

CLOVERLEAF RANCH

activities list

Animal Care

One of the great things about camp being on a ranch is we have many animals around. During animal care campers have the opportunity to play with chicks, wash a horse, or hang out with any of the other fun animals we might add to the ranch environment during the summer.

Archery

At archery campers get the education and safety instruction needed to participate in a safe fun activity. Campers aim for targets 15 to 20 yards away and have the opportunity to win some great awards.

Arts and Crafts

Campers at Arts and Crafts get to make wonderful things with nature to take home to their families. We do tie dye, Paper Mache, collages, dream catchers, cards, friendship bracelets, lanyards and much more.

Batting Cages

Batting Cages takes place in a netted area, where only one camper and an instructor enter the area at a time. Both camper and counselor are helmeted and the counselor stands behind a fence when placing the balls into the pitching machine. The machine speed is set at whatever level the camper is comfortable with. This is a great activity to win awards at!

Camp Fires

On Opening and Closing day of Resident Camp we head up the hill and enjoy the beautiful view while sitting around a great camp re. Before each camp the Fire Dispatch is called and all the campers are made aware of the rules for being around there. At the camp we sing songs, act out skits, and share some of the most memorable moments from the session. Everyone at closing camp re gets to throw a stick in there and leave all their favorite memories here in the ashes forever.

Dance

Counselors can teach a choreographed dance, or give the campers a chance to create their own. Often the class is started with a warm-up and then they get right into boogying. Often when a group creates their own dance, they can practice it and perform it later in the week at the camp dance! Games are also a fun in collusion in dance class, whether freeze dance, or others.

Drama

Drama is a great activity that can be played indoors or out. Counselors often get the kids started with games, such as taxi driver, or freeze scenarios. The can also create some really great skits and act them out later in the week at the Talent Show.

Horse Care

Learn how to approach a horse safely, groom and become the ultimate *Horse Whisperer*. Horse care is a great opportunity to learn how to lead a horse safely, become more knowledgeable about equipment, and other fun details about horses. Here you can help with feeding the horses, mucking the barn, or even give them a bath.

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Horse Riding Lessons (age = 7+ or 6 and younger with lead line)

Lessons are a great opportunity to learn all the fundamentals about horsemanship. Utilizing different ways to communicate with horse.... We play games to reinforce how to stop, turn, and communicate clearly. We accommodate all skill levels as children aim to perfect their walk, jog, or lope. Don't forget to wear your boots, helmet, and long jeans they are mandatory..... but if you don't have your own.... Don't worry Cloverleaf provides boots and helmets to borrow.

Horse Show (age = 7+)

Every Friday morning it is Cloverleaf's tradition to celebrate our great horse program with the Horse Show. A fun, exciting way to show off all the skills you've learned all week. Children compete in a supportive environment and top contenders work hard to earn their ribbons. The camp cheers them on as they demonstrate their growth in the equestrian program.

Juggling

Learn from our skilled juggling counselors how to juggle, 2 balls, 3 balls, even 4! There are great prizes to win with juggling. Start from scratch and work your way up to doing amazing tricks. This is also something that is great to show off in the Talent Show.

Music

Many of our counselors can play guitar, piano or other instruments and love to share it with the campers. There are also some great songbooks that can be used to sing songs, or campers can even work together to write their own.

Nature Hikes

With 160 acres there are so many great trails to discover. Campers go with a counselor and a first aid kit and head up into the hills to explore the beautiful wildlife that is present at Cloverleaf Ranch. Sometimes they even take lunch with them and get to sit in nature and enjoy some grub.

New Games

New Games are a great activity to play anywhere around the ranch. Some great games include, freeze tag, red light green light, cat and mouse tag, a human knot, and the counting game. These games are often used as great ways to keep campers entertained during transition times throughout the day.

Out Camp

General and Equestrian Day Camp participates in Out Camp every Thursday night. They head up to the top of the hill where Resident Camp has open and closing campfires. The campers sit around the campfire singing songs, telling stories, and eating. When it's time for bed all the campers set their stuff out either on the girls tarp or boys tarp and settle down for a wonderful rest under the beautiful Northern California stars. The counselors often stay up later making sure all the campers are safe and sound and then fall asleep themselves right next to the campers where they can be found if someone happens to wake up in the night.

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Riflery (age = 8+)

Every counselor that teaches riflery here at the ranch is NRA certified. Riflery is one of the safest activities we have here at the ranch. Campers head down to the range and even if they have been there before, sit while the counselor goes over all of the safety rules involved with being down at the range. Campers must be 8 or older to participate in riflery. We use air rifles and the campers shoot pellets at paper targets, cans, horseshoes or more. There are many awards that can be worn down at the range!

Swimming

On the first day that campers are at Cloverleaf they are given a swim test. This test lets lifeguards know the swimming level of campers and keeps them aware of beginners and campers that might need an extra eye while in the pool, or even a buddy to swim with. The swimming levels are also used when we go down to the swimming hole, there are roped off sections based on the swimming level of the campers, beginner, intermediate and advanced. We can swim at the Old Swimming Hole, or at the Camp Pool. Both are great fun and lifeguards as well as counselors are always around to keep an eye on all the campers. *Due to the drought the swimming hole may be close.*

Trail Rides (age = 7+)

Utilizing the skills that campers learned in their lessons. Campers navigate through 160 acres of Cloverleaf's privately owned trails. On these trail rides campers can see some great wildlife and wonderful views of Sonoma County.

Other Activities

There are plenty of other activities that campers can participate in here at the ranch. Basketball, Football, Frisbee Games, Ping Pong, Pool Table, Foosball, Soccer, Tennis, and Volleyball.