

WLD Ranch Retreat Guidelines

Welcome

Welcome

Thanks for scheduling a retreat at WLD! We look forward to serving you and pray that you will have a fulfilling experience here at the Ranch. On this page, we'd like to share with you some things that will help you prepare for your retreat and that will allow you to get the most out of your experience here. See you soon!

Basic Information

The Wayne Leonard Davis Ranch (WLD Ranch) was established in 1963 in memory of a young man whose vision was to share Jesus with the children of his community. WLD Ranch is a non-denominational Christian camp affiliated with the Federated Church of East Springfield, PA and associated with the Christian Camp and Conference Association (www.ccca.org).

Through our facilities and programs, we offer a variety of opportunities for churches, schools, community groups, and individuals. We are committed to guiding campers and guests to Jesus Christ as the Truth in life. Our staff strive for excellence in service as we represent Jesus to our guests.

WLD Ranch provides a peaceful setting for your group *to build connections, renew commitments, and explore God-given purpose*. Our retreats are popular with youth groups, college groups, men's groups, and women's groups. We provide the facilities, meals, and offer our activities at scheduled times (horses, challenge course, archery, riflery, sledding, etc.) for your group. Each group is responsible for their program, speakers, and chaperones. (Please discuss your schedule with us before the retreat.)

Things to bring

- ☆ Bedding (sleeping bag or sheets and blanket; pillow)
- ☆ Personal Articles (towels, shampoo, soap, etc.)
- ☆ Spending money (for snacks, riflery, horse rides, WLD souvenirs, etc.)
- ☆ Clothes/layers appropriate for the weather (jacket/coat, long pants, raincoat/poncho, sun protection)
- ☆ Shoes and socks (for horse riding, you will need shoes that tie on or boots)
- ☆ One piece modest bathing suit (June through August *ONLY* as available)
- ☆ Flashlight

Facilities Overview

Our facilities, nestled on 97 acres in rural Erie County, PA, provide a peaceful haven easily accessible from major highways. The Longhorn Lodge provides our dining room, chapel, offices, and a game room. Our three bunkhouses offer lodging for 184 guests in 10 rooms, the Spur meeting room, and modern bathrooms and showers. There are multiple outdoor education and recreation options, including our barns and indoor riding arena for horse programs. All lodging, meeting, and dining facilities are heated. (Check your contract for your lodging and meeting assignments.)

Retreat Expectations

Here at WLD Ranch, we want the time to be enriching and enjoyable for all of our groups. Though individuals or groups may have different personal standards, WLD Ranch seeks appropriate standards for everyone on the property. **We ask that these expectations be explained to all participants and that the advisors help in carrying them out. Thanks for your cooperation.**

1. Smoking is not permitted in any of the buildings at any time. There is no smoking by the barns or indoor arena whatsoever. Smoking is allowed outside in designated areas only.
2. Alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs are not permitted on WLD Ranch property.
3. Dances and dancing are not allowed.
4. After midnight, we ask that you keep your outdoor activities quiet.
5. Please abide by all limited access or restricted areas on the property and in the buildings.
 - A) Do not enter a fenced-in pasture with closed gates or a pasture currently occupied by horses.
 - B) No one is allowed in the barns, Saddlehorn, or indoor arena unless accompanied by authorized personnel.
 - C) No one is allowed in the kitchen without permission from authorized personnel.
 - D) Do not enter or tamper with furnace rooms (these must remain locked).
 - E) Do not enter any room or area that is marked "Employees Only."
 - F) Certain program activities (archery, bouldering wall, challenge course, etc.), whether or not they are locked or marked by "authorized supervision only" signs, are to be used only under the supervision of WLD staff.
6. Only WLD Ranch firearms are permitted on WLD Ranch property. Please do not bring your own rifles, handguns, or shotguns to WLD. Permission from WLD retreat coordinator must be obtained in order to bring your own ammunition. Ammunition is not permitted in the bunkhouses. WLD can provide a locked location for ammunition.
7. Everyone on WLD Ranch property is expected to refrain from engaging in activities and behaviors that are recklessly dangerous, damaging to persons or property, or unethical. Leaders and advisors should supervise the safety and well-being of your group. **Please Note:** *Your group will be charged a minimum of \$50 for writing on or otherwise defacing WLD Ranch property (bunk beds, walls, etc.).*



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