If you require any exceptions to these times please notify the Day Camp Manager and Director as soon as possible. Due to the nature of our program and campers location on the ranch, it can be difficult to get your camper down to the office in a timely manner without prior notification. Extended child care is available by request for \$10/hour increment. Both early drop offs and late pick ups can be arranged through our office.

**** DAY CAMPERS ARE NOT TO BE LEFT ALONE AT THE ENTRANCE OF CLOVERLEAF. THEY ARE TO BE CHECKED IN WITH THE DAY CAMP MANAGER EACH MORNING. NO EXCEPTIONS!! THIS IS FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CAMPERS.**

Enrollment

A **non-refundable deposit of 25% of the cost of the camp program** is required for each session and each child to hold a reservation. The balance and paperwork is due two weeks prior to your child's arrival. In the event of cancellation no money will be refunded for any reason. Once a camper has arrived at camp, **refunds will not be credited for any reason** should they leave camp early. Whether the reason for leaving camp is for health or homesickness problems, dismissal or withdrawal, or for any reason prompted by the camp or a parent/guardian, a refund cannot be granted.

Camper Groupings

Some parents request their camper be with certain friends. We attempt to design programs which will encourage children to make new friends and to learn to live with their new companions; thus, special groupings are not recommended and groupings of three or more campers are not permitted. Requests of this nature must be made in writing to the office **30 days prior** to the applicable camp session. All campers involved must have an individual request from their parent and be within the same age range.

Behavioral Expectations

Our program is not geared towards behavioral issues that require one on one supervision. We require for the safety and success of our program that campers are able to be successful in a group environment with our provided ratio. Bullying and other disruptive behavior is not acceptable and is grounds for dismissal from the program. We have a zero-tolerance policy for any kind of physical violence (hitting, shoving, pushing, tripping, grabbing, etc.).

Dismissal

Cloverleaf Ranch forbids any camper from smoking, using, or possessing any tobacco product; from using or possessing any form of alcoholic beverage product; from possessing any form of marijuana or other illegal drug product; and from using or possessing any legal drug products not authorized and dispensed by the Camp Healthcare Professional. Including those prescribed by the campers' physician. **Only our camp health care professional can receive medication from parents.** Medication must be in its original container and have the dispensation orders attached.

Fireworks, firearms, and knives are not allowed at camp.

Any camper who violates this policy will leave camp immediately. The Director will call the camper's parents or guardian and will have them make arrangements to pick up their camper from the premises. This camp policy is strictly enforced; we believe it is absolutely necessary to ensure the healthy and positive environment of Cloverleaf Ranch. Please discuss this matter with your child.

Prompt Pick Up

Due to our close group living environment we ask that you make yourself or an alternative contact available for immediate pick up due to inappropriate behavior or signs of communicable diseases such as fever, diarrhea or vomiting.

Equipment

Camp will provide the necessary sporting and camping equipment. If your child brings his/her tennis racket, backpack, camera, ball glove, etc. **please** mark these items carefully with name, address and telephone number. The camp **CANNOT** take responsibility for their safekeeping unless they are stored with our knowledge and in our authorized storage facilities. Compound archery bows, rifles, mountain bikes, in-line skates, or skateboards are not allowed at camp.

Insurance

The parents or guardians of the camper named on the application must provide Cloverleaf Ranch with the policy number and name of the medical insurance carrier that covers their child.

Medical Authorization: Parents or guardians shall enter into an understanding concerning the risk and possibility of injury due to the campers increased exposure to higher levels of physical activity and participation encountered in the camp's typical day. Cloverleaf Ranch is not responsible for any injuries or illnesses incurred by the camper while enrolled in camp, beyond the assurance that the affected camper will receive prompt and professional care. Cloverleaf Ranch requires written authorization in order to secure such medical attention as is deemed necessary. **Cloverleaf Ranch does not accept children at camp without medical insurance.**

Camp Store

Camp T-shirts and sweatshirts, camp photographs (group and individual), water bottles, hats, and bandannas may be purchased in the office during office hours. If your child forgot or lost an item necessary for their stay such as sunscreen, water bottle, etc. we will provide it for them, though additional fees will apply.

