



JOY RANCH SUMMER CAMP



FAMILY/GRANDPARENT/ADULT CAMP INFORMATION

Hey there, partner, are you ready to yee, and to haw? We're excited you are joining us at Joy Ranch. We appreciate your trust and will work very hard to make sure you have a wonderful and safe adventure as you step back in time to the old west.

Our names are Kyle and Betsy Debertin. We serve as the co-directors of Joy Ranch. We welcome your questions and concerns; please call 605-886-4622 or email, betsy@losd.org, with any concerns. We hope the details of this letter will help you prepare for your adventure in the "brand new old west."

Peace <><
Kyle and Betsy

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES:

Grandparent Camp

- Sunday, June 8 registration between 4:00 and 4:30pm; departure Wednesday, June 11 at 10:00 am
- Monday, July 6 registration between 4:00 and 4:30pm; departure Thursday, July 9 at 10:00 am
- Monday, July 20 registration between 4:00 and 4:30pm; departure Thursday, July 23 at 10:00 am
- Monday, August 3 registration between 4:00 and 4:30pm; departure Thursday, August 6 at 10:00 am

"We Get It" Family Camp

- Sunday, July 13 registration between 4:00 and 4:30pm; departure Wednesday, July 16 at 10:00 am

Family Camp

- Sunday, June 15 registration between 4:00 and 4:30 pm; departure Wednesday, June 18 at 10:00 am
- Sunday, June 27 registration between 4:00 and 4:30 pm; departure Wednesday, June 30 at 10:00 am

PREPARING FOR CAMP:

Please call and speak with camp co-director, Betsy Debertin (605-886-4622) if you have questions or concerns about:

- *Camp safety policies and procedures*
- *How Joy Ranch will meet your child's special needs*

She'll be happy to visit with you and provide insights.

LIFE AT JOY RANCH:

Families will stay together in Joy Ranch's hotel-style retreat rooms; each has been uniquely designed and has a private bathroom. If you'd like to check out Joy Ranch's facilities, please feel welcome to explore www.JoyRanchSD.org.

Delicious and healthy meals will be served in the dining room, or outdoors on the boardwalk or on the deck overlooking lake, and there may be special prairie picnics or campfire meals as part of your experience. **If you have any special dietary concerns or food allergies, please contact co-camp director, Betsy Debertin (605-886-4622), at least one week prior to arrival so that our staff can make proper accommodations for a delicious week.**

Dedicated crews of college-age (and older) counselors will make certain days are safe, meaningful, and fun. All staff have been interviewed, submitted references, and have a clear background check. We'll play and pray together, sharing games, devotions, boating and fishing adventures, Bible study, arts and crafts, worship, and journeys by horseback or buggy.

PAYMENT OF FEES/REFUND POLICY:

Please do not bring payments to camp. Total camp fees are due two full weeks in advance of your camp session.

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. Many times there are people on a waiting list. The \$125 deposit is not refundable, but is transferrable to another individual or Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota program.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Bible
- Sturdy shoes (close-toed & close-backed) Sandals may be worn at the waterfront. In addition, horse riding requires a boot/sturdy shoe with a heel.
- Clothing (camp clothing philosophy—layer-able and get-dirty-able, plan for warm days and cool nights)
- Warm jacket and rain gear
- Bath towels and personal toiletries
- Flashlight
- Camera (no camera phones, please)
- Cap, hat, or bandana for sun protection
- Swimsuit, towel, sandals
- Medications, if needed (please be sure inhalers are filled and all medications are in original containers) (HW-20)
- Sunscreen & bug spray
- Health form
- Money for the Joy Ranch Gift Shop—Souvenirs and snacks will be available from the Gift Shop at a designated time each day.
- For BRING YOUR OWN HORSE CAMP, don't forget your horse, with its vaccination records, a saddle, bridle, halter, lead rope, grain or feed, hay, feed pan, and water bucket.
- For GRANDPARENT AND FAMILY CAMPS, please feel welcome to bring a wagon or stroller, as your camper's age may dictate. Joy Ranch is fully accessible, so everywhere you go, a wagon or stroller can go too.
- **Please label your personal belongings.**

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- Adults are welcome to bring their cell phones, but we ask that youth campers do not bring cell phones or other electronics such as iPods, hand-held video games, or laptops.
- Pets
- Fireworks
- Weapons
- Alcohol or drugs
- If you have a valuable that would cause disappointment if it were broken, ruined, or lost at camp, please leave it at home

HEALTH HISTORY AND MEDICATIONS:

Please bring your completed health forms to camp (children and adults). The only exceptions are medications for life-threatening conditions, which are discussed on an individual basis with our health care staff. For family and grandparents camps, adults will keep and distribute medications to children.

*If you have any special medical, dietary, or behavioral concerns, please contact co-camp director, Betsy Debertin (605-886-4622), at least one week prior to arrival so that our staff can make proper accommodations for an amazing week. **Please do not mail the health form in advance; bring the form with you to camp.***

IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR ACCIDENT:

All staff are CPR and first-aid certified. If there is an emergency or serious illness, parents will be notified by camp staff. (HW-19)

INSURANCE INFORMATION:

Joy Ranch does not carry any insurance coverage for accidents and illness incurred at camp. If camp staff 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.

DIRECTIONS:

Joy Ranch is located northwest of Watertown. Driving directions can be found on the Joy Ranch web page, www.JoyRanchSD.org; please click on "Location."

WARNING: GPS navigation units may direct you down a prairie trail; we know you are coming for camp at an old west town, but you don't have to arrive Oregon Trail style.

CONTACT INFORMATION AND CAMPER MAIL:

Joy Ranch
Attn: Camper (*Name*)
16633 448th Ave.
Florence, SD 57235

(605) 886-4622
www.JoyRanchSD.org

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BE SURE TO BRING YOUR HEALTH FORM WITH YOU TO CAMP