



OUTLAW RANCH – Family Camp 2010

OUTLAW RANCH IS AN IDEAL SETTING FOR FAMILIES. We know you will be glad that you came to Outlaw Ranch! Here is some information to better prepare you for your week with us.

Outlaw is situated in a Ponderosa Pine forest in the southern Black Hills between the city of Custer and Custer State Park. Outlaw Ranch has been a popular setting for Christian camping programs since 1958. Spiritual development opportunities include devotions before breakfast, morning worship, Bible study time and evening campfires. It's a great place to make new friends, have fun and develop a Christian community of faith.

ARRIVAL TIME: Registration is between 3:00-4:30 pm (Mountain Daylight Time) on Sunday. Due to other groups in camp, please do not arrive early. Registration will start promptly at 3:00 pm.

We advise you to call ahead for any reservations for motels along interstate 90 or in the Black Hills - "No Vacancies" signs appear quite frequently in the summer.

DEPARTURE TIME: between 11:30 am - Noon on Friday

Health Care - Families are responsible for their own basic first aid needs, medications and transportation to the clinic if the need arises. The camp needs to be informed of any accidents, injuries or illnesses so we can complete an accident report. Staff leading hikes, trail rides and canoeing will be certified in CPR and first aid and will carry a first aid kit for treatment when away from camp. In an emergency we have access to the 911 system for care and transport.

Payment of Fees: Fees are to be paid three weeks in advance of your camp date.

SEND PAYMENT TO:

Lutherans Outdoors in SD
2001 S Summit Ave
Sioux Falls SD 57197

Please notify us immediately if you cannot attend. Deposits are not refundable. You can transfer your deposit to another family that you find to replace you.

HOUSING

Cabins sleep up to 8 people with one double or queen bed and three bunk beds. Some cabins are divided for couples or very small families to share a cabin. A locked door separates the two sides. There is electricity and heat in each cabin. Toilets/showers are in a nearby showerhouse. There is also one of the original A-frame cabins (no heat or electricity) available for the more "rustic" campers!

Lodge - Each room sleeps a maximum of 4 people. Two rooms share a toilet/shower. A sink is in each room. Rooms have a variety of double, queen, and single beds. Cribs are available for those with small babies.

MEALS - Outlaw Ranch has a reputation for providing excellent, nutritious food. Meals are served buffet style at the Dining Hall or outside on the picnic tables. If you have special dietary concerns, please notify us by phone (605-673-4040) beforehand to help plan for your stay.

DAILY SCHEDULE/STAFF - Our staff includes 30+ college-age and older people who serve as counselors, cooks, wranglers, and program directors. They will guide you through a daily schedule which includes devotions before breakfast, morning worship, and study groups for adults and Bible study for youth, and ranch chores to help with clean-up and KP. Afternoons are flexible, allowing you to participate in activities such as horseback trail rides, hikes, canoeing or just taking it easy. Many families spend one or more afternoons visiting some of the many Black Hills tourist attractions. After the 5:30 pm supper there are special activities planned each evening, including a candlelight dinner & concert, and the all-camp variety show. Each day at camp ends with worship, usually around a campfire. After the kids are in bed many adults enjoy time for coffee, cocoa, fellowship and games in the Trading Post.

INSURANCE INFO - Lutherans Outdoors carries a minimal insurance policy for accidents and illness incurred at camp. Our policy assumes the camper's 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 homeowner's/renter's insurance company.

Be sure to bring Health forms for each person with you to camp!!

THE PACKING LIST

- **Sleeping bags, pillows, extra blankets** - the nights can sometimes be very cool at this elevation.
- **Towels and personal toiletries**
- **Warm jackets/ clothes for cool nights and warm days**
- **Sturdy shoes/ plenty of socks** (a majority of our injuries are twisted and sprained ankles due to the uneven ground levels)
- **Long jeans and sturdy shoes for horse riding***
- **Raingear** - Weather is unpredictable and rain showers pop up quite frequently on summer afternoons.
- **Flashlights** - helpful at dusk/night going to campfires and cabins
- **Bible, notebook**
- **Camera/film**
- **Cap, hat or bandanas, sunscreen for sun protection** (the sun is strong at this elevation)
- **Personal medications, etc.**
- **Your HEALTH FORMS!**

* **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).

Personal belongings should be labeled to help identify items in the lost and found and get them returned to you.

DO NOT bring radios, boomboxes, fireworks, weapons, pets, alcohol, drugs, junk food or other unnecessary or dangerous items. Food in cabins is discouraged because it often attracts unwanted animals to visit.

The Canteen, where sweatshirts, tee-shirts, snacks, film, etc. may be purchased, is open during afternoon and evening hours.

Laundry facilities are available in Custer. The camp's machines are for camp use only.

Swimming is not available at Outlaw Ranch. Nearby locations are at Sylvan Lake, Legion Lake, Hot Springs and the water slide in Rapid City. Canoeing (supervised) and fishing can be done at Bismarck Lake which is adjacent to our property. Bring your fishing pole and tackle box and try out Bismarck Lake!

Canoeing - Canoeing at Bismarck Lake will take place at designated times during the day when a camp lifeguard is on duty. Life jackets must be worn at all times and are provided by the camp.

Pets are not allowed at camp. Please call Lynn's Pet Motel in Custer at 673-3347 for kennel reservations.



OTHER QUESTIONS?

Please contact Cheryl Lundeen at (605) 274- 5326 (or 800-888-1464) for questions regarding scheduling and registration.

Contact Pastor Molly Sasser-Goehner, Director at Outlaw Ranch (605-673-4040 or molly@losd.org) for questions regarding programming and facilities.

Directions to Outlaw Ranch

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. Beware of Outlaws on horseback stopping innocent travelers.

It is about 7 hours driving time from Sioux Falls to Custer (400 miles). You also gain one hour when going to Mountain Daylight Time.

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 food and toiletries for the food pantry and women's shelter in Custer if you would like to contribute.

Address for Outlaw Ranch:

Outlaw Ranch
12703 Outlaw Ranch Rd
Custer SD 57730
Telephone
(605) 673-4040

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We're glad you've included a week with us in your plans for the summer! We'll have a great time together!!