

What you need to know:

Camp starts at 8:00 AM. Drop off starts at 7:45 AM. Our program begins at 8:10. To make sure your child doesn't miss team building and critical safety information, please be on time.

Pickup is at 11:00 AM for half day campers (campers must vacate the property no later than 11:30 AM) and 4:00 PM for full day campers (campers must vacate the property no later than 4:30). If your child needs to leave early or be dropped off late, please let us know ahead of time. Please note there is NO CAMP ON FRIDAY. Camp runs Monday through Thursday only.

Attached is the **Ranch Camp Permission Form** which must be filled out, signed, and returned to us no later than the first day your child attends camp. We only need one per year, so if your child is signed up for multiple camps, we'll just need one for the season.

Is your child friends with another camper? Please let us know ASAP but no later than the Friday prior to start so we can place them together. **YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SWITCH TEAMS AFTER THIS TIME.** Best is to let us know in the "Special Considerations" field in your registration.

The **Ranch Camper Checklist** includes everything you need to bring for both half day and full day campers. Some recommendations for some of the listed items:

- **BRIGHT COLORS ATTRACT BUGS!** We noticed last year the bugs really went for kids with bright clothes. Consider neutrals!
- Canvas pants are recommended (hiking pants, cargo pants, Dickies, Carhartts, lose fitting khakis, etc). Jeans are not recommended (chaffing is no fun). While your child is allowed to wear shorts, they will be around plants with thorns, tall grass with ticks, and poison ivy. It is best to protect their skin.
- We reapply sunscreen after lunch. If your child burns easily where they need more frequent application, we recommend they wear hiking or fishing long sleeve shirts with SPF protection.
- Some considerations regarding footwear: campers will be on uneven terrain, around lots of animal poop, and will likely get wet. Most campers wear tennis shoes and are completely fine. The best option are light hiking shoes that provide more ankle support and some waterproofing.
- Sending them with an extra pair of dry socks is not a bad idea. Many kids don't like running around in wet socks but we cannot allow them to be barefoot.
- We will have water to refill water bottles. Morning & afternoon snacks will be provided during camp. We provide two snack items per snack time (e.g. a snack bag of popcorn and a fruit popsicle). If you think your child will need more food, feel free to send them with extra snacks.
- Check the weather. **If there is rain in the forecast, please send your child with a raincoat.**

Have your child arrive at camp with sunscreen and insect repellent already applied. Full day campers need to bring sunscreen & bug spray (we prefer spray versions of both for easiest application).

Note that campers might end up with some of "nature" on their clothes and shoes. It also gets pretty hot, so the animals and children may get a hose down. For your convenience we do have a changing room available for use if you'd like to bring a change of clean clothing, sandals, and a towel for your child at pickup.

Please be aware there are inherent dangers present in the country and on a working farm. Your child will be taught about these dangers and be well supervised to limit the potential for injuries. Some common first aid incidents we encounter are bug bites/stings, tick bites, scratches, bumps/bruises, poison ivy rash, upset stomach, and heat exhaustion. We are trained in treating all of these. If you have questions concerning these or anything related to Ranch Camp, please call our owner, Alvina Maynard, anytime at (859) 408-5132.

In the event of inclement weather, camp will still go on. If there is a severe thunderstorm/weather event during camp hours, we will seek shelter in our fully enclosed barn which is rated for 200+ mph wind and our art studio which is located in a basement.