

KLEIN RANCH - Home on the Range

Information for Campers and Parents - 2010



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, two of the weeks may 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: Friday, July 30 between 4:00 and 4:30 pm (Mountain Time)

DEPARTURE TIME: Camp ends on Sunday, August 1 after brunch, around 11:00 am (Mountain Time)

Insurance Info - Lutherans Outdoors carries a minimal insurance policy for accidents and illness incurred at camp. Our policy assumes the campers insurance will be the primary coverage. If we must take someone to the doctor for treatment, the clinic will first file a claim with the camper's insurer. If there is no insurance, or if the camper's policy will not pay for this accident or illness, our insurance will cover the costs up to \$2,000 for an accident and \$200 for an illness. Personal property is not covered by camp insurance and any claims for loss or theft will need to be submitted to your personal homeowners/renters insurance company.

BE SURE TO BRING YOUR HEALTH FORM WITH YOU TO CAMP!!

Payment of Fees/Refund Policy

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

Payments should be sent to:

Lutherans Outdoors in SD
Augustana College
Sioux Falls, SD 57197

Please notify us immediately if you cannot attend. Many times there are people on a waiting list to get into Klein! The \$100 deposit is not refundable, but is transferrable to another camper going from your church group. There is a \$25 charge if camp office is not notified of someone not coming or "showing up" at camp.

Housing - Campers will stay in the people barn. Adult advisors will stay in the new Welcome center, with attached bathroom and shower facilities.

Meals - are served in the dining hall attached to the old ranch house. We have a reputation for providing good food. If you have special dietary concerns, allergies, or vegetarian needs, please notify us before hand to help plan for your stay.

Daily Schedule/Staff - Our staff includes 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.

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 DO NOT bring radios, cell phones, video games, mp3 players, walkmans, discs and CD's, fireworks, weapons, pets, alcohol, drugs, junk food, excessive toiletries 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.

Please label your personal belongings. It really helps to identify items in the lost and found and get them returned to you.

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

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Worship Offering

Each camper is asked to consider bringing an offering to be given during closing worship. Two different projects will be served:

LO Campership Fund: To ensure that truly everyone is able to attend camp, monetary donations will be directed toward this fund. Thank you for sharing the gift of a week at camp with those who otherwise wouldn't be able to experience camp!

Food Drive: We will also be collecting non-perishable food items for local food pantries. Area agencies are in need of peanut butter, canned soup, canned meats, jelly, tuna, canned fruits and vegetables and other items. Thanks for helping those in need!

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.

*Remember - 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 Eagle Butte from the south. Any other gas stations are not guaranteed to be open on Sunday.

Address for Klein Ranch:

Klein Ranch
11921 SD Highway 65
Isabel SD 57633

Telephone:
605-273-4441

For other questions about scheduling and registration, please call Cheryl Lundeen at (605) 274-5326 or toll free at 800-888-1464.

For questions about the program and facilities, call Teri Gayer or Rachel Nelson at (605) 947-4440.





How to prepare you and your child for camp

Giving your child to the care of other people is perhaps the greatest act of trust you as a parent can give. We aim to do everything we can to earn and keep that trust; and, we know we cannot do this without your help. We want to partner with you to ensure your child/children will have the safest, most fun and faith-filled experience possible while at camp. Following are a few suggestions as you prepare your child for their week at camp:

- Talk about camp before you go. Ask questions together and discuss what camp might be like and what they might expect. Let them know what you will be doing when they are away. Help your child focus on making new friends and on being involved in camp activities.
- If your child has any special health, food allergies, or sleep related concerns, please share those with the camp staff so they can prepare for your child's arrival.
- Send a letter to your child before camp begins so a message from home will be awaiting his/her arrival. Ask specific questions about what they are doing and encourage them to write back. Send self-addressed stamped envelopes or postcards with your child so they can write home. While campers do not have the ability to use email while at camp, if you send an email to camp we will make sure and give it to your child when we hand out mail.
- For safety sake, we have a **“no cell phone” policy at camp**. Cell phones can be lost, stolen or used inappropriately with photos or calls to outsiders who could potentially put campers at risk. Regular use of cell phones/texting also tends to slow the formation of community and takes away from the learning and growth of being in an outdoor setting. For these reasons we ask you to **please leave cell phones at home**.
- Be prepared to talk about camp with your child upon their return home. This is important. The act of “processing” your child's experience helps them not only share with you what they did; it also serves to involve parents in the experience and helps the child reflect on how they have grown.
- If this is your child's first time away from family for an extended period of time and you feel they may become homesick, speak openly on the topic before your child leaves camp.
- Try brainstorming some positive coping strategies like talking to their camp counselor, writing letters, or drawing pictures of what they did that day. It is not always helpful to simply tell your child that you will come and get them (even phone calls prevent this opportunity for success). Overcoming homesickness can be a great achievement for your child. Rest assured, should your child get homesick while at camp—and we feel it would be helpful—we will contact you by phone. If this happens, please use this as an opportunity to build up your child and help them face this new experience.

Going away to camp is a wonderful growth experience for both campers and parents. Please let us know how we at camp can help YOUR child have the best week possible. **And here is the best tip yet...** pray for YOUR child while they are away at camp... and everyday for the rest of their lives!