Phone Calls and Authorized Persons

The camp phone number is (707) 545-5906. Please list on the application form **any persons who have your permission** to check your child out of camp. We can only release your child to approved persons. Your child must be signed in and out daily with our Day Camp Manager.

Camp Clothing

Please send clothing suitable for our ranch environment. Clothing can be lost, misplaced, or badly soiled, so please use your own judgment in this matter. It is important to label all of your child's belongings clearly. We are not responsible for clothes or personal belongings damaged or left at camp, so please check your child's belongings on departure each day. **Items of great personal or monetary value, such as personal electronics, cell phones, sentimental items etc. should be left at home. CELL PHONES ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**

Please Bring the Following Items:

DAILY PACK LIST:

Backpack to Carry Items
Lunch and Snack
Swim Suit and Towel
Hat or Cap

Water Bottle
Aqua Socks/Shoes
Sunscreen
Long Pants for Riding

*****Closed-toed shoes must be worn at all times for camper safety.**

While staff make every effort to make your child comfortable; please encourage your child to communicate with their counselor if they forgot an item or are in need of additional items (e.g. towels, water bottles, sunscreen, etc.)

Please make sure your child has sunscreen and a water bottle EVERYDAY. Children without these may be given ones from the camp store and parents will be charged for the item. If your child will be riding at any point during the week they need to bring riding pants in their bag EVERYDAY. Due to the nature of working with live animals, the horse riding schedule is variable and subject to change. Keeping riding pants in their bag will ensure they are ready whenever their lesson maybe.

Pre-Camp Medical

All Camper applications must be completed including the medical information required on back of application, with MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION SIGNED BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.

In-camp medical staff: A healthcare professional is on duty to handle routine medical care and minor injuries. If your child is referred to our healthcare professional, the camp will notify you only if deemed necessary by the camp manager. Injury and illness of a more serious nature will be referred to a local health care facility. *All medications* in their original containers must be turned in to our healthcare professional upon arrival in camp.

In case of injury or illness parents will be contacted immediately. Serious injury or illness is defined by ACA guidelines and a complete list of these illnesses can be found in the office.

Lice Policy

All campers will undergo a brief lice check upon arrival to camp. Please note that if lice or lice eggs are found, you must bring your child home to undergo lice treatment. This process should take about 24 hours or more. After all lice have been removed from your child and their belongings, they may return to camp. They will be subject to a second lice check to ensure that all lice have been fully removed. Please note that no refunds are given for dates missed due to this policy.

Having lice has no relevance to a child's cleanliness or a parent's nurturing. There should be no stigma with regards to having lice. Lice is contagious, and like catching a cold or having a fever it is not the fault of the parents or child. When you have groups of children gathering: school, camp, sports teams, etc – just like a cold will spread, so will lice. That is why here at Cloverleaf Ranch we are very diligent about thoroughly inspecting every child's hair before they enter camp.

We treat children with lice the same as we would treat any other child with a contagious condition: with respect and compassion. Since lice is contagious, any person with lice needs to be treated and cleared of lice before they can return to a group setting

Horse Riding Program

The Cloverleaf Ranch riding program is designed to help children improve their riding skills in a fun, safe environment. Our riding program provides children with lead line lessons (ages 6 and under), arena instruction, and instructor lead trail rides through the hill-top trails of Cloverleaf Ranch **(please note that trail rides are only for children age 7 and up who have demonstrated**

safe control of their horse during their safety check). Our instructors work very hard to build strong relationships with riders while keeping them safe and feeling confident. Though our instructors strive to teach and advance the camper’s skills and abilities, it is also their job to evaluate the strength of riders and determine if there are safety issues at hand. For example, if a rider does not exhibit proficient mastery of the aids taught throughout instruction time, they may be held out of a scheduled trail ride at the instructor’s discretion. If a decision is made for a rider to be kept out of a trail ride due to inability to control a horse or other safety issues, they will be given another opportunity to ride in a lesson-like setting.

It is extremely important to remember that horses are living animals and cannot be controlled with the touch of a button. Learning to ride is hard work and it takes time, patience, and dedication. Therefore, it is the job of a rider to demonstrate their understanding of horse safety and rein control before an instructor can comfortably allow a rider to set out on the trail.

