

KLEIN RANCH YOUTH CAMP



Information for Campers & Parents

Your week at Klein Ranch is a unique experience for anyone. This Christian camping program is set at a unique western horse ranch emphasizing horsemanship, small group living, natural and historical awareness and teamwork. Opportunities for spiritual development are a priority in the programming by First Word before breakfast, morning worship, Bible study time and evening campfires & worships.

Activities in addition to horseback rides may include excursions to the mini badlands, visits with neighboring Ranchers, worship at a Native American church, camping out under the stars, water activities on the Grand River, and/or hayrack rides! Depending on the date of local celebrations, maybe even be able to attend a rodeo.

Please read this information carefully so that you will know what to expect for your week at camp!

ARRIVAL TIME: Registration begins at 4:00 PM (Mountain Daylight Time) on Sunday. (5:00 pm Central Time) You gain one hour traveling Central Time to Mountain Time

DEPARTURE TIME: Camp ends on Friday with an 11:00 AM Closing. Parents, pastors & drivers are all invited to join us!

If an earlier departure is needed please call the camp (605-273-4441) to make arrangements. If drivers want to come Thurs. please notify camp for housing arrangements.

Pricing for Overnight Stays & Activities:

Lodging: \$20 per night

Horse rides: (if possible) - \$15

Meals: Breakfast - \$5.50 Lunch - \$6.50
 Supper - \$8.75 Brunch - \$8.50

HOUSING: Campers will stay in the people barn with nearby shower-house. Adult advisors will stay in the Welcome Center with attached bathroom and shower.

MEALS & DIETARY CONCERNS: Meals are served in the dining hall attached to the old ranch house.

*If you have special dietary concerns, allergies, or vegetarian needs, please notify us before hand to help plan for your stay.

PAYMENT OF FEES/REFUND POLICY: Fees are to be paid two full weeks in advance. If paying individually - please send check payment or pay online. If paying through your church group, please follow the instructions of your pastor/youth director.

Do not bring payments to camp.

SEND PAYMENTS TO:
Lutherans Outdoors in SD
2001 S Summit Ave
Sioux Falls SD 57197

Please notify us immediately if you cannot attend. There may be people on a waiting list to get into camp! The \$125 deposit is not refundable, but is transferrable to another camp or camper within the summer of 2014.

There is a \$25 charge if the camp office is not notified of a cancellation at least 2 weeks before the scheduled date.

DAILY SCHEDULE/STAFF: Our staff includes about 10 college-age (or older) people who serve as counselors, cooks, program director and wrangler. Counselors will lead the campers through the day from First Word in the morning to meals to worship and Bible study to recreational activities and through lots of fun skits and campfires in the evening.

Advisors, pastors, youth directors and parents are welcome partners with the staff at Klein. We welcome your energy, creativity and assistance. Please share with the staff your hopes and goals for your group's experience so we may work together to make this a rewarding experience for all.

INSURANCE INFORMATION: Lutherans Outdoors does not carry any health insurance for campers. If we must take someone to the doctor for treatment, the camper is responsible for all costs. Personal property is not covered by camp insurance and any claims for loss or theft will need to be submitted to your personal homeowner's or renter's insurance company.

THE PACKING LIST

- Sleeping bag & pillow
- *Two pairs of sturdy shoes
- Plenty of socks
- Warm jacket
- Camping clothes- for warm days and cool nights
- Towel and personal toiletries
- ** Cowboy boots & long jeans (a must for horse riding - we have a limited supply up to size 12 men's)
- Raingear - the program continues, rain or shine!
- An old swimsuit
- Bible, notebook, pen
- Flashlight; Camera/film (no camera phones)
- Cap, hat or bandanas for sun protection
- Medications if needed, inhalers (please be sure inhalers are full), etc.
- Sunscreen & bug spray
- Your health form (completed and signed)

***Flip Flops** are great for shower time, but not sturdy enough for other camp activities.

****Cowboy boots** for horseback riding. Leather shoes with a 1/2" heel and smooth soles are also good. (There is a limited supply of cowboy boots at camp - up to size 12.) However, for the rest of the day sturdy sneakers (athletic shoes) are good. Do not bring anything you don't want to get dirty.

PLEASE LABEL YOUR PERSONAL BELONGINGS it really helps to identify items in the lost and found and get them returned to you.

DO NOT BRING: junk food, electronic devices (i.e., MP3 players, iPods), cell phones, tons of toiletries, clothing with inappropriate slogans or logos, knives, fireworks, weapons, pets, illegal substances (alcohol, drugs, tobacco products), or other unnecessary or dangerous items. If you do bring these items please expect that they will be collected & turned in to camp office for the week –and returned on Friday to ensure items aren't lost or stolen! Junk food will be collected & campers will have access during canteen time.

OFFERING: Each week we take an offering at camp at closing worship. This year the offerings will go to the **Lutherans Outdoors Campership Fund**- "Kids Helping Kids" go to camp. We will also collect hospitality items such as bug spray, sunscreen, toiletries and sleeping bags.

THE CAMP STORE is open afternoons & evenings where you may purchase sweatshirts, t-shirts, snacks etc. Clothing prices range from \$15 - \$45.

SWIMMING is not a regular activity at Klein Ranch. Swimsuits may be brought for water games.

CAMPERS WILL NOT HAVE USE OF A PHONE during the week of camp. Please do not ask them to call home during the week unless there are special circumstances. Please contact Klein Ranch Staff if you have concerns.

DIRECTIONS TO KLEIN RANCH

Klein Ranch is located in north central South Dakota west of Mobridge. From the east coming on Highway 12: Take Highway 12 through Mobridge to McIntosh. Turn left (south) on Highway 65. Watch for the camp signs on your right/west side about one mile after you cross the Grand River. From the south or west: Take Highway 212 to Highway 65. Go north through Isabel. The camp will be on your left/west side in about 20 miles. From Sioux Falls it is 400 miles to Klein. It is a good 5-6 hour drive with no stops and includes the time change. Staff will try to call each group the week before they arrive and will advise you of any road construction.

***Travel Note** - you gain an hour when you cross the river into the Mountain Time Zone, when coming from the east.*Especially on Sundays, the closest gas stops to Klein include Mobridge/ McLaughlin from the north/east and Isabel/Eagle Butte from the south. Any other gas stations are not guaranteed to be open on Sunday.

To send your camper mail~ send to:
Klein Ranch
Attn: (Camper Name)
11921 SD Highway 65
Isabel SD 57633

~we only get mail 3 times per week - so send mail early!

QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS?

Contact Laura Eiesland at (800) 888-1464 for information about registration or visit www.losd.org.

Contact Klein Ranch (605-273-4441) for questions about programming and facilities.

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BE SURE TO BRING YOUR HEALTH FORM WITH YOU TO CAMP