

WLD RANCH GENERAL POLICIES

VISITATION POLICY:

WLD Ranch requests that parents or friends do not come to the camp during a week of camp to visit. We have learned that if a relative or friend should come and visit a camper it could cause the camper to become homesick and want to go home for the week. This policy is for the benefit of your camper. If you need to pick your camper up at some point during the week for a doctor's appointment, game, etc., please be sure to make our staff aware of the date and time at your registration time.

SICKNESS POLICY:

If a camper becomes sick during his/her stay at camp, parents/guardians will be notified immediately. For camp health reasons, parents/guardians are expected to pick-up their camper as soon as possible. If the camper recovers from his/her illness, he/she may return for the remainder of the camp week after being cleared by the camp nurse.

HOMESICKNESS POLICY:

If a camper becomes homesick, the parents/guardians will be notified immediately. It is the parents'/guardians' decision whether the camper should attempt to stay for the camp week or whether the camper should go home. We are committed to providing the best camping experience we can and are willing to work with campers in getting them to stay. However, should a homesick camper become destructive or disruptive to the camp environment, the parents/guardians will be asked to pick up their camper as soon as possible. For refund information refer to the refund policy.

PHONE AND EMAIL POLICY:

The phones at WLD Ranch are for business purposes. No camper is allowed to use the phone unless proper authorization has been given by the Director, the Assistant Director, or the Camp Nurse. If you call to check on your camper during the camp week, WLD leadership staff will talk with the camper's counselor and/or the camper, and then call you back with a report.

In the case of a family emergency or if you must reach your child due to a change of plans, please follow this procedure: **1)** Call WLD's main phone (814-474-3414) and leave a message with the person who answers the phone. They will locate the appropriate leadership staff, who will deliver the message to your child. **2)** If a return call is needed, either WLD's leadership staff or your child will return your call. **3) For a family emergency between the hours of 9:30pm and 7:00am**, call WLD's main phone (814-474-3414). If no one answers, leave a message and then call WLD's emergency tracfone (the number will be provided at registration). The person who answers the emergency tracfone will be able to assist you. Please limit these calls to emergencies in which you need immediate contact (it cannot wait until morning) with WLD leadership staff in order to contact your camper.

NEW cell phone policy FOR OVERNIGHT CAMPS. Because parents/guardians want to be able to stay in contact with their children, WLD Ranch will now permit campers to bring a cell phone to camp for that purpose. However, WLD Ranch values the outdoor camp environment, believing that campers will enjoy camp the best if they are not distracted by electronics, cell phones, etc. Therefore, camper's access to their cell phones will be limited. Cell phones will not be permitted in the bunkhouses at any time. Cell phones must be turned in at registration for safe storage in the camp office. Each day from 12:10-12:25, campers will be permitted to access their phones in order to communicate with their parents. This is not a time for campers to communicate with friends. The use of cell phones will be supervised and phones will be returned to the staff office before lunch. If a phone is found in the bunkhouse, it will be turned in to the office and returned to the camper at the end of the camp session. (FOR DAY CAMPERS, cell phone use is not permitted since campers will be going home each day.)

Family members may email their campers by sending an email to mycamper@wldranch.com, with the camper's name in the subject line. These emails are usually distributed to campers at supper time (day campers
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will not receive emails until the next day). Please do not include attachments. Campers are not able to respond to these messages. If you need WLD staff to respond to your email, please email info@wldranch.com instead.

REFUND POLICY:

If sickness occurs, a refund of 25 % of the total cost for the camp session will be given until Wednesday night, after which no refund will be available. If the camper recovers from his/her illness, he/she may return for the remainder of the camp week. If this option is taken, a refund will not be given.

A camper who goes home because of homesickness after contact with their family (cell phone use, visits, etc.) will not receive a refund. A camper who goes home because of homesickness without having contact with family will receive a 25% refund (before Wednesday night) of the total cost for the camp session. If homesickness occurs after this and the camper goes home, no refund will be given.

If a camper is sent home due to behavioral problems at camp, no refund is available.

DISCIPLINE POLICY:

Campers are expected to listen to the counselors and program staff during their stay at camp. If they choose not to listen, they will be warned three times. After their third warning, they will lose free time. If they continue to be uncooperative, then the parents/guardians will be called and the camper needs to be picked up immediately.

CAMPER CHECKLIST

Be sure your camper brings the following items to camp:

- Bedding (sleeping bag or sheets, blanket, pillow)
- Personal articles (soap, shampoo, towels, toothbrush, plastic bathroom cup)
- Old sneakers and lots of socks
- Shoes with a heel are recommended for horseback riding
- Long pants must be worn while horseback riding
- Warm jacket or sweater and a rain jacket
- Bible (recommended for meetings)
- Notebook and pen or pencil (recommended for meetings)
- Sunscreen of at least SPF 15
- Swimmies or a life jacket if learning to swim
- One piece modest bathing suit
- Bug spray
- Spending money for the Chuckwagon (to be kept in the camp bank)

Be sure your camper DOES NOT BRING the following items to camp:

- Immodest clothing including, but not limited to: halter tops, tube tops, short shorts, seductive shirts, two piece bathing suits, clothing that reveals undergarments, midriff shirts. These articles of clothing are not appropriate for camp activities.
- Clothing with offensive language or pictures
- Electronic devices including, but not limited to: radios, CD players, ipods, electronic games, **cell phones (see policy above)**, etc.

Listed below are some health needs that might apply to your child:

- Please send sheets and blankets if there is a possibility of your child wetting the bed. Sleeping bags are hard to put into the washer.
- If you child/children have more than one medication to be distributed while at camp, please follow these instructions:

1. Place medication in a pill organizer container like this:

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2. Mark container with the camper's name.
3. Be sure to list on a sheet of paper each medication, dosage, frequency (times), and reason for taking it.

Example: Medication Dosage Frequency/Times Reason
 Adderal 10mg Daily-breakfast ADHD

☆Please notify the Ranch *before* your registration time if your child cannot come to camp due to injury or illness.