We are no longer offering add-on riding lessons for any of the camp programs.

Not all of the camp programs include horse back riding. You should consider how much horseback riding you want your child to participate in when choosing what is the right program for your family and budget.

	Ages 4 to 6	Ages 7 and Up
Ranch Adventure \$329/week	No Horseback Riding	No Horseback Riding
Classic \$439/week	Two riding lessons in arena	Two riding lessons (2 nd one will be trail ride if they show adequate ability), and may sign up for Friday horse show
Equestrian \$530/week	Minimum of 4 lessons in arena and may sign up for Friday horse show.	Minimum of 4 lessons (at least 1 will be a trail ride if they show adequate ability), and may sign up for Friday horse show.

If you are interested in your child having more riding than what is offered in these programs, we recommend you consider our residential (sleep away) camp program for ages 7 to 17, where campers are able to fully design their own schedule.

Horse Show

The Horse Show is held every Friday. This is a closed event as Cloverleaf Ranch is a closed campus. While we appreciate parent’s desire to support their campers; we have found this highly disruptive. **Please do not attempt to watch the horse show from the street or the Kaiser parking lot. This is for the safety and the success of all campers. Such disruptions can be dangerous because of the distraction caused to children on horseback and the danger of the viewer’s proximity to the very busy road.** Children age 7 and up may participate in the horse show *if they have completed a safety check*, but the ultimate decision is made by the riding instructors. The Wranglers choose children who have demonstrated a safe level of riding ability, and have the right to refuse children whom they deem unsafe in the arena with other riders. **Children ages 4-6 will only participate in the horse show if they are in the Equestrian camp program.**

Awards Ceremony

Cloverleaf Ranch prides itself on providing fun yet challenging activities that students can work to master. Throughout the week our counselors work hard to create an atmosphere conducive to fair play, sportsmanship, and competitive growth. To honor those campers who have dedicated themselves to mastering an activity, we have a weekly awards ceremony. Awards are not given to every camper who participates as this diminishes the hard work and growth that some campers put into an activity. Instead, we make our awards system within reach of all ages and skill levels. This way, campers are encouraged to practice a strong work ethic and positive growth mindset.

Pets and Vehicles

No pets are allowed on the property.

Do not bring animals in your car during pick up and drop off. Additional animals can be a distraction or danger to the horses and other ranch animals on site, and to other campers and staff who may have allergies or otherwise not want to be in proximity to the pets of others. **No personal vehicles are permitted past the parking lot.**

Pick Up and Drop Off

Counselors will be lined up at the front entrance to camp to sign your child in. Counselors will assist in helping children in and out of vehicles during pick up and drop off, or you may park your vehicle in a designated spot and walk them over to their counselor. Morning drop-off is between 8:15am and 8:45am. Afternoon pick up is at 5:00pm.

If you need to pick your child up early, please notify the office in advance. Due to the size of our facility, having children brought up or down at a time other than normal requires extra time and changes to staff assignments.

We do offer extended hours for before and after camp at a cost of \$10/per hour/per child. You must notify the office if you plan to have your child in extended hours.

Minimum Age Restrictions

Riflery – 8
High Zipline – 6 (and must fit harness properly)
60 min Riding Lesson – 7
(Children under 7 will receive a 30min lead line lesson instead)
Trail Ride – 7

* Ranch Adventure Day Camp does not include the Thursday Evening on the Ranch activity. You can add this experience for a fee of \$75.

Other questions or concerns?

Please call our office or send us an email! We are always happy to talk to our camp families, and it is our goal for all parents to feel comfortable and confident in their decision to entrust their child to our care.

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Please Sign and Return to Camp Office before Your Camp Week Begins

My son / daughter and I have read and will comply with all of the policies stated in the "How to go to Day Camp" Booklet.

I HAVE READ & UNDERSTAND THE "Horse Activities in our Programs" sheet, also known as the Riding FAQ:

Date _____

Parent

Print Name _____ Sign Name _____

Camper

Print Name: _____ Sign Name _____