

Howdy!

A rip-roaring hello from Camp Gray! We can’t wait to saddle up and see you here at the Ranch this summer, and we hope that you are getting as excited as we are. The next two weeks promises to be full of fun, faith and fellowship for campers and staff alike.

The Ranch counselors are excitedly preparing for your stay here at Camp Gray and we wanted to send you a letter about Ranch Camp so you know what to expect when you get out here. Let’s start by describing a typical day in the life of a Ranch camper. You’ll get up a little earlier than other campers and have breakfast in the dining hall at main camp. After that, you’ll have morning praise and prayer and then head out to the stables where you’ll saddle, groom, and ride your horse! You’ll come back to main camp for lunch, followed by swimming and activities with your cabin mates. After working up an appetite, you will either eat with main camp, or cook dinner over the fire with your counselors and fellow campers. At night, you’ll get to attend an evening game or activity, have devotions, and sleep in the Ranch Yurt! This yurt has electricity and water and bathroom/showers are a short walk up the trail.

You might be asking yourself what you should bring with you for Ranch camp. In addition to your typical camp gear, here are some reminders of some extra important items that you should include:

* Flashlight with extra batteries
* Several pairs of pants (we need to wear long pants every day on the horses); Capri pants are not allowed; denim is best
* Boots or an extra pair of closed-toed shoes (for walking around some big hairy equines)
* Water bottle
* Sleeping bag, bottom sheet, and pillow
* Enough clothes for 10 days

We will be going off camp for Advanced Ranch Camp a few times in order to experience true ranch living which generally includs tent camping, farm tour, rodeo and a visit to the tack shop!

Please keep in mind that the clothing you will wear out at the ranch will become dirty. So don’t bring your favorite t-shirt or pair of pants unless they can get a little muddy! We hope that you are looking forward to a fantastic session here at Ranch Camp. If you have any questions or concerns, please call us here at (608) 356-8200. May the peace of God be with you as you enjoy the next couple weeks before Ranch Camp! We will be keeping you in our prayers!

Peace and God Bless,

The Ranch Camp Coordinator