



Peer Ministry at Outlaw Ranch

Information for Campers and Parents - 2012

Your week at Outlaw Ranch will be a fun and meaningful time for all campers. Our Christian camping program is situated in the southern Black Hills between the city of Custer and Custer State Park in a Ponderosa pine forest. Outlaw Ranch offers many opportunities for spiritual growth through our programs of devotions, morning worship, small-group Bible study time, and evening campfires. It is a great place to make new friends, have fun, and live in a Christian community of faith.

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

Arrival Time: Registration is between 3:00 and 4:00 pm (Mountain Daylight Time) on Sunday. Due to other groups in camp please do not arrive before 3:00.

Departure Time: is between 11:00 and 12:00 noon on Friday.

Payment of Fees/Refund Policy

Fees are to be paid two full weeks in advance. If paying individually - please use the enclosed payment return card. If paying through your church group, please follow the instructions of your pastor/youth director. **Do not bring payments to camp!!**

Payments should be sent 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 \$100 deposit is not refundable, but is transferable to another camper going from your church group.

There is a \$25 charge if the camp office is not notified of someone not coming within 2 weeks of their scheduled date.

Housing - Campers will stay in cabins that have electricity and heat. A nearby shower house has toilet and shower facilities. Adult advisors will stay in the lodge as space is available.

Meals - Most meals are served in the dining hall. We also eat some meals outside, at an overnight camping site or at the picnic tables. We have a reputation for providing excellent food. If you have special dietary concerns, please notify us by phone (605-673-4040), before hand to help plan for your stay.

Daily Schedule/Staff - Our staff includes 30 college-age or older people who serve as counselors, cooks, program director and wranglers. Each day, counselors and Peer Trainers will lead the campers through morning and evening devotions, meals, campfire worship, recreational activities and large and small group Peer Ministry training. Camp activities may include horseback trail rides, hiking, games, low ropes course, and canoeing.

Pastors, youth directors, and parents are welcome partners with the staff at Outlaw. 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 Info - 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/renter's insurance company.

THE PACKING LIST

- **Sleeping bag** (good for 30 degrees), **pillow** securely rolled and packed in waterproof stuff-sack.
- **Two pairs of sturdy, closed toe shoes**
- **Plenty of socks**
- **Warm jacket**
- **Camping clothes** for warm days and cool nights (no halters, shoulders must be covered due to UV exposure at high altitude)
- **Towel and personal toiletries**
- **Denim jeans and sturdy shoes** for horse riding*
- **Raingear** - the program continues, rain or shine!
- **Bible, notebook, pen**
- **Flashlight or head lamp; Camera**
- **Cap, hat or bandanas** for sun protection
- **Medications** if needed, **sunscreen, inhalers, etc.** (Please send prescriptions in original bottle with doctor's directions on label.)
- **Your health form**

PERSONAL BELONGINGS should be labeled to help 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.

The Canteen is open each afternoon. You may purchase sweatshirts, t-shirts, snacks etc. Clothing prices range from \$10 - \$40.

* Horseback Riding requires everyone to wear long pants and sturdy shoes or boots. Cowboy boots work best, however any sturdy closed-toed shoe with a 1/2" heel will work. Sandals, fabric shoes, or other soft-bodied shoes are not suitable for horse riding. Adults and most children aged 9 and above will go on a trail ride. Smaller children and those aged 8 and under will go on a pony ride (child alone on saddle, led by staff).

Swimming is not available at Outlaw. However, fishing or canoeing is an option at Bismarck Lake.

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 and you have sent along a note to the Program Director. Feel free to call ahead and talk to the Program Director if you have concerns. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING A CELL PHONE TO CAMP!** We invite you to participate in the community here at camp as first priority. Campers have been concerned to leave the cell phone behind, but at the end of the week, they frequently report how much fun they had without it!

Be sure to bring your Health Form with you to camp!!



Offering - Each week we take an offering at camp at our closing worship. This year the offerings will go to the **Lutherans Outdoors Campership Fund**, to ensure that truly everyone is able to attend camp. We are also collecting non-perishable food (peanut butter, tuna, beans, tomatoes) for the food pantry in Custer if you would like to contribute.

Directions to Outlaw Ranch

Outlaw Ranch is located in the Black Hills east of Custer. From Rapid City: Follow Highway 16 south through Hill City to Custer. In Custer turn left (east) at the stoplight at the bottom of the hill. Take Highway 16A east 3 miles. Turn left (north) at the "Outlaw Ranch" sign, onto America Center Rd. Go left at the fork and continue on America Center Rd. for 1 1/4 miles. Turn right at our sign and mailbox and follow our driveway into the Ranch.

Outlaw Ranch is about 400 miles from Sioux Falls. It takes 6-7 hours driving time from Sioux Falls and remember it is Mountain Time in the Hills!

Other questions and concerns? Contact Cheryl Lundeen at (800) 888-1464 for information about scheduling and registration. Contact Outlaw Ranch (605-673-4040) for questions about programming and facilities.

Address for Outlaw Ranch:
Outlaw Ranch
12703 Outlaw Ranch Rd
Custer, SD 57730

Phone: 605-673-4040 Email: outlaw@losd.org